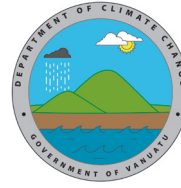


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ABOUT THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This 2019 Annual Report outlines the activities and projects implemented by DoCC in the 2019 calendar year and reports on the achievements from implementing these activities.

Reporting Requirements:

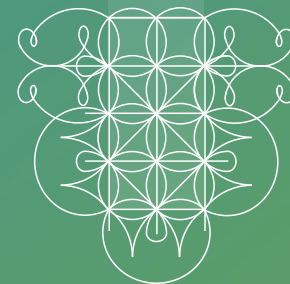
This Annual Report is a requirement from the Public Service Commission for all institutions to provide on an annual basis.

Reporting Processes:

The Annual Report comprises of a collection of reports and feedbacks from all the staff of DoCC and the Project managers and coordinators. This report is reporting against the 2019 Business Plan as required by the Public Service Commission (PSC) through the Director General's office of the Ministry of Climate Change and Natural Disasters.

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The year 2019 marks a special year for the establishment of this new department of climate change. The department is now well functioning with the support of all the filled structured positions recruited. Climate change is everyone's business to be resilient. Climate change is a cross cutting issues that affects all sectors to be vulnerable. The New department is set up to coordinate and provide assistance to mitigation and adaptation implementation towards the country needs and priorities.

Starting a new journey is not easy despite some unexpected challenges, the department have overcome them with our young graduates growing team efforts which has also enable us to achieve some success this year.

As a leading agency in climate change practical approach of adaptation and mitigation actions, we consider climate implementation actions with the support of projects as our highest priorities to take lead and continue ensuring the development of robust legislative frameworks to assist in our strategic plans towards implementations.

Vanuatu is leading the region and even the world on climate change initiatives approaches in adaptation which now adopting the mitigation into play in dealing with Renewable energy and Energy efficiency. With our continued efforts on awareness and educating our communities, we held the first nationwide climate change and NAB awareness across all the six provinces.

We further went beyond leading the country out of the region to attend climate

meetings and COP25. With further due of the development of the department, we show we fit to recruit few more staffs to be part of the team. This including an Information Knowledge Management (GIS) Officer, Mitigation MRV coordinator, CC/DRR support officer, Driver, Administration officer and Reinstate PMU structured into DOCC Structured.

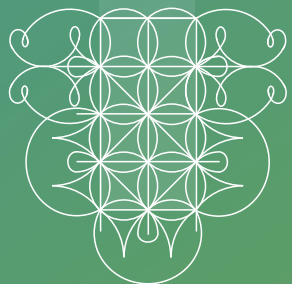
We will continue to build and enhance coordination and partnership with our stakeholders (government, private sectors, donor partners and NGOs) and would like to congratulate them for the support given throughout this year.

Finally, the achievements could not be reached without the support of the department staffs and the ministry including the Former and the current Minister of climate change, the Former and Acting Director General and other supporting colleagues. And filly but not the least, to GOD who gave us the strength throughout our year-long journey to this far.

Mike Sam Waiwai

Director

Department of Climate Change





The following is a general Information Snapshot of DoCC in 2019.



25+ million VT

Total Expenditure



6

Provincial Awareness



3

New Staff Recruited



4

Project Staff



5

Permanent Staff



14

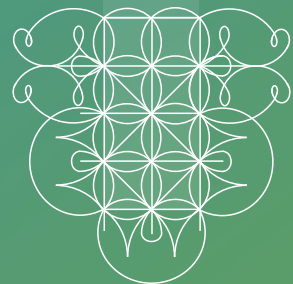
Reports Disseminated



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Projects Implemented

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The Department of Climate Change (DOCC) is a Department within the Ministry of Climate Change and Natural Disasters. The DOCC in its first year of establishment catered for six sections namely Adaptation, Mitigation, Monitoring and Evaluation, Finance and Administration, Communications and Partnerships and the Project Management Unit (PMU). These sections work together to ensure the core functions of the Department are carried out as indicated in the annual Business Plans, the Corporate Plan and the National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP) the People's Plan of the Government of Vanuatu.

OUR VISION

A sustainable and Climate Resilient Vanuatu

OUR MISSION

To promote an enabling environment encompassing climate governance, adaptation and mitigation approaches via inclusive and equitable service

OUR PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

- Transparency and Accountability
- Innovation
- Partnership
- Positive Working Environment
- Equity and inclusiveness
- Community Focus
- Learning and Reflection
- Sustainability
- Effectiveness

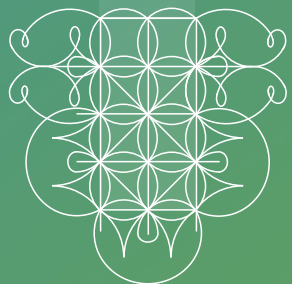
OBJECTIVES

The DOCC's main objective is to ensure that all residents of Vanuatu have access to reliable and factually correct information about climate change issues to help them make informed decisions to become resilient to the impacts and effects of climate change in the future. This will be achieved through the following:

1. Strengthen relationship with key stakeholders to allow for mainstreaming of Climate Change into sector plans, policies and budgets.
2. Raise awareness to stakeholders and partners on Climate Change initiatives and national endorsement processes
3. Ensuring effective monitoring and reporting and efficient management of department resources.
4. Department of Climate Change supports and facilitate the implementation of programmes and projects.
5. Effective project coordination to support the Department of Climate Change mandate.
6. DoCC is recognized as an informed, accurate source of best practice knowledge and provides timely advice to stakeholders for CCDRR issues.
7. Support the review and implementation of CCDRR policy and action plan.
8. Partner with stakeholders to effect the national implementation of international Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction convention obligations.
9. Support government guidance and facilitation of CCDRR Projects

KEY OUTCOMES

The Department of Climate Change is guided by Vanuatu's CCDRR Policy, will establish clear priorities for action, deliver better assessment of climate change and disaster risks, monitor and evaluate projects and outcomes,



capture experiences and lessons learned, and drive better climate service delivery.” The department stands as the focal point for achieving resilient development across all levels and sectors which intended to carry out the following tasks:

