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**TOGETHER FOR A SUSTAINABLE AND CLIMATE RESILIENT FUTURE
FOR VANUATU**

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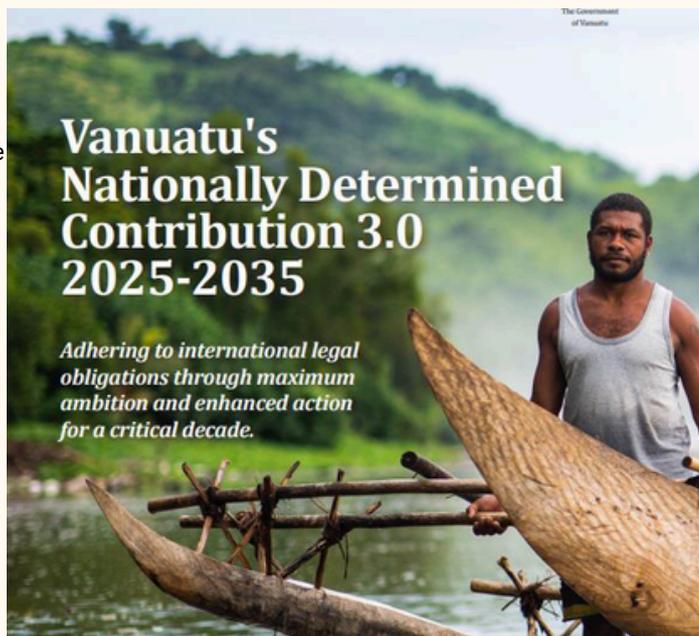


LOWANATOM STUDENTS ENGAGED IN THE COASTAL REPLANTING TO ADDRESS THE COASTAL EROSION AFFECTING THE COASTLINE OF THE COMMUNITY

HIGHLIGHTS

➤➤➤ “Policy Development”

The Department of Climate Change (DOCC) has led the development of Vanuatu's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) 3.0 report to be submitted to the UNFCCC, with technical support from the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) and collaboration from national stakeholders. This collective effort has focused on consolidating data and information to present Vanuatu's current climate status and progress in the updated NDC 3.0 version. This milestone reflects the Department's continued leadership in driving climate change initiatives and development programs aimed at addressing the impacts of climate change. Through a mainstreamed and cross-sectoral approach, the DOCC is working closely with government sectors and partners to integrate climate action into national planning and implementation, ensuring a unified response to climate change threats across Vanuatu.



As a result of the commitments and efforts from the NDC Workshop, Vanuatu has formally submitted NDC 3.0 to the UNFCCC, in accordance with its obligations as a member state. Vanuatu officially submitted its Nationally Determined Contribution NDC 3.0 to the UNFCCC on 24 September 2025, fully meeting its obligations under the Paris Agreement. Grounded in more than 65 existing sector policies, Vanuatu's NDC for the period of 2025-2035 contains 219 measurable targets covering Mitigation (35), Adaptation (132) and Loss & Damage (52), and was endorsed by the Council of Ministers (CoM) and the National Advisory Board on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction (NAB).

While Vanuatu is already net negative with its forests and oceans absorbing more carbon than it emits, Vanuatu's NDC commits to reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 68.3% of current levels by 2035, with a quantified reduction commitment of 1,608kt of CO₂ equivalent.

Highlighting the major gaps in climate finance, the NDC outlines the resources required over the next decade of approximately 3 billion US dollars to keep the country safe, resilient and able to respond to worsening and irreversible impacts. Vanuatu's NDC identifies the most appropriate sources and modalities of finance for each target, sourced primarily in grants from the multilateral development banks, bilateral support, the global climate funds and other innovative mechanisms like insurance, levies and court damage payments. Importantly, the NDC establishes Vanuatu's Climate Finance Country Platform to ensure climate finance flows enable bottom-up country-led planning and action. The Country Platform enables the streamlining of diverse finance sources—public and private, international and domestic—toward the implementation of Vanuatu's highest and nationally determined priorities. Of critical note, Vanuatu's new NDC fully adheres to the outcomes of the Global Stocktake, and the legal obligations clarified by the Advisory Opinion from the International Court of Justice on State responsibilities for climate change, and the full integration of gender equality, youth engagement, and human rights to ensure inclusive climate action.

»»» “National Loss & Damage Policy Development”

On 17th July 2025, the Government of Vanuatu officially launched its National Loss & Damage Policy and Implementation Plan—positioning Vanuatu as one of only four countries worldwide to adopt a dedicated national framework to address climate-induced loss and damage.

The launch brought together government leaders, climate officials, international partners, and civil society to mark this milestone achievement.

Director General of the Ministry of Climate Change, Mr. David Gibson, underscored the urgency of collective action, stating, “No community should be left behind in the face of climate injustice.”

Minister for Climate Change, Hon. Ralph Regenvanu, also highlighted Vanuatu’s global leadership: “This Loss and Damage Policy sends a message to the world— that solutions can be rooted in justice and dignity.”

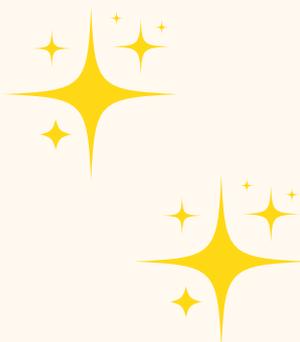


Key features of the policy include:

- A five-year Implementation Framework valued at more than 11.7 billion Vatu
- Establishment of a National Loss and Damage Working Group
- Development of annual Loss and Damage Gap Reports
- Integration of human rights and traditional knowledge across all actions
- Recognition of new institutional arrangements, including a dedicated financing mechanism.

This policy sets a strong benchmark for the region and calls on the global community to close the loss and damage finance gap, while supporting frontline communities with fairness and resilience.

GGGI commends the Government of Vanuatu and all partners involved for their commitment to advancing climate justice. Together, we can build a more secure and resilient future for all.





Provincial Consultations for the Development of Provincial Adaptation and Loss & Damage Plans (PALDP)

SANMA



Participants:

- Provincial Government officials & Area Council representatives
- Line Ministries (provincial level)
- Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)
- Traditional leaders and community-based groups
- Technical experts from DoCC, GGGI, and GHD

PENAMA

The development of PALDPs is intended to ensure that adaptation planning and implementation are grounded in local realities, guided by community voices, and aligned with both provincial development goals and national climate policy.



MALAMPA



TORBA



The consultations aim to:

- Identify climate vulnerabilities and priority adaptation actions at the provincial level.
- Validate and build on findings from the previously conducted Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessments by the government.
- Ensure inclusive and participatory inputs to inform the draft PALDPs.

Expected Outcomes

- Stakeholder-validated provincial climate risks and priority adaptation needs
- Draft list of sectoral adaptation actions per province
- Enhanced local ownership and understanding of the PAP development process
- Data and feedback to feed into finalization of each province's PALDP

HIGHLIGHTS

MOCC Leads the First Pacific Climate & Environment Innovation Forum – 2026



The Government of Vanuatu recently announced to development partners its plan to host the Pacific Innovation Forum on Climate and the Environment (PIFCE), a major new regional event to be held in Port Vila in July 2026.

This inaugural PIFCE is being organized by the Government of Vanuatu (GoV) together with key partners such as the Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) hosted at SPREP, in collaboration with the Vanuatu-based charitable association V-Lab. PIFCE 2026 will be a three-day regional forum bringing together governments, entrepreneurs, civil society, innovators, researchers, youth, and development partners from across the Pacific to showcase practical climate and environmental solutions, share knowledge, and forge new partnerships for resilience.

The initiative was originally fostered through a proposal developed jointly by Minister of Climate Change Ralph Regenvanu and V-Lab, reflecting a shared vision to create a Pacific-led platform for innovation and climate action.



