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DEPARTMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE



Together for a Resilient Vanuatu



HIGHLIGHTS FROM APRIL, MAY, JUNE

INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE DIALOGUE AND
NDC IMPLEMENTATION EVENTS HELD IN
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PARTNERS AND PRIVATE SECTORS

COMMUNITIES TAKING LEAD ON CLIMATE
ADAPTATION ACTIONS

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KEY highlights a leadership transition, regional climate cooperation, and international climate engagement.



Nelson KALO
Acting Director

- Leadership transition: Nelson Kalo completed approximately 2.5 years as Acting Director and handed over to Mike Sam Waiwai, who resumed his role as substantive Director after completing his studies. The Department recognised Mr. Kalo's leadership, commitment, and stewardship, which ensured continuity of operations and progress on key climate priorities.
- Looking ahead: Mr. Mike Sam Waiwai's return as Director begins a new chapter for the Department, with a focus on strengthening strategic priorities, partnerships, and Vanuatu's climate resilience and development objectives.



Mike Sam Waiwai
Director



Participation in International Climate Dialogue and NDC Implementation Events held in Yeosu, Republic of Korea.

Vanuatu Participates in Key Global Climate Discussions
Vanuatu delegates participated in key Climate Week discussions covering the Mitigation Work Program (MWP), NDC Peer-to-Peer Exchange, and Just Transition Work Program (JTWP). The discussions focused on accelerating emissions reductions through investment, strengthening NDC implementation and transparency, and developing just transition pathways that support food security, agriculture and oceans.

The sessions highlighted the importance of moving “from dialogue to delivery” by turning global climate commitments into practical, investment-ready solutions and strengthening peer learning and cooperation among countries.



FIJI AND VANUATU STRENGTHEN CLIMATE MOBILITY PARTNERSHIP

Fiji and Vanuatu are strengthening their cooperation on climate change, relocation and climate-related displacement through a peer-to-peer exchange in Fiji. Fiji's Minister for Information, Environment and Climate Change, Hon. Lynda Tabuya, welcomed Vanuatu Department of Climate Change Acting Director Nelson Kalo and his delegation.

The exchange provides an opportunity for both countries to share experiences, learn from each other and strengthen Pacific solutions to challenges caused by disasters and climate change. Mr. Kalo thanked Fiji for hosting the exchange and recognised Fiji's experience and leadership in planned relocation and climate mobility.



The exchange is supported by UNDP, IOM and partners under the Pacific Regional Framework on Climate Mobility.

Strengthening Climate Change Education Through Partnership

the Department of Climate Change conducted a half-day introductory session for pre-service teachers from the School of Education (SoE).

The session focused on strengthening participants' understanding of climate change and exploring how climate change education can be integrated into classroom learning. Participants were introduced to a range of climate change education resources developed to support teachers and learners in schools and communities, providing practical knowledge and tools to make climate change learning more relevant and engaging.

As future educators, the participants will play an important role in equipping students with the knowledge and skills needed to understand climate risks, take informed action and contribute to building climate-resilient communities. DoCC appreciates the continued partnership and support of the Ministry of Education and Training in advancing climate change education across Vanuatu.



Sharing climate adaptation lessons from Vanuatu communities to the World ..

Vanuatu is sharing its community-based climate adaptation experience on the global stage, demonstrating the value of community-led approaches in strengthening climate resilience.

At the 20th Community-Based Adaptation Conference in Manila, Philippines, Vanuatu representatives shared experiences and lessons from the development of Community-Based Adaptation Plans (CBAPs) across the 282 communities supported by the VCCRP.

The Vanuatu approach places communities at the centre of adaptation planning by combining local knowledge, disaster risk reduction tools and climate science to help communities identify their risks, priorities and practical adaptation solutions.

Mr Eddy Maliliu, Shefa Provincial Coordinator, Mr Wen Steward Vores, Torba Provincial Coordinator and Mr Tyson Jella, DoCC Adaptation Officer/Loss & Damage Officer



➤➤➤ "Strengthening Partnership with partners and private sectors"

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(r) Sebastien Fesneau - Care Country Director
(l) Nelson Kalo - Acting Director DoCC

DoCC and VBRC Strengthen Partnership for Private Sector Climate Action



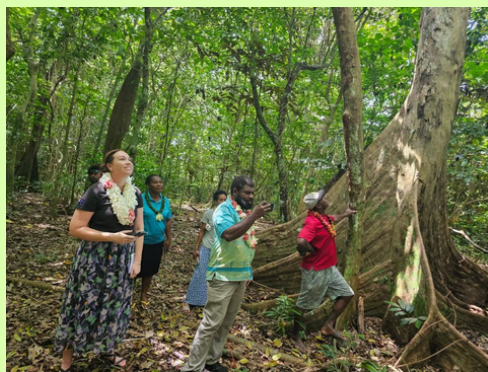
(r) Eliu LUEN - VBRC Chairman
(l) Nelson Kalo - Acting Director DoCC

The Department of Climate Change strengthened collaboration with civil society and the private sector through Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with CARE Vanuatu and the Vanuatu Business Resilience Council (VBRC).

The partnerships will support coordinated action on climate adaptation, mitigation, loss and damage, climate finance and resilience-building, while advancing national climate priorities.

The CARE Vanuatu partnership focuses on locally led and inclusive climate action, strengthening community engagement and the participation of women, youth and people with disabilities.

The VBRC partnership strengthens private sector engagement, creating opportunities to mobilise business expertise, investment and public-private partnerships to support practical and sustainable climate solutions across Vanuatu.



The Department of Climate Change (DoCC) joined Live & Learn Vanuatu in celebrating its 25th anniversary in April 2026, with a visit to the Loru Conservation Area in East Santo.

The visit highlighted the value of the strong partnership between DoCC, Live & Learn Vanuatu, local communities and other stakeholders in advancing climate resilience, biodiversity conservation and sustainable natural resource management.

The Loru Conservation Area is a strong example of how community-led action, traditional knowledge and collaborative partnerships can contribute to ecosystem-based adaptation and strengthen communities' capacity to respond to the impacts of climate change.

DoCC values its ongoing partnership with Live & Learn Vanuatu and recognises its important contribution to strengthening climate resilience, supporting sustainable livelihoods and promoting locally led solutions across Vanuatu.

Together, through shared knowledge, community leadership and strong partnerships, we continue to work towards a stronger, safer and climate-resilient Vanuatu. For more information, click on this link : [Live and Learn Vanuatu](#)

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➤➤➤ We commemorate the International Environment Week

VCAP2 Sustainable Land Management (SLM) team is on the ground at Mataloi, Big Bay Inland – with the aim of planting 1,000 trees! As Vanuatu joined the world in celebrating these two powerful occasions, our team is putting boots on the ground and hands in the soil – restoring landscapes, protecting watersheds, and building climate resilience one tree at a time.

Forests are not just trees. They are home to biodiversity, protectors of our coastlines, providers of clean water, and the lungs of our planet.

A huge shoutout to the Mataloi community for your partnership and dedication in making today possible. This is YOUR land, YOUR future! Together, we plant. Together, we restore. Together, we thrive. Target: 1,000 trees planted.



➤➤➤ Tabu Area and Biodiversity Symposium, Luganville Santo

The VCAP II Project engaged with Community Conservation Area CCA Chairpersons, Area Administrators, and community representatives from VCAP II project sites during the Small Grant Proposals training session.

The session focused on proposal development and funding opportunities to support community-led climate resilience and conservation initiatives. VCAP II also assisted participating sites in completing and strengthening their constitutions to support their project proposals and governance structures.

Participants also benefited from a financial awareness session delivered by the National Bank of Vanuatu, providing valuable information on financial management and banking services.

VCAP II is pleased to support communities in building the knowledge, skills, and structures needed to successfully implement local adaptation and conservation projects.





What do we do in the communities ...



Strengthening Water Resource Management in North Maewo.....

Communities in North Maewo are strengthening their skills to protect water sources, restore natural resources and build climate resilience through a Water Resource Management Plan Train the Trainers (TOT) workshop in Lalavaru.

The training brings together community leaders, water committees, women, youth, fishers and other community members to learn practical ways to protect springs, rivers and streams, restore watersheds, reduce erosion and sustainably manage coastal resources.

The training supports communities to develop Community-Based Water Resource Management Plans, helping them take ownership of water security and strengthen resilience to climate change and natural disasters.

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Community-led multiplication plots for Emae, Makira, Mataso



Multiplication plots are more than just gardens! —they are community learning and resilience centres.



>>> Embarking on National and Provincial Adaptation plan ...

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The Ministry of Climate Change Vanuatu and the Global Green Growth Institute - GGGI team held an intensive consultations from 1-3 June to validate and prioritise provincial climate adaptation actions. A national consultation was held across the six provincial Government. Click on the link: [National Adaptation plan](#)

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**Climate
Adaptation**

Provincial Plans = National Impact



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»»» WHAT'S GOING ON BEHIND THE SCENE?...BUILDING THE MOMENTUM



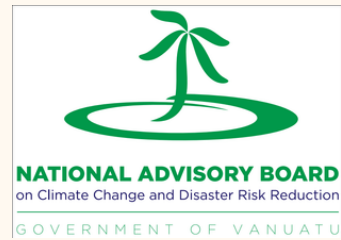
CREATING WAVES OF CHANGE ACROSS THE PACIFIC.
Welcome to the Conversation That Moves Our Region Forward.



MAY & JUNE!

Building momentum towards the Pacific Islands Climate Finance Exchange (PIFCE) the PIFCE Task Force worked closely together through regular meetings to shape the programme and ensure every detail was moving forward. a strong media and communications campaign to build awareness and generate interest in the event. Engagement with sponsors, partners, government agencies, businesses and other stakeholders was also strengthened, helping to build the support needed to deliver a successful regional event. From logistics and branding to volunteers, security, venues and promotional materials, teams worked tirelessly to bring the vision of PIFCE to life. These two months of teamwork, coordination and commitment laid the foundation for a successful PIFCE 2026, bringing the Pacific together to connect, share ideas and unlock opportunities for climate finance and investment

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