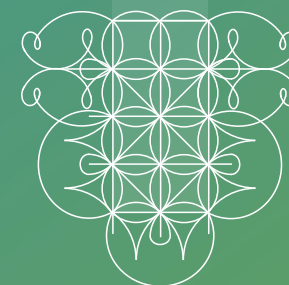
- Lead innovation and change in CC initiatives across Vanuatu.
- Support the National Advisory Board on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction (NAB).
- Improve sustainability by securing highly trained technical contracted staff in permanent Government positions.
- Maintain momentum & delivery of current projects.
- Progress current & new initiatives in the Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction arena.
- Progress compliance to International Conventions to which Vanuatu is a signatory.
- Mainstream Climate Change across the Vanuatu Government as per National Sustainable Development Plan (NSDP).
- Operationalize the CCRR Policy.
- Coordinate and monitor CC & DRM projects.
- Secure further CC & DRR projects and funding

The DOCC contributes to the overall business of the MOCC purpose by being an effective department in the management, operation and integration of climate change adaptation, mitigation and disaster risk reduction activities and projects, by way of qualified, skilled and motivated staff appropriately trained and participating actively in national, regional, and international climate change programs, and working effectively with local, regional and international partners.

The Department implements and operates an effective and efficient Climate coordination and assistance to NAB sec and Project Management Unit deploying qualified, skilled and motivated staff with appropriate access to sufficient resources, to manage and operate the implementation and integration of climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction programs and activities of projects such as the Increasing Resilience to Climate Change and Natural Hazards (IRCCNH) projects, Vanuatu Coastal Adaptation Project (VCAP), Technology Needs Assessment (TNA) project, the iCLIM project and the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) project to support national level commitments to Climate Change adaptation, mitigation and Disaster Risk Management multilateral agreements.

The following are key outcomes and achievements identified by the department of Climate Change that are aligned to the Business plan and policies of the department:

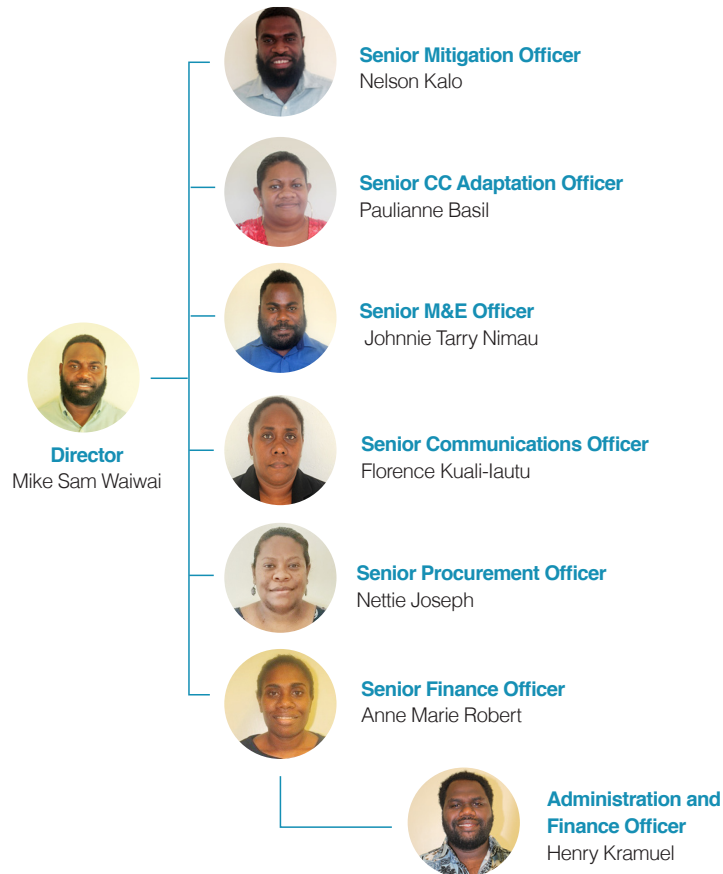
- Successful establishment of DOCC and the implementation of its first Business Plan 2019 activities within this first year (12 months) of operation.
- Developed integrated climate change adaptation, mitigation and disaster risk reduction action plan(s);
- Updated governance for climate change mitigation, Adaptation and disaster risk reduction;
- Ownership of climate change and disaster reduction integration; and
- Contributed to regional and global integrated climate change mitigation, adaptation and disaster risk reduction agenda.



ABOUT US

STRUCTURE AND STAFF

The new structure for this new Government Department was approved on the 29th April 2016. In the new structure a total of eight positions and job descriptions were created and approved by the Public Service Commission (PSC) for DOCC. The structure consists of the Director, senior staffs – Mitigation, Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management, Finance, Procurement, Monitoring and Evaluation, Communication and Partnerships and Administration Officers.



The following tables provide information about staffing of the Climate Change department in 2019. The number of staff at DoCC has completely fill up all the current structure. All DoCC staff are supported by projects staffs on information and providing advice on a daily basis.

The table below shows the number of staff against their employment status and gender.

Sections	Male		Female		Total	Remarks
	P	T	P	T		
Administration (Director, Finance, Procurement, Admin)	1	1	1	1	4	The Procurement and Admin officers are still under probation
Mitigation	1	1	0	0	2	A cadet is supporting the Mitigation section
Adaptation	0	0	1	0	1	
Monitoring & Evaluation	1	0	0	0	1	
Communication & Partnership	0	0	1	0	1	
Project Management Unit	0	4	0	0	4	There are three projects currently in operation under DOCC PMU.
Total	3	6	3	1	13	

The table below shows the leave status of the staff.