DoCC held its annual reflection workshop along with its projects teams



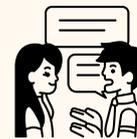
Climate Project VCCRP participated to the commemoration of 17th December Earthquake Disaster public display



Minister of Climate Change visited VCAP2 Project sites on the island of Santo



The Hon. Minister R. Regenvanu launched West Coast Conservation area, Automatic weather station at the Cap Queiros, and the River Gauge Station at Sarakata River in Luganville.



working with communities for climate actions ...

The Department of Climate Change (DoCC) participated in the Public Service Commission (PSC) Week held on Tanna Island, with the objective of promoting the Department's work and strengthening engagement with local communities. Through this platform, the DoCC showcased ongoing climate resilience initiatives, awareness programs, and government-led actions to address climate change impacts across Vanuatu. The event also provided an opportunity to encourage communities to collaborate closely with the government, reinforcing the importance of shared responsibility in building resilience and safeguarding livelihoods.

The DoCC team engaged participants through information sessions, discussions, and resource displays, ensuring that community members were informed, empowered, and included in national climate action efforts.



MoCC handed over a boat to Tafea Provincial Government for Aneityum Area Council



Climate Change advocacy session with Youth and VSPD Rep on Tanna Island



Unveiling of Lowanatom Community notice board donated by VCCRP to address Coastal erosion



DoCC booth during the PSC week at Lenakel - Tanna



Hon. Minister R. Regenvanu planted a tree during his visit at the South Tanna Area Council building that is under construction



COLLABORATION MATTERS

➤➤➤ Together We Achieve More...

A midterm planning review was held with Projects to inform better climate risk decision-making and enhance coordination for 2025 program development. This initiative aims to integrate climate risk information into sectoral planning processes, improve data-driven decisions, and ensure that future programs are aligned with national resilience priorities and community needs. Project partners attended the session and presented progress updates, outlining key outcomes and achievements from their implementation activities in alignment with national climate change priorities



DoCC expands its collaboration with VIT by donating 150,000 VT to support the National Skills Competition held in Port Vila - Our Climate Booth was also present during the exhibition ! Officer in Charge Jonnie T. Nimau handed over the cash to VIT representative Steve Lany .



DoCC acknowledged the partnership it has with Torba Provincial Government to support the implementation of the Climate Symposium in Torba Province.



DoCC in collaboration with VCCRP supported OPSC on its National PSC act Provincial consultation.



ADVOCATING FOR CLIMATE ACTION IN COMMUNITIES

“Climate Action Starts with Communities”



Community awareness at Siviri - Efate



Seasonal crop calendar installed at Kuataparen Scholl - Tanna



BLMS Smart agriculture project - Sola



Community harvesting at the Demonstration plots - West Gaua



Torres A/council received boat from VCAP2 funded by UNDP



BLMS School poultry project



Community Emergency tool kits delivered to Motalava -Torba (VCCRP)



Replanting of mangroves - Ureparapara



coastal tree planting by students



Replanting of corals by Motalava youth



Community Demonstration plots



learning crafting techniques - Motalava





NEW APPOINTMENTS

Let's WELCOME



Mr. Henry Kramuel hailed from Tanna Island received his appointment as the newly appointed Senior Procurement and Contract Officer. With his experience and strong understanding of procurement processes, Henry will play a key role in ensuring efficient, transparent, and accountable management of the Department's procurement and contracting activities.



We also welcome Mr. Jayson Timatua from Tongoa Island, who has been appointed as the Administration and Finance Officer.

Jayson brings valuable support in administrative management and financial operations, strengthening the Department's commitment to maintaining effective governance and smooth day-to-day operations.

