

#### 4. Projects or programs

Some of the projects that is implemented by the government to address the impacts of Climate Change at the National and Community levels.

##### Adaptation Projects:

**Increasing Resilience to Climate Change & Natural Hazards (IRCCNH Project)** - the project looks into addressing the impacts of climate change in Water sector, Infrastructures (Road, Evacuation Centre's) and Agriculture)

**Vanuatu Coastal Adaptation Project (VCAP)** - this project addresses the impacts of climate change in Public Works (Roads; enabling accessibility), Agriculture, Fisheries, DLA (strengthening the Area Councils). Adaptation options embedded to enable community resilience to the impacts of climate change.

##### Mitigation Projects:

##### **Renewable Energy Projects**

- Undine bay solar PV plant
- Kawene solar PV plant
- Brenwei Hydro
- Talise Micro hydro project
- VMGD & Parliament building
- Vanuatu Rural Electrification Project



Solar Solutions for the Government; Parliament building complex, Port Vila Vanuatu; Source: <https://www.sunergisgroup.com/parliament-house-vanuatu>

#### 5. Develop policies and legislations

- Climate Change & Disaster Risk Reduction Policy (CCDRR Policy - 2016 - 2030)
- Vanuatu's Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction Policy (COM approved 3rd September 2015) also drives and underpins the creation of the DOCC.
- Meteorology, Geological Hazards and Climate Change Act 2016.
- National Energy Road Map (NERM).
- National Determined Contributions (NDC).
- Other relevant policies documents from respective sectors.



METEOROLOGY, GEOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CLIMATE CHANGE ACT NO. 25 OF 2016

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## DEPARTMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

## GOVERNMENT OF VANUATU

# WHAT THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IS DOING TO ADDRESS IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE



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## WHAT THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IS DOING TO ADDRESS IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN VANUATU

- 1) Strengthens governance and institutions to effectively coordinate resources to address the impacts of Natural Disaster & Climate change in Vanuatu.
- 2) Engaging in the Regional & International Conventions
- 3) Allocate resources to address the impacts of Climate change
- 4) Projects or programs to enable adapt to the impacts of climate change and to mitigate the cause of climate change
- 5) Develop policies and legislations

### **1) Strengthens governance and institutions to effectively coordinate resources to address the impacts of Natural Disasters & Climate change in Vanuatu.**

#### **A. SETTING UP OF THE MINISTRY OF CLIMATE CHANGE**

- In 2009, the Council of Ministers amalgamated Geo-Hazards Division into the Vanuatu Meteorological Services, removing it from the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Supply, and made it an integral Division of the Vanuatu Meteorological Service. At that same year, the name of the Department changed to Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-Hazards Department.
- Vanuatu is also part of the climate change Conventions, and has recently ratified the Paris Agreement. Institutional arrangements are needed within the Government to address climate change challenges.
- The Council of Minister's decision number 18/2013 (April 2013), instructed that a new Ministry – the Ministry of Climate Change Adaptation, Energy, Environment, Geo-Hazards and NDMO – be created
- In 2013 the Ministry of Climate Change was formed with four Departments of Energy, Environment, VMGD and National Disaster Management Office and Climate Change Department.

#### **B. SETTING UP OF NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD OF CLIMATE CHANGE**



- National Advisory Board (NAB) in Vanuatu is established under the Meteorology, Geo-hazards and Climate Change Act, No. 25 of 2016
- Act as the advisory body and policy making body for all climate change and disaster risk reduction programs, projects, initiatives and activities.

#### **ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NAB**

Implement national obligations, develop international summits, identify priorities and develop national policy on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction (CCDRR).

Act as the coordination point for CCDRR matters, investigate funding mechanisms for Vanuatu, and provide support and advice on procurement for CCDRR and implementing projects.

Provide technical advice to Government departments and NGOs, starting endorsement process for projects and information materials working to support standardized approaches.

#### **NAB Secretariat works through three (3) main smaller committees:**

1. The NAB Project Screening Committee (NAB PSC)
2. The NAB Climate Financing Working Group (CFWG)
3. The NAB UNFCCC Taskforce (UNFCCC TF)

#### **2. Engaging in the Regional & International Conventions.**



- Vanuatu ratified the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 1993.
  - An obligation to meet the UNFCCC requirements
  - Conference of the Parties (COP) Participation in every year enables negotiating for country positions as per the different agenda that are of priority for Vanuatu.
  - COP delegate were coordinated and facilitated by the NAB
  - Intercessional during June and Actual COP at the end of the year (Nov/December)
  - Negotiating for the issues to allow for resources to address impacts of climate change in the small vulnerable islands of the world including Vanuatu.
- #### **3. Allocate resources to address the impacts of Climate change**
- The Government through the Ministry of Climate Change (MOCC) work towards securing resources to address the Impacts of Climate change and Natural Disaster in Vanuatu. Mainstreaming of CCDRR policy into sectoral plans, budgets and policies.