Staffing	Details
Numbers	13 staffs altogether including international consultants offering support when needed
Performance Appraisals Conducted	Five staffs
Numbers	None
Secondment	None
Annual Administration Leave	All staff but varies according to the number of leave
Other Leave/Resignation/Retirement	None



Photo: DOCC end of year retreat workshop for all DOCC and Project staffs at the Warwick resort.
Source: DoCC

The role of the Business Plan 2019 has helped guide the Department of Climate Change in its overall operations for its first year 2019 of establishment as a government department. The Business Plan clearly outlines the Department's work plans that are aligned and aimed to fulfill the activities in the Corporate Plan of the Ministry of Climate Change and Natural Disasters. The Corporate Plan and the Departmental strategy plan are series of documents that bridge the Business Plan with day-to-day work plans and budgets. It allows the department to look ahead, focus on key activities, allocate resources, prepare for opportunities and risks, and set priorities accordingly. Most important, the Business Plans ensure that all Departments are moving in the same direction. Departments prepare Business Plans which have two primary purposes:

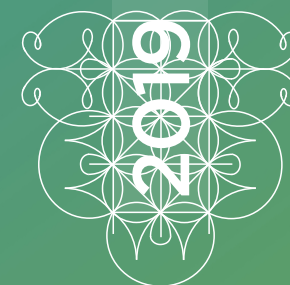
1. A planning tool to achieve the objectives of Ministry in an organized and efficient manner.
2. A communication tool to solicit Ministry feedback and direction on service delivery so that we clearly understand and meet their expectations; and

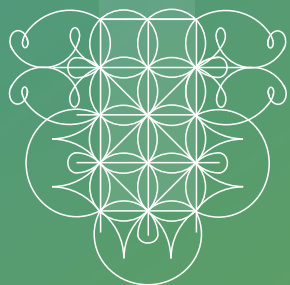
Every year difficult decisions have to be made around which initiatives to fund,

what the appropriate service levels should be and to chart the immediate direction of the organization through the Business Plans. The ultimate goal of this process is always to be cognizant of the long-term viability of the department, to spend public funds wisely, and to maintain the quality of life for all of our citizens during disaster events.

When deliberating business plans and budgets, departments must constantly weigh up the different governance spheres from national down to community level needs. Increases in service demands must be matched by corresponding allocated budget. By Financial regulation, the department cannot spend more funds than the approved recurrent budget ceiling. In addition the department does not have the financial resources or the organizational capacity to undertake its mandates all at one.

Therefore, choices need to be made on service levels and allocation of budget and this is decided through the business planning process. While this is a challenge, it also presents an opportunity for the organization to become more effective, enable improvement, and to do business differently where efficiencies can be achieved.



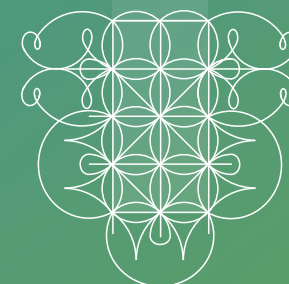


Programs and Objectives outlined in the 2019 Business Plan including its results are summarized in the table below and commentary provided in the following text.

Programs	Objective (Targets)	Result Summary
DoCC and the Secretariat Services for the National Advisory Board on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction (NAB)	DoCC in working in collaboration with NAB operating as a well-functioning decision-making and advisory body	A number of NAB meetings were convened throughout 2019. Most meetings focused on the endorsement of new projects and projects in the pipeline developed by key government sectors as well as civil society organizations.
Establishment of the new Department	-	-
Strengthen relationship with key stakeholders	Strengthen relationship with key stakeholders to allow for mainstreaming of climate change into sector plans, policies and budget	DoCC Mitigation and Adaptation have established both of their Technical working group (TWG) to share data information and allow maintaining of CCA&DRR & Mitigation into their sectoral plans, policies and Budget into their business plans for 2020 implementation and working together.
Coordination of all CC and DRR initiatives in Vanuatu	DoCC and NAB is aware of all CC & DRR activities being undertaken or planned in Vanuatu and coordinates to ensure complementarity	(a) Throughout the first, second and third quarter, DoCC Conducted an exercise on stock take within MOCC, other government stakeholders, projects and NGO's. (b) DoCC developed a stock take form on all Mitigation and CCDRR projects brief form and Mapped out previous implementation initiatives and activities that happens throughout all provinces in Vanuatu. (c) These records are now managed by DoCC and NAB Sec with the communications and M&E officer. In 2019 a number of projects and initiatives were endorsed by NAB
	DoCC to supports and facilitates the implementation of CCA/DRR & Mitigation programmes and projects with NAB stakeholders	To date four large multi-sectoral projects are managed if not supported by the DoCC. These projects include the World Bank projects namely; IRCCNH and FRDP (REDD+) projects, the TNA and V-CAP projects, and the ICLIM project. Apart from DoCC projects continues to provide secretariat services to the NAB and coordinates international and regional agendas on Mitigation CC/DRR aspects on behalf of the government of the Republic of Vanuatu. Such included the coordination of COP25 meeting, SIDs meeting in Samoa and several other COP related meetings attended by the NAB Strategic Manager.
International CC & DRR obligations	Support and facilitate the national implementation of international CCA/DRR obligations	DoCC staff played a key role in coordinating the Vanuatu delegation at the SIDs conference in Fiji in July 2019. At the conference DoCC Director coordinated the meetings relevant for Vanuatu's attendance on a daily basis. Apart from SIDs conference DoCC represented the Vanuatu government in the following meetings this year accompanied by the Director.

OUR PERFORMANCE

Programs	Objective (Targets)	Result Summary
Participation in international agenda	Raise capacity of GoV representatives to participate in international workshops, training & meetings	Each DoCC staff is designated to participating and contributing to regional and international meetings due to the small number of DoCC staffs. M&E officer attended the NAP meeting in Samoa on behalf of the Adaptation and CC/DRR officer.
Adaptation & DRR	Build the foundations for more effective CCA & DRR work in Vanuatu	The setting up and reviewing the CC/DRR technical working group. Together to work on National Adaptation Plan framework
Climate Change Mitigation	Improved GoV oversight of CC mitigation projects in Vanuatu	DoCC is lacking a support mitigation officer. The officer/ coordinator will be overlooking at the MRV and develop tracking tool of MRV
	Mainstream CC perspectives into energy-related projects and improve CC mitigation outcomes	same as above
Financial Management & Procurement	Establish DoCC capacity to manage donor funds	(a) With technical assistance DoCC managed to develop guidelines related to managing future Projects financial procedures. DoCC still lacks the PMU support in decision to Projects management. (b) Procurement and Financial management advisors currently sit within DoCC to train and support the local officers. The Procurement officer have been recruited in December 2019.
	NAB oversight of all GoV managed CC&DRR funding	As mentioned above, six NAB meetings in 2014 to endorse new projects and initiatives in Vanuatu
Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting	Monitor progress and outcomes of government and externally funded CC & DRR projects	Each donor funded project has its M&E framework to monitor and report on progress. Emails and regular online updates play an active role for M&E purposes. There is no overarching M&E framework within DoCC since there are several donors funded projects with their specific requirements therefore all M&E framework in place are project specific. All projects also have different frequencies in reporting
	Monitor and evaluate the work of the DoCC	Few of the past risk governance assessment was developed by few projects. Some of the recommendations are now being implemented by DoCC and relevant sectors. An evaluation was conducted in assessing the progress of the IRCCNH project and VCAP but also assessing DoCC and NAB involvement. Recommendations from this evaluation guided the implementations of the next phase future projects to come. More of these evaluations will be a Lesson learn for M&E and the overall department



