

“Increasing Resilience of our people to Climate Change and Natural Hazards Impacts towards a safer Vanuatu”

**DEPARTMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE
GOVERNMENT OF VANUATU**

**THE DEPARTMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE
ROLES & FUNCTIONS**

Department of Climate Change home page of its new website.

Strategic Objectives

- Objective 1:** Strengthen relationships with key stakeholders to allow for the mainstreaming of climate change activities into all sector plans, policies and budgets.
- Objective 2:** Partner with stakeholders to effect the national implementation of international CCA/DRR Conventions’ obligations.
- Objective 3:** Raise awareness to all stakeholders and partners on climate change initiatives and on the national NAB endorsement processes.
- Objective 4:** Ensuring effective monitoring and reporting and efficient management of department resources at all times.
- Objective 5:** The Department of Climate Change supports and facilitates the implementation of all climate change programmes and projects in country.
- Objective 6:** Effective projects coordination to support the Department of Climate Change mandates.
- Objective 7:** Support government guidance and facilitation of all Climate Change and Disaster risk Reduction projects in the country.

BACKGROUND

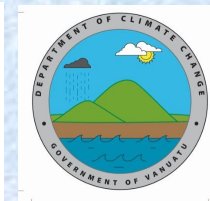
The new Department of Climate Change under the Ministry of Climate Change and Natural Disasters was established in November 2018. The new office building was opened by the Minister of Climate Change in December 2018 along with the recruitment processes for the staffs of the Department. The Department was established in line with the Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction (CCDRR) Policy and the ACT that governs the operations of the National Advisory Board for Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction (NAB). It is indeed a milestone to celebrate the establishment of such a young but most needed department under the Ministry of Climate Change in Vanuatu.



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DOCC

“Working Together for a Resilient Vanuatu”

THE DOCC ROLES

As the Vanuatu Government's focal point for achieving resilient development across all levels and sectors of the government, the focus of the new Department is intended to do the following tasks on behalf of the national government:

- To lead in innovation and change in climate change initiatives across the country and the Pacific.
- Support the functions and work of the National Advisory Board on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction in Vanuatu (NAB).
- Improve sustainability of highly trained technical and qualified contracted staffs into permanent Government positions.
- Maintain momentum, delivery of current projects.
- Progress current and new initiatives in CCDRR areas in the country.
- Progress compliance to International Conventions to which Vanuatu is a signatory.
- Mainstream Climate Change across the Government as per the National Sustainable Development Plan (NSDP).
- Operationalize the CCDRR Policy.
- Coordinate and monitor CC and DRR projects and to secure further projects and funding.



A climate change resilience project in Tanna.

THE DOCC FUNCTIONS

1. Strengthening Relationships with Stakeholders by:

- Participate in CC and DRM workshops
- Liaise with NDMO about DRM initiatives
- Collect and make available mitigation information from key stakeholders
- Draft mitigation report on mitigation initiatives across key stakeholders
- Create MOU's with key CC/DRM stakeholders for CC/DRM programs and plans.

2. Partner with stakeholders to effective national implementation of UNFCCC obligation by:

- Support the development of TNCs, BURs, NDC roadmap, NAPS, TNA.
- Conduct awareness and workshops on CCDRR with stakeholders, schools and communities at national and international events.
- Collate all CCDRR information and awareness materials from stakeholders for awareness raising activities.

3. Ensuring effective monitoring, reporting and management of the Department of Climate Change (DOCC) resources by:

- Collate reports to produce quarterly reports and provide six monthly reports (SMRs) to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).
- Monitor and report against the Business Plan.
- Review current operational (Human Resource (HR), Administration and Finance) processes in line with Department of Climate Change (DOCC) strategies.

4. DOCC Supports and facilitates the implementation of programmes and projects by:

- Liaise with key stakeholders to contribute mitigation of carbon emission in Vanuatu.
- Review and appraise project concepts and proposals.

5. Effective projects coordination to support DOCC mandates by:

- Review and strengthen the Standard Operations Procedures (SOP) for comprehensive project oversight.
- Annual planning and budgeting with existing projects.

6. Support government guidance and facilitation of Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction (CCDRR) projects by:

- Support to sectors on project concept developments.
- Review and develop guidelines (eg: vulnerability assessments..)