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## NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION



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Dear NAB Stakeholders,

## Framework on Traditional Knowledge & Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction Meeting

At a November 2012 summit jointly convened by the Vanuatu Cultural Center and the Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-hazards Department, stakeholders agreed that a Framework on Traditional Knowledge & Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction should be developed to ensure that the concerns, sensitivities and aspirations of all stakeholders (including customary stewards of traditional knowledge) are addressed to guide future work in this area (see attached summit report). At present multiple stakeholders are involved in activities related to traditional knowledge and climate change, and several major projects on the topic will be launched in 2013. There is a pressing need for improved coordination and standardized approaches.

Moving forward, over the next two weeks a multidisciplinary, multi-agency team will undertake a series of consultations among stakeholders to determine the key elements that should be included in the Framework.

The NAB Secretariat requests your involvement and participation in these consultations. The Team will contact you individually to set up a mutually appropriate time to meet.

Additionally, a workshop will be held to discuss feedback on initial consultations before a draft Framework is produced. We hereby invite you to attend

Framework on Traditional Knowledge & Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction Meeting 24 April 2013

Venue: Vanuatu Cultural Center

Time: 8:30am-4:30pm

Please contact Ms Connie Sewere (csewere@meteo.gov.vu) to RSVP your attendance no later than Friday 19

April.

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