OUR PERFORMANCE

Programs	Objective (Targets)	Result Summary
Information management	Collect, manage and make accessible data and information on Mitigation and CC & DRR knowledge and activities relevant to Vanuatu	The Communications Officer and M&E officer participated in two IKM meetings in 2019. Some of the discussions included the linking up of the NAB portal to the IKM (regional portal) which the two officers are managing locally. The NAB portal is well functioning with an average of 20-50 users per day recorded in 2019. This illustrates the number of people accessing information from the NAB portal. ICLIM project upgrade the portal including the department of climate change overview and adding some of the project site mapping.
Communication & Engagement	Raise awareness of NAB and PMU activities	Awareness of the NAB and DoCC was undertaken throughout 6 provinces of Vanuatu. These activities include all DoCC staff. The outreach highlighted mostly the setting up of the new department and its roles and the NAB sec
	Build partnerships with Energy, VMGD, Environment, NDMO and NAB stakeholders	DoCC communications Officer is the coordinating a communication, outreach and partnership internal working group (COPWIG) of NDMO, Energy, Environment and VMGD. This will help ensure all information communication is implementing the national communication strategy and production of products produce publicly. This working group has not yet functioning but will very efficiently when it comes to effect. DoCC Communications officer also coordinated the radio programs and talkback show for DoCC
Training and capacity building	Increase DoCC staff capacity to implement NAB agenda	Reports results shows that an increase in capacity has been achieved throughout this year 2019 however the participation of officers in international meetings and conferences provides an avenue that supports capacity building. Several meetings were attended by officers within Projects and DoCC

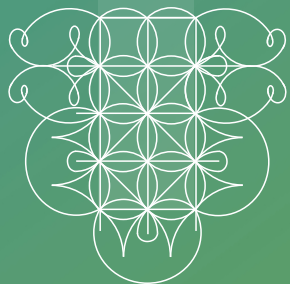
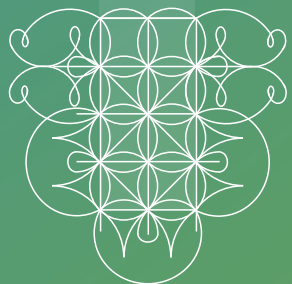




Photo: Part of the Vanuatu delegation who attended the COP25 Meeting in Spain on behalf of the Vanuatu Government.
Source: DoCC

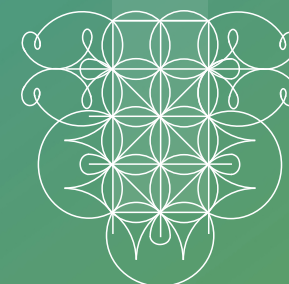


The RAG (Red, Amber, Green) method is used to identify the 2019 activities below based on its Urgency as ● ● ● for High, Medium and Low respectively.

Actions	Activities	Time frame	Responsible
● Separations of function exercise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct stock take exercise (adaptation and general CCDRR function) by emailing out tracking tools, and convening stake holders workshop Inform MCCA department. Heads on stock take 	Jul - Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCDRR officer and director. (lead) Stake holders: VCAN NAB Donors MCCA department
● Staff induction	Trainings / induction of critical tool and processes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adaptation planning Vulnerability assessment MRV tool Project screening GCF project development 	Jul - Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitigation, CCDRR officer. M&E, comms office. NAB
● CCDRR policy implementation plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCDRR policy implementation plan formulation Reviewing of implementation plan. (staff workshop) 	Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director and TA (lead) All staff
● Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop assets NPP (non –current) - Comms equipment , Vehicle, Laptop Re current NPP'S (Climate and DRR symbolism, International negotiations regional) 	12 Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance (Lead) All staff
● NAB portal	Assign administrative rights to focal staff member. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DoCC to seek short term IT support to upgrade portal. Training and handover 	asap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAB sec Manager. (lead) Comms manager / M and E Director(lead) VCAN , iCLIM
● Buisness plan	Draft 2020 business plan	Sep, Nov - Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff (M and E – lead) NAB sec
● SMR	Compilation and submission of SMR	Jun - Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> M and E (lead) All staff
● Staff tracking and accountability	Formulation of meeting minutes' action template. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circulate populated templates to all staff for each meeting. Track action 	On- going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance / admin (lead) and M and E Director.

2019 PRIORITIES OVERVIEW

Actions	Activities	Time frame	Responsible
● Establish partnerships with NGOs private sectors and government department through MOUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended to be address to Red color as a level of urgency to be done in quarter 3 in 2019. 	Q3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Forestry and DoCC (Mitigation) DoCC and OXFAM DoCC and Government stakeholders and NGOs in relation to CCA
● DoCC to ensure timely PMR of each staff members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be completed by end of September (all staff to be in permanent position) To be added to Red color 	Q3	
● TAs supports to DoCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maybe to be considering in the future since DoCC had recruited a senior COM Officer to assist in this area. To be added into Green color 	TBC	
● Activity prioritization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stock take 		All staff
● Budgeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of publications/ printing/ marketing. Financial Resources Directory 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance and Admin Coms
● Legislation and Policy	Stock take of sectors activities on CC and DRR (CC policy mapping)		•All staff and stakeholders
● MEL and Reporting Obligation	Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> M and E Director
● Staffing and Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel policy Internal arrangements and Planning 		All staff



