



***National Workshop on
Resource Mobilization for Sustainable Development in Vanuatu***

and

***Regional Workshop on
Resource Mobilization for Sustainable Development in the Asia-
Pacific SIDS***

Co-organized by:
the Government of Vanuatu and
the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

26-27 November 2018
Holiday Inn Resort Vanuatu
Port Vila, Vanuatu

PROGRAMME

Day 1	26 November 2018
09:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:30	Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks by Sanlan William, Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the Director General and Head of UN Division, Department of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and External Trade, Vanuatu • Introductory remarks by Madelene Eichhorn, UN Coordination and Management Specialist, UN Resident Coordinator's Office in Fiji • Introductory remarks by Oliver Paddison, Chief, Countries with Special Needs Section, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division (MPFD), ESCAP
10:30 – 10:45	Group photo and coffee break

10:45 – 12:00	<p>Session 1: The macroeconomic context and the role of the financial sector in Vanuatu</p> <p>The session will provide participants with an overview of the recent economic performance of Vanuatu. The presentation will also summarize fiscal performance in Vