

MINISTRY OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Vanuatu's Ministry of Climate Change Adaptation, Meteorology and Geo-Hazards, Energy, Environment and National Disaster Management was established in 2014 for the purpose of strategically aligning Departments responsible for the response to natural disasters and sustainable development of the environment.

Inaugural Climate Mobility Forum in Germany



Hon. Ralph Regenvanu Speaking at the Inaugural Climate Mobility Forum in Germany

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Minister Attends Inaugural Climate Mobility Forum

Loss & Damage Policy Officer Engages in Fellowship Program for Climate Mobility



Vanuatu's representation at the high-level Inaugural Climate Mobility Forum in June 2025 at Berlin in Germany was through the Hon. Minister of Climate Change, Ralph Regenvanu.

While the Hon. Minister participated in a two-day Forum on Climate Mobility, a staff from the Ministry of Climate Change, Mr Brian Maltera, who is also the Loss and Damage Policy Officer under New Zealand's MFAT Loss and Damage Project, participated in the Fellowship Program for Climate Mobility.

Minister Regenvanu was part of the high-level panel at this Forum that focused

on accelerating action to address the complex legal, financial, and governance challenges of sea-level rise, which continued the momentum from the UN Ocean Conference in Nice, France.

This inaugural Forum formed a platform where a common agenda was shaped to enable positive adaptation journeys—grounded in community leadership, climate justice, and rights-based mobility pathways.

From the urgency of protecting the right to stay, to forging coalitions across regions, the Forum emphasized that mobility can become a source of resilience

when it is planned, supported, and financed effectively.

Meanwhile, the Global Centre for Climate Mobility's (GCCM) Climate Mobility Academy, is a space that allowed participants under the Fellowship program, like Mr Maltera, to explore real-world challenges like planned relocation, legal protection, digital documentation, innovative financing, and urban resilience. These topics were analyzed through a comparative and practical lens, among peers from across Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa, and the Pacific.

Foreword From The Director General



Welcome to the 11th edition of the Ministry of Climate Change's Newsletter.

I wish to highlight here that much work has been done this year to address the issue of Loss & Damage and Vanuatu's involvement in Climate Mobility discussions.

In May this year the first-ever National

Loss and Damage Policy Lab took place in Port Vila.

Eventually in July 2025 the Government of Vanuatu, through the Minister of Climate Change, Honourable Ralph Regenvanu, officially launched its National Loss & Damage Policy and Implementation Plan.

Vanuatu is currently one of only four countries worldwide to adopt a standalone national framework addressing the impacts of climate change.

I commend the team, under the lead of the Global Green Growth Institute, that worked to ensure the L&D Policy and Implementation Plan is achieved.

This initiative reflects Vanuatu's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), which has in it 12 Loss & Damage

commitments, based on the ambitions, policies and workplans of Vanuatu's sector agencies.

I am pleased that Vanuatu's NDC 3.0 has been advanced in August this year for presentation to the National Advisory Board for Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction for endorsement and has since been endorsed. This will further re-enforce policy frameworks in the area of Loss & Damage.

On this note, I wish to acknowledge our local, regional and international partners that have assisted this Ministry to implement policies that address national needs in the area of climate change and disaster risk reduction.

David Gibson

Director General

Ministry of Climate Change

Staff Profile



NAME:

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CURRENT POSITION:

National Advisory Board (NAB) Secretariat's Information Management System Officer (IMS)

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FORMER EMPLOYMENT ROLES:

Worked as an Information Communication Technology (ICT) Technician/Officer at the Incite Technology and also worked as a IT support Officer at the Oceania Data Centre (ODC)

WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE:

I am responsible for facilitating the development of information management system and communication roles for climate

change and disaster risk reduction (CCDRR), as well as administer, review, upgrade and maintain the NAB Portal (www.nab.vu) as an effective CCDRR information sharing, information management and coordination tool. I also provide support to my team with IT issues and advice needed daily.

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT:

Being an Information Management System Officer is not just a job; it is a calling. As a woman/female in this field, you are paving the way for others by showing that technology and leadership have no gender. Every challenge you face makes you stronger, every solution you create brings progress, and every barrier you overcome opens doors for other women to step through. Stand proud in your role — you are an innovator, a leader, and an inspiration.

MoCC Staff Participate As Judges in School's Public Speaking Event

The Ministry of Climate Change, Department of Environmental Protection, and National Disaster Management Office in April 2025, supported the Central School in Port Vila during its public speaking event, as members of the panel of judges, for the public speaking event.

All participating students were all finalists from their classes that gave public speeches and poems in front of their peers, parents and judges.

Topics in the public speaking event by students ranged from climate change, pollution and environmental

protection, early warning and disaster preparedness.

With the good information and presentations made through speeches and poems by students, the Ministry of Climate Change encouraged them to consider fields for study in climate change, environmental science, disaster management, meteorology and renewable energy, when they enter junior and senior secondary cycle of education when they begin to make choices for their career paths. All finalists received awards with the best given an award that was sponsored by the Ministry of Climate Change.





Ms. Elizabeth Tari (above) observing the Meteorology team in their discussions. Mr David Thomas (below right) with Geo-Hazard, Energy and Climate Change teams along with MoCC Senior Compliance Officer, Mr Tom Maimai (left)



Review of Legislations

A review of legislations administered under all departments with the Ministry of Climate Change (MoCC) and the activity of developing new legislations took place in June 2025 at the Ministry's compound, facilitated by Mr David Thomas and Ms. Elizabeth Tari from the Office of the Attorney General and the Senior Compliance Officer of MoCC, Mr Tom Maimai.