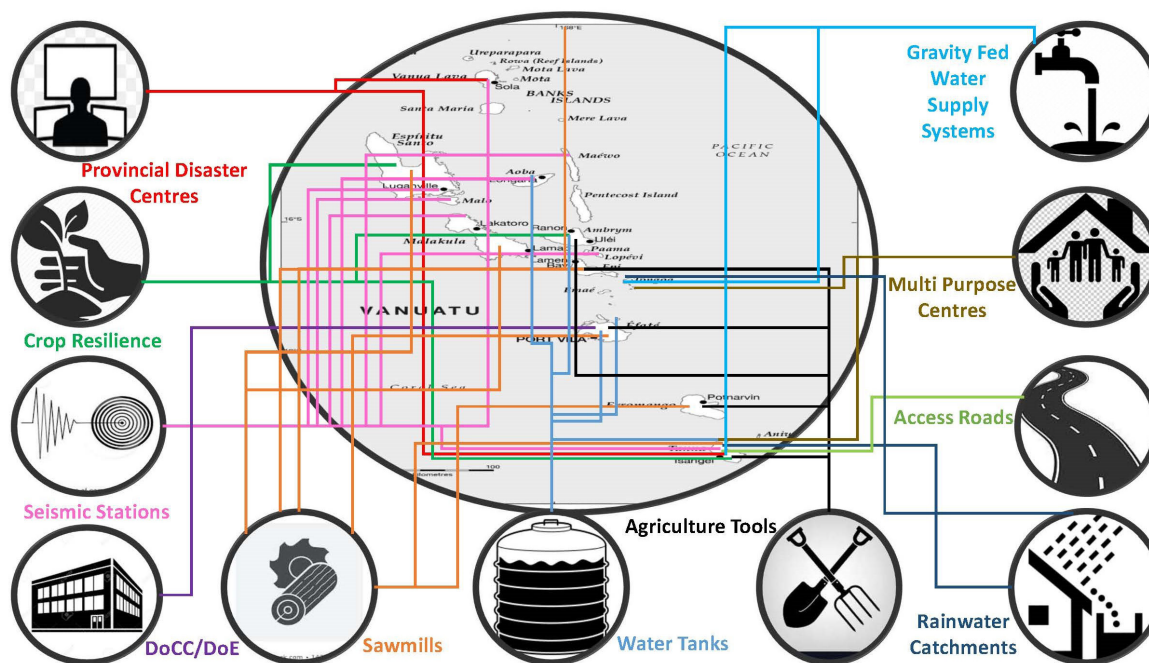
Increasing Resilience to Climate Change and Natural Hazards (IRCCNH) Project

OBJECTIVE: Increasing resilience of local communities to adapt to climate change and natural hazards

The designated implementing agency is the Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-hazards Department (VMGD), within the Ministry of Climate Change Adaptation, Meteorology, Environment, Energy and Disaster Management (MCC). Given the complexity of the main purpose of the project, 'to mainstream Climate Change Adaptation and climate-related Disaster Risk Reduction', the implementation of the project also requires the involvements

of other governmental departments based within the same Ministry: the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) and three other Ministries: the Department of Local Authorities (DLA), under the Ministry of Internal Affairs, for Component 2; the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) under the Ministry of Agriculture, Quarantine, Forestry and Fisheries, for component 3.1; and the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources (DGMWR), under the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, as well as of one governmental agency: the Vanuatu Agriculture Research and Technical Centre (VARTC). All of the project component was achieved successfully. The project was implemented in Tanna, Tongoa, Tongariki, Buniga and up northern islands of Sola and Gaua.

In terms of implementation and impact, since 2012-2019, most efforts have



been achieved. The Project has come to a close in June 2019 with its financial operations closed on December 31st 2019. Most of the staffs have dispersed to other organisations while the Communication officer has been recruited into the new Department of Climate Change.

The next figure shows all 11 different types of micro-projects and their locations around the country being implemented under the IRCCNH project.

Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) Programme

OBJECTIVE: The RPP sets out how Vanuatu intends to develop its REDD+ programme which is referred to as the National REDD+ scheme

Vanuatu's engagement with the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) was initiated as a result of the Vanuatu Carbon Credits Project (VCCP). This project is implemented by the Department of Forestry under the Ministry of Agriculture with the overall coordination role by the Department of Climate Change especially with Finance and Procurement role. A roadmap workshop for the VCCP in 2008, marking the close of the project's first phase and establishing the way forward for its second phase, provided the mandate for the development of the Readiness Plan Idea Note (R-PIN). The R-PIN was written by an international consultant from Carbon Partnership Limited in conjunction with the Government of Vanuatu, specifically the Department of Forests. The FCPF ultimately accepted Vanuatu's R-PIN and signed the R-PP Formulation Grant of US\$200,000 in order to develop the Readiness Preparation Proposal in May, 2010. The project gives details of the proposed institutional arrangements for the management of the REDD+ readiness process and for the implementation of the national strategy, as well as the process of stakeholder engagement, and consultation and participation. It also covers the technical aspects of REDD+ and establishes the proposed process for the development of subnational and national reference levels for REDD+, a national forest monitoring system and a safeguards information

system on safeguards. Finally, the R-PP contains the proposed budget and a framework for monitoring and evaluation.

The project will be implemented on Santo, Efate, Erromango and Tanna. All materials have been already purchase and send to those pilot sites. Local and overseas Consultants are now on firm to start the work of measuring and reporting plus the verifications tracking of MRV and also to assist on SESA-Strategic Environment & social assessment. The project has completed all it's purchasing of materials and will roll out next year 2020 and ended on July 2020.

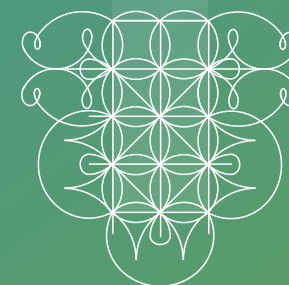
iCLIM Project

OBJECTIVE: Supporting the regional management of climate change information in the Pacific by upgrading the NAB Portal website

The Pacific iCLIM project is a regional project focusing on establishing a regional system for managing and sharing climate change data and information in the Pacific. The project is being implemented by the Griffith University in Australia in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), commencing on 3 March 2014, with an anticipated completion date to end of December 2019. The Project is funded by the Australian Government.

The establishment of a Pacific regional system for managing and sharing climate change data and information is being carried out in collaboration with three pilot countries (Fiji, Tonga and Vanuatu), who are already involved in implementing national level portals, procedures, policies and practices that will enable connectivity to the SPREP hosted the Pacific Climate Change Portal (PCCP).