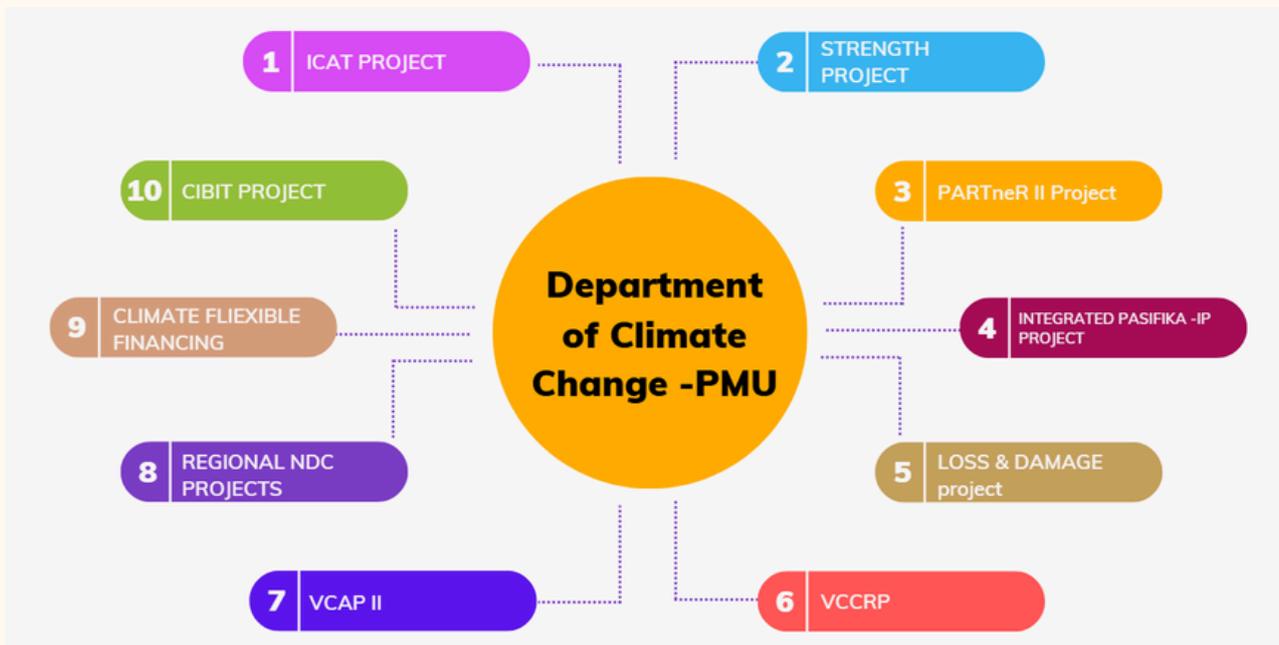
These appointments mark an important step in reinforcing the Department's capability to deliver climate action programs and services across Vanuatu. We look forward to the contributions Henry and Jayson will bring to the team.





KEY CLIMATE RESILIENCE PROJECTS UNDER THE DOCC PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT

“Development partners play a vital role in strengthening Vanuatu’s resilience to climate change by supporting the implementation of key projects across the country. Their technical expertise, financial contributions, and collaborative engagement enable the Department of Climate Change to deliver impactful, community-centred initiatives that protect livelihoods, enhance preparedness, and build long-term resilience. Through these partnerships, we are able to reach remote communities, introduce innovative solutions, and ensure that no one is left behind in our national effort to build a safer, more climate-resilient Vanuatu.”





2025 REFLECTIONS

Legislative Review of VMGD Act 2016



Shefa Provincial Consultation on VMGD Act review : A delegation from the Ministry of Climate Change Executives comprising of Acting Director Dept Climate Change Nelson Kalo, VMGD Deputy Director Fred Jockley, Manager Geo Hazards Junior Niroa, Consultants Brian Phillips & Donald Woluseje met with Shefa PTAC members .

Provincial partnership to advocate for climate change actions

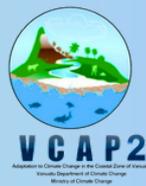


Mainstreaming Climate Change into the National Curriculum



Department of Climate Change led an Initial discussion commenced in December 2025 with the Curriculum Development Unit team - Ministry of Education & Training - as part of its ongoing effort to standardized Climate change Key messages accross all level os Syllabus .

WE ACKNOWLEDGE



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