This activity is part of the 2025 Legislative Work Plan that reflects the Ministry's commitment to updating, redefining and expanding its legal framework to address emerging climate and environmental challenges.

The proposed new legislations are expected to address critical policy gaps and enhance the Ministry's regulatory

capabilities.

One such outcome from this review will see the separation of the Meteorology (monitoring of weather, climate etc..) and Geological Hazards (monitoring of earthquakes, tsunamis etc..), of which the administrative processes have already started.

Ol Eria Administreta i patisipet long NAB Miting

Long manis April 2025 I bin kat bigfala miting o Retreat blong ol bod memba blong Nasonal Advasori Bod (NAB) blong Climate Change mo Disaster Risk Reduction we I lukim samfala Eria Administreta we oli wok long ol provinces anda long Department blong Local Authority, oli patisipet long session blong "NAB Project Endorsement Process overview" we Ms. Julia Marango I presentem wetem "Climate Finance Road Map awareness" we Mr. Corey Huber I presentem.

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Ol Eria Administreta oli bin tekem

part tu long ol diskasen long session blong Retreat or miting ia.

I bin kat presentesen blong "Green Climate Fund (GCF) Country Programme Awareness" we NAB Secretariat Manager, Florence Iautu I presentem, we ikat tu input blong alternate ofisa blong Dipatment blong Finance.

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Secretariat o ofis blong NAB I stap anda long Ministry blong Climate Change.



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SANMA Establishes PDCCC in Line With DRM Act



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Part 5 of Disaster Risk Management Act caters for the

Establishment of Provincial Disaster and Climate Change Committees and Municipal Disaster and Climate Change Committees...”

In line with Part 5 of the Vanuatu Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Act No. 23 of 2019, SANMA Province’s Provincial Disaster Climate Change Committee (PDCCC) was established on Friday (May 24, 2025) to ensure effective disaster risk management (DRM) and climate change adaptation at the provincial level.

The purpose of the PDCCC is to create a coordinated, multi-stakeholder approach that can respond effectively to the challenges posed by natural disasters and climate change, ensuring that vulnerable communities are better prepared, resilient, and able to adapt to the impacts of climate hazards.

The establishment of these committees across Vanuatu’s provinces is integral to

the national framework that guides disaster response, risk reduction, and climate change mitigation efforts.

The PDCCC is tasked with enhancing local disaster management strategies, coordinating resources, and providing leadership in the development of programs to build community resilience to the threats posed by climate change and natural disasters.

Additionally, under the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Act of 2023, the PDCCC will have access to emergency funding provisions designed to facilitate

rapid response during disaster events.

This provision enables the committee to quickly mobilize resources in the face of emergencies, ensuring that critical actions can be taken immediately to mitigate impacts and protect communities in Sanma Province.

Access to these emergency funds is crucial for enabling a timely and effective response, especially in the initial stages following a disaster, and will help the province manage urgent needs as part of its disaster risk management framework.

Environment Week — SANMA Province



Acting Minister of Climate Change, Hon. Andrew Napuat planting tree in Luganville, Santo, as part of the Environment Week

The Environment Week, organized by the Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation (DEPC) took place on Santo starting in June 2, which ended with the commemoration of World Environment Day that took place in Luganville on the island of Santo on Friday June 6.

DEPC and its stakeholders such as the Department of Forests and projects such as the Vanuatu Coastal Adaptation Project (VCAP2), went out to different Area Councils in areas that included Big Bay and West Coast to carry out awareness to communities and schools on the importance of protecting natural resources.

Director of the Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation, Ms. Grace Naparau, says the feedback from the communities were positive with a lot of interest shown in

information that communities received and feedback were also received from the communities.

While this year's global theme calls on everyone to "Beat Plastic Pollution", in Vanuatu the World Environment Day was commemorated with the local theme, "Paoa blong mi hemi Envaeromen blong mi – Tugeta yumi protektem."

The Acting Minister of Climate Change, Hon. Andrew Napuat, was present on Santo to commemorate World Environment Day with the people of Santo in the presence of the Luganville Town Clerk and the Secretary General of SANMA Provincial Government.

Minister Napuat said in the spirit of the local theme of protecting the environment, it is a reflection that it is everyone's job to look after the environment.

"If we pick up rubbish along the coast and in the sea, stop the use of (single use) plastic, plant more trees and teach our children to look after the environment, every action will count."

The Minister says this is an important message, especially at this time when the island of Santo will be Vanuatu's economic hub as planned by the Government of Vanuatu.

Director General, Mr. David Gibson said the Ministry of Climate Change, under the DEPC is focused on long-term strategies—such as expanding protected areas, finalising phase two of the national plastic ban, enhancing waste infrastructure, and embedding environmental safeguards in major development projects.

This will be undertaken through strengthening data systems, compliance monitoring, and environmental education at all levels.

'Environment Week' Photos—SANMA



Recognition for conservation efforts by Acting Minister MoCC



Recognition for conservation efforts by DG MoCC



Using local resources for a sustainable environment



MoCC Corporate Services Unit booth



Ensuring the protection of wildlife species



Environment Department booth



Left: Planting of trees in Luganville.



Right: Agriculture booth

Disaster losses go **deeper** than the surface.
Indirect losses can have far-reaching effects that persist long after the disaster is over.