The Government of Vanuatu is in the process of finalizing the draft National Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction (CCDRR) Policy. The vision of



PROJECTS

this Policy is for Vanuatu to be resilient to climate change impacts, natural and geological risks, which will be achieved by targeting the five key priority areas of governance, capacity, information, preparedness and knowledge.

The CCDRR policy prioritization of information focuses specifically on improving Vanuatu's management of climate change and disaster risk reduction data and information in order to enable more informed decision making for planning, development and disaster operations, and development of accurate community awareness tools. The ICLIM project is contributing to the area of information management and knowledge sharing related to climate change and disaster risk reduction. ICLIM is implemented by VMGD-ICT division in collaboration with the PMU with specific support and development of the NAB portal.

The Vanuatu Coastal Adaptation Project (VCAP)

OBJECTIVE: To improve the resilience of the coastal zone to the impacts of climate change in order to sustain livelihoods, food production and preserve and improve the quality of life in targeted vulnerable areas

VCAP project is now in a closer stage. Within this period, they closed all activities and handing over assets to the department of climate change and auditing financial sum-up. All of the project component was successfully achieved accordingly to the United Nations development programme support (UNDP). VCAP project is one of the project that address the national priorities of this country from national to communities focusing more on communities needs especially with roads, evacuation centres, bridges, early warning systems for cyclones and vulnerable areas within the coastal.

As the first phase is completed this year, they now consulting for the second phase designing which allow the team consult with different/ related

stakeholders with the help of UNDP to present some of their final results and look at next steps recommendation for phase 2nd project. The VCAP Team has managed to evaluate and scope around the sites to observation the success of the project. UNDP has officially announced the second phase of this project for 2020.

The Technology Needs Assessment Project (TNA)

OBJECTIVE: To prioritize and enable the adoption of climate adaptation and mitigation technologies

This Technology Needs Assessment (TNA) Project is implemented through the Department of Climate Change and endeavors to undertake the following objectives:

1. To identify and prioritize through country-driven participatory processes, technologies that can contribute to mitigation and adaptation goals of the participant countries, while meeting their national sustainable development goals and priorities (TNA).
2. To identify the barriers that hinder the acquisition, deployment, and diffusion of the prioritized technologies for mitigation and adaptation.
3. To develop Technology Action Plans (TAP) that specify activities and enabling frameworks to overcome the barriers and facilitate the transfer, adoption, and diffusion of selected technologies in the participant countries including Vanuatu.

Updates:

- Project agreement with UNEP DTU Partnership was signed end of 2018.
- Project period: 2 years
- Donor: GEF
- Project funding: VT 14 000 000 approx.

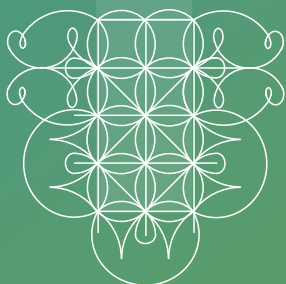
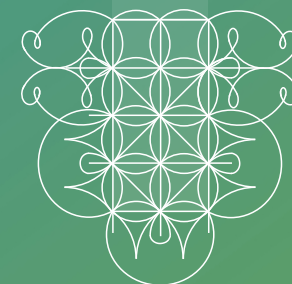


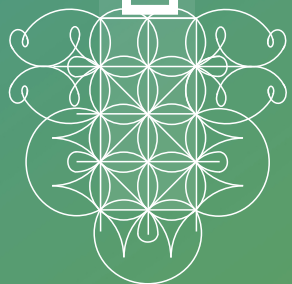


Photo: The regional Technical working group of information knowledge management in Samoa.
Source: DoCC

- First phase kick started in July 2019. Priority sectors for technology prioritization are renewable energy and waste management for the mitigation sector. Agriculture and water are the two adaptation sectors selected for technology prioritization.
- Prioritization is done according to a multi-criteria analysis approach, with top 2-3 technologies selected for further barrier analysis and technology action plan formulation.
- Stakeholder consultations were carried out during the period of July to Aug 2019
- Final draft TNA report now being reviewed by UNEP and stakeholders
- Technologies being retained for next steps: The prioritized technologies for each sectors are as follows, Agriculture - Crop diversification and

new varieties, Agro-forestry and Farmer field schools. Water - Rainwater harvesting from rooftops, Water safety plans and Flood hazard mapping. Energy - Efficiency wood stove, Battery electric vehicle and solar electric boat and lastly, Waste to energy - Manure based biogas digester, Compact biogas digester for urban households and anaerobic digestion biogas plant. Finalization of the technologies prioritization Since July 2019, various stakeholders were consulted to draw up priority technologies phase report is currently underway with technical review inputs being provided by the UNEP and USP which is acting as the regional resource center. It is expected that Component 2 will kick-start in early 2020 whereby market assessments of the selected technologies will be undertaken.





Project Name	Type / Theme	Funding Source	Lead Implementing Agency
Vanuatu REDD+ Project (FRDP)	REDD+ Implementation –MRV	Private equity	DoCC and Vanuatu Carbon Syndicate stakeholders to be registered
ICLIM Project	Tender processes undertaken in compliance with CTB legislation and donor requirements with reports to Director	DFAT (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade – Australian Government	Griffith University and SPREP (piloting in three countries; Vanuatu, Fiji and Tonga
TWG-IKM	Develop a regional and National technical working group on information knowledge management	GIZ	Department of climate change & NAB Sec

The above table lists all projects endorsed by NAB in 2019.

Most national, regional meeting convened throughout 2019 mostly focused on the endorsement of new projects and initiatives in the pipeline developed by key government sectors and regional and international as well as civil society organizations.

Specific information on projects is captured through project brief form developed by DoCC to support NAB endorsement process. Once projects are endorsed, all information is recorded in a database managed by DoCC Communications Officer. A letter is issued to all lead implementing agencies to advice on the status of endorsement.

To date, large multi-sectorial projects are managed if not supported by the DoCC. These projects include the World Bank projects namely; IRCCNH and REDD+ projects, the UNDP- Pacific Risk Resilience Program (PRRP), TNA and VCAP projects, and the iCLIM project by Australian Aid. Apart from project work, DoCC continues to provide support services to the NAB

Secretariat and coordinates international, regional and national agendas on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management on behalf of the national government of the Republic of Vanuatu. This includes the coordination of COP25 meeting, several other COP preparatory and related meetings attended by the Director and staffs of DoCC and the Ministry of Climate Change.

PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CC/DRR AGENDA

The staff of the Department of Climate Change have been assigned to follow and participate on key international and regional climate change and disaster related agendas in 2019. Reports of these meetings are available for government and non-government stakeholders and partners upon request. The following table summarizes all regional and international meetings attended by the Department staff from January to December 2019.

DoCC-NAB COORDINATION

CC/DRR Theme	Designated DoCC Officer	Meeting/Conference outcomes	Coordinating Agency/ Venue
Green Climate Fund (GCF)	Snr. Finance Officer	The Regional Climate Change Finance Meetings, Regional Media Training & FRDP Regional	USAID, ISACC Project & GIZ/DFAT Climate Finance Readiness for the Pacific (CFRP) Project/ FIJI.
Information and Knowledge Management (IKM) Technical Working Group meeting	Communication Officer and M&E Officer	Planning of activities for ICLIM project managed by Griffith University for Tonga, Fiji, Samoa, PNG and Vanuatu.	SPREP and SPC, Samoa
MRV	Snr. Mitigation Officer	Pacific Islands Regional MRV network 1st training and peer review workshop.	UNEP, Sydney.
NDC HUB	Snr. M&E Officer	Develop NAP Strategic	GIZ, Samoa
Blue Carbon	Snr. Mitigation Officer	Regional Workshop on Incorporating Blue Carbon into Nationally Determined Contributions - Integrating science with policy discourse to address climate change and achieve sustainable development in Asia Pacific Region	CIFOR, IUCN, Silver strum Climate Associates, Vietnam
Adaptation fund training	Snr. Adaptation Officer, CC-DRR	Hazard and Risk Assessment for Coastal Area Management by Using Remote Sensing Technology	JICA , Apia - Samoa
COP25 Meeting	Snr. Adaptation and Mitigation Officer, Snr Finance officer DoCC Director and NAB Strategic Manager	Vanuatu representative to G77 plus China, SIDs, LDCs and AOSIS	UNFCCC Secretariat, Bonn - Germany
UNFCCC Paris Agreement Response Measures Awareness Creation Workshop	Snr. Communication and Partnerships Officer	To maximize the positive and to minimize the negative impacts of implementation of response measures for Asia Pacific Region.	UNFCCC and ILO, Maldives
National GHG Inventory Management System	Snr. Mitigation Officer	For countries to be able to manage their own national Green House Gas Inventory Management System.	UNFCCC, Maldives
Media/Communications Climate Change Meetings	Snr. Communication and Partnerships Officer	For all media and communication personals to work together towards informing public on CC issues in future.	Regional NDC Hub/GIZ, Fiji
Regional National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Training	Snr. Adaptation Officer, VCAP Project Coordinator	Countries becoming familiar with the NAP processes.	SPREP, Solomon Islands
Green Climate Fund and National Adaptation Plan Training	Snr. Finance Officer, VCAP Project Coordinator	Countries are well versed with the requirements of accessing GCF and how to develop their own NAPs	UNFCCC/SPREP, Korea
Climate Change Negotiations Training for women leaders	Snr. Finance Officer	To support women leaders to gain skills and knowledge on negotiations.	Fiji
Climate Change and Statistics Meeting	Snr. Monitoring and Evaluation Officer	For M&E officers working on CC and Statistics personals to consider CC issues on M&E and Statistics plans.	UNFCCC, Indonesia
GIS STAR Remote Sensing meeting	Snr. Monitoring and Evaluation Officer	GIS regional meeting to be hosted by Vanuatu in 2020.	Fiji

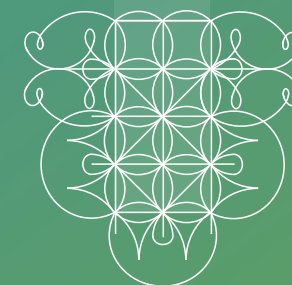




Photo: Tengua, Toress Islands affected by Climate Change
Source: Mark Boe

2019 BUDGET

The Total Budget for 2019 is VT 25,495,777 and the total expenses to date is VT 19,596,216. DoCC main expenses are its bills (Elec.), travelling expenses, purchase of office furniture and assets and other activities. DoCC has a surplus of payroll due to late recruitment of staffs. This surplus has been transferred to operations via Virement that was submitted on QTY 3 to complete 2019 work plan.

The below table shows the total budget and actuals for the year 2019.

Description	Budget	Actual	Variance
Payroll	15,905,457	12,238,363	3,667,094
Operations	25,495,777	19,516,296	5,979,481
Total Budget	41,401,234	31,754,659	9,646,575

With technical assistance DOCC managed to develop guidelines related to managing the handover assets from IRCCNH and VCAP project. Finance

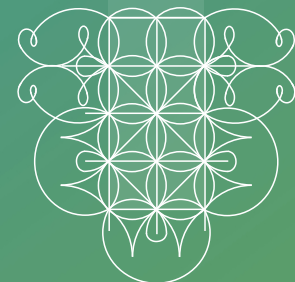
and Admin officer with the support of the new Procurement staffs will now registered all the handover resources to the DOCC. This includes chairs, computers, Laptops, Vehicles, stationaries and printing machines etc. Procurement and Financial Admin have been recruited and will continue to support the DOCC in 2020.

For Projects, the table below provides the lists of ongoing, implemented, managed or monitored by the DOCC team in 2019.

Note that total amount of donor funded projects is quite significant for a newly created Government institution to manage. Furthermore the roles of contracted staffs have been important to ensure that these projects continue to be implemented so as to support Vanuatu's development goals. In addition to these ongoing projects, DoE team were also heavily involved in developing policies and legislations to establish the necessary platforms for the sustainability of these existing projects, along with future pipeline projects.

LISTS OF PROJECTS MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Project	Donor	Amount VT	Type of Project	Status
Increasing Resilience to Climate Change and Natural Hazards Project (IRCCNH)	EU, GFDRR, GEF through the World Bank	1,082,029,642	Climate Change Resilience and Adaptation	Completed 2019
Vanuatu Coastal Adaptation Project (VCAP)	UNDP	803,000,000	Climate Change Adaptation	Completed 2019
REDD+ Project	FCPF (World Bank)	689,327,978	Climate Change Mitigation	Ongoing
Technical Needs Assessments (TNA) Project	GEF	14,629,963	Adaptation and Mitigation	Ongoing
iCLIM II Project	DFAT through SPREP and Griffith University		Information and Communications	Completed 2019



HIGHLIGHTS



Head of Government departments, UNDP and VCAP team, Site Coordinators and DOCC staffs during the closing lessons learned workshop in Port Vila. *



Minister Ham Lini and Acting DG Eslina Garaebiti Bule and MOCC Directors cutting the cake to mark the launching of the new logo and awareness materials for DOCC. *



Participants at the negotiations training workshop. Source: VCAN

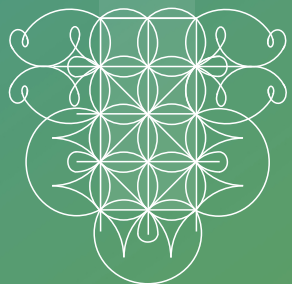


First workshop on setting up the foundation of the department. Meeting held at Irirki Island resort. *



The Senior Finance officer and the VCAP Manager at the GCF Meeting in Korea. *

* Source: DoCC





Vanuatu DoCC representative attended the First Regional Capacity Building Workshop in Thailand. Source: Unknown



The signing of an MOU between Oxfam and the Department of Climate Change. *



DOCC Director, Vanuatu-Fiji embassy High commissioner and the Minister of Foreign Affairs meeting the UNSG at the PIFS seminar in Suva. *



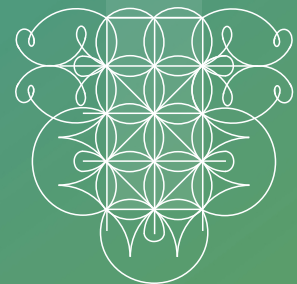
Vanuatu delegation at the Pacific GIS & Remote Sensing Conference (PGRSC) in Suva, FIJI. Vanuatu received the gift as the next host of the meeting in 2020. *



Mitigation Stakeholders establishing the TWG-Mitigation. *

* Source: DoCC

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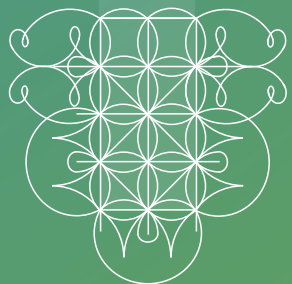


These are experiences and challenges faced by DOCC from planning to implementation:

- Institutional capacity verses stakeholders' expectations and service demands.
- The need to collate and stock take all required data information, resources and materials across climate change stakeholders to have a central location of CC baseline data.
- Budget constraints faced to implement all planned activities due to high demand of involvement from DOCC compared to available financial resources.
- Being new demands more support from networks amongst key stakeholders to help effect work the Climate Change Adaptation and mitigation initiatives.
- Clear understanding of roles and responsibilities between the NAB Secretariat, VMGD and DoCC – need more discussion to draw lines where human resource capacity can be address via staff job descriptions.
- The CCA & DRM stocktaking workshop is pending due to less feedback on the circulation of matrix electronically. Low feedback from stakeholders on the Department's stock take matrix.
- Delay in communicating response to the stakeholders at the national, regional and international arena given urgent matters arise.



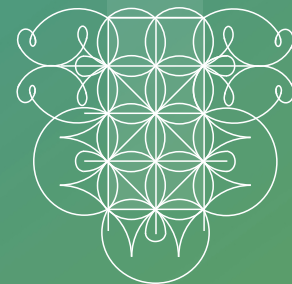
Photo: DoCC and MOCC leading the Climate Emergency strike.
Source: DoCC

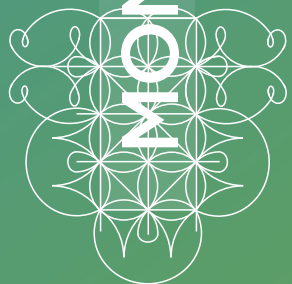




The below recommendations are derived based on the experiences and challenges faced by DOCC in its first year of operations through its activities as per this year's Business Plan:

- Department's current structure needs reviewing to meet current demand and work load.
- To collate and stock take of data information, resources and materials across stakeholders
- Appraisal of DoCC Staffs to be permanent
- Build more networks amongst key stakeholders to help effect work of Climate Change Adaptation and mitigation initiatives.
- Prior consultation and planning with relevant stakeholders regarding future plans so will be budgeted for given that there is high demand of DOCC involvement in other sectors' activities.
- Recommended to have Procurement and Contract officer to begin operations soon to facilitate on projects tenders and contracts.
- An incomplete stock of required information so the need for a face to face follow up with different stakeholders to complete the matrix then proceed with the workshop.
- Documentation of progress or updates of the DoCC with the Projects. This will help the projects to fill in gaps where DoCC can't address.
- Finance – recommendation for the Department to continue in improving its planning processes for Budget submission. The Department needs the budget for specific expenses to avoid major recurring unplanned expenditures.
- One of the best practices is to develop MOU's between stakeholders to allow data/information sharing.
- To strengthen institutional Capacity of staffs.





The Department of Climate Change sees the Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction (CCDRR) Policy, the DOCC Business Plan and the MOCC Corporate Plan as the guiding principles to its functions and role as the focal point for all climate change programs and activities in Vanuatu. All planning and implementation of the activities are guided by these policy and planning strategies. For monitoring and evaluation purposes, DoCC have just employed an M&E officer to assist on monitoring, evaluation and reporting of all climate change projects and activities coming into the country under the overall coordination of the National Advisory Board on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction (NAB)'s projects endorsement process managed by the NAB Secretariat. Each donor funded project has its M&E framework to monitor and report on progress. Emails and regular online updates play an active role for M&E purposes. There is no overarching M&E framework within DOCC as yet since there are several donors funded projects with their specific requirements therefore all M&E framework in place are project specific. All projects also have different reporting requirements.

A risk governance assessment was conducted previously by UNDP-PRRP programme. Some of the recommendations are now being implemented by DOCC and relevant sectors. An evaluation was conducted by IRCCNH in assessing NABs involvement. All recommendations are now being implemented by DOCC and the NAB Secretariat.



Photo: A coastal area in Vanuatu
Source: Unknown



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