



Project Document

United Nations Development Programme
Country: Vanuatu

Project Title: Vanuatu Trade Integration and Capacity Building

UNDAF Outcome(s): Equitable Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction

Expected CP Outcome(s): Poverty Reduction and Millenium Development Goals

Expected Output(s): 1.2 Trade mechanisms, private sector partnerships and employment generation are sustainable, pro poor and equitable)

Implementing Partner: Vanuatu Trade and Development Unit, Department of Trade.

Responsible Parties: Dept of Trade, Customs and Revenue Department, Cooperatives Department

Brief Description

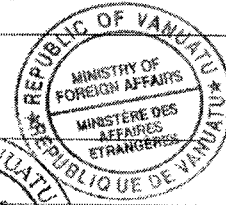
The aim of the Integrated Framework project is, foremost, to assist Vanuatu to enhance its trade institutional capacity and policy framework to ensure long-term sustainability of trade policy implementation and capacity development efforts. It helps anchor the process of trade reforms in society, enables the development of alliances among a wide range of actors, and fosters an environment for the constant upgrading of capacities (learning by doing). In the event that lobbying by vested interests or economic downturns risk changing the course of trade reforms, strong leadership can act as a rudder that will keep Vanuatu by mobilizing public opinion and pressuring elected officials.

National ownership also reduces the influence that trading partners may exercise on a country's policies via technical assistance programmes. National ownership of trade policies will be most successful when the required capacities for trade policy formulation and implementation are well in place. Some of the required capacities are directly linked to international trade such as enhancing negotiating skills for regional and multilateral trade agreements and the implementation of WTO agreements, these Vanuatu have prioritised. Others are related to broader frameworks that have a direct impact on trade performance such as governance and sound macroeconomic policies. Support to legal/regulatory frameworks and bolstering "horizontal" capacities through IT enhancements, training and advocacy to enhance trade facilitation. The following priorities of the DTIS matrix are intended to be achieved through this project: Trade institutional strengthening and policy mainstreaming; Microfinance and Entrepreneurship development and Customs legislative reform.

Programme Period:	2008 – 2010
Key Result Area (Strategic Plan):	Equitable Growth and Inclusive Globalisation
Atlas Award ID:	00048838
Start date:	1 March 2008
End Date:	31 Dec 2010
PAC Meeting Date:	14 Feb 2008
Management Arrangements:	NEX

2008-2010 AWP budget:	\$1,000,000
Total resources required:	\$1,000,000
Total allocated resources:	\$1,000,000
• Regular:	\$50,000
• Other:	
◦ IFTrust Funds:	\$950,000
◦ Donor:	
◦ Donor:	
◦ Government:	
Unfunded budget:	
In-kind Contributions:	

Agreed by Government of Vanuatu, Foreign Affairs:



Agreed by Government of Vanuatu, Dept of Trade

Agreed by UNDP:

