



## Vanuatu – Coastal Adaptation Project (V-CAP)

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Time:** 2:15 pm – 5 :00pm afternoon

**Venue:** VMDG Conference Room

### Meeting Minutes.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome and confirmation of Agenda – **Chair**
3. Purpose of LPAC (Local Project Appraisal Committee) Meeting – **(Wini)**  
Thanks everyone for being at the meeting and the collaboration thus far with the VCAP work
  - a. After extensive work in consultation by the consultants, the output is the Project Document.
  - b. Internal processes include Programme Appraisal Committee (PAC) held internally at UNDP to look at the Project Document in detail especially the outputs, budget, implementation arrangements and monitoring & evaluation
  - c. LPAC – Local PAC is done in-country with government stakeholders.
4. Overview of current Support to Climate Change Program in Vanuatu– **(Malcolm)**  
There are a number of initiatives & programmes particularly on CC & some related to DRM being implemented. From NAB perspective, the projects \_\_\_\_\_ directly under oversight and in terms of significant funding include:
  - a. Increasing resilience to CC, Natural Hazard work with Agricultures, Water Resilience with NDMO & Local Authority
  - b. PRRP – working with different agencies and Live & learn implementing at community level
  - c. Building resilience community- UNICEF & UNDP
  - d. Climate Resilience work with Public Works
  - e. Fisheries with IRD
  - f. SPC-GIZ project
5. UNDP's Experience in Climate Change Programme Support in the region - **(Wini)**
  - a. UNDP Fiji MCO looks after 9 PICs with Vanuatu is one of the 4 LDCF countries and is one of the most vulnerable countries in the world
  - b. Work includes those initiatives under biodiversity conservation, land degradation, Energy, Climate Change (Mitigation & Adaptation) with projects & programmes such as National Communication, GEF STAR (Systematic Transparent Allocation of Resources), etc.



- c. Implementing Agencies apart from UNDP, UNEP, FAO, etc now include Conservation International, IUCN & WWF

6. Discussion on 4 Components of the Project (**Matthew/Bernard**)

- a. Bernard thanked everyone for their co-operation and collaboration thus far with the project, especially in the last few weeks such as Fisheries, Env, Public Works, NDMO, etc.
- b. Financing of the PPG stage was through UNDP's PPGrant from GEF, USAid, through Adapt Asia also provided valuable technical support. Co-financing was also acknowledged – Public Works, Env, UNDP/PRRP, DFAT, VTSSP, JICA, VANGO & DLA support
- c. He added that the hard copies were being circulated and that soft copies were available for those interested
- d. The overall objective of the project is to improve the resilience of the Coastal Zone in Vanuatu to the impacts of CC
- e. The project is for 5 years as proposed by NAB in order to be able to carry out adaptive management
- f. The baseline in the Project Document outlines what work is currently being carried out and what the project will do in relation to what has already been done, focusing on areas including sustainable livelihoods, food production and improving the quality of life
- g. The four components of the project are:
  - I. Integrated Community Approaches to CC Adaptation
    - o Governance
    - o Ridge to Reef – Upland and marine
    - o Public conveyance infrastructure
  - II. Information and early warning systems on coastal hazards
  - III. Climate Change Governance
  - IV. Knowledge management
- h. The total budget is abt \$8million with the majority (abt \$6million) allocated for Component 1.
- i. Matthew presented some photographic illustrations capturing some details of sites' priorities: Unsustainable harvest of coconut crabs, food security, water accessibility, water security, droughts, broken bridges & dangerous pedestrian crossings during flooding (esp for the school children, the elderly & the sick seeking health services), pests & invasive species, serious erosion problems (landslides), etc
- j. The site selection criteria included trying to get a site for each of the province
- k. Number of people benefitting from the project varies whether directly or indirectly. For instance, number of people directly benefitting was less with Torres due to the low population. However, SE Malekula & Pentecost have a higher population so more will benefit. The repair of a road or bridge will benefit a lot of users both directly & indirectly.
- l. The implementation arrangement diagram was discussed in detail.
- m. Some timelines for the project:
  - i. Inception workshop for PPG consultation :Aug 2013



- ii. Field mission: Oct – Nov, 2013
- iii. First Draft available: Nov 2013
- iv. Review: March to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2014

7. Role of PMU in the Project) – **(Malcolm - PMU)**

- a. PMU now mainly providing oversight roles for World bank projects, but there are possibilities to look after other projects
- b. PMU key roles are Finance, Procurement and Monitoring & evaluation
- c. Discussions and decisions are needed in order to separate Secretariate role from PMU

8. Some NAB's Role in this project – **(Chairman of NAB)**

- a. To see that project falls in line with govt policy & implementing priority action agenda
- b. Co-ordinating closely with other implementing agencies

9. Comments & discussions :

- a. Community officers will be based with Area Councils to easily provide support to the communities. VTSSP is also developing a cadre of community liaison officers working with provincial administration. NDMO is now working on establishing Community Disaster & CC committee while Red Cross is working on a similar initiative at Torres. These structures can strengthen existing structures at community level
- b. Link with Provincial level – community officers will also report to provincial level
- c. There is flexibility present in the:
  - i. projects as long as it fits within the framework of the projects (Outcomes)
  - ii. budgeting eg. for oversight costs by Public Works
  - iii. number of projected protected areas
- d. From UNDP point of view:
  - i. The VCAP project management team members hold govt contracts. UNDP requested for the opportunity to also participate in giving feedback for team members in order to highlight achievements & raise concerns
  - ii. Multi year work plans will help facilitate enhanced delivery
  - iii. If the same project Board could be used for all different projects
  - iv. In response to request for training: Inception workshop training & 6 monthly training sessions will take place for VCAP team
- e. Query on the number of Protected Areas – target may be too high but this will be realistically ascertained during Inception w/shop and implementation
- f. Public works should be included in the Project Board
- g. In the document AusAid is stated - now it is DFAT

10. The project was given endorsement & approval.



11. Closing Remarks by Chair – on behalf of NAB, Ministry of Climate Change & Vanuatu Govt thanks is given to UNDP as the development partner for developing the document & everyone for their contribution. Best wishes were expressed for implementation.

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Chair – LPAC

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Date: .....  
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Secretary to Meeting: *Wini Nainoca* (TL Environment, UNDP MCO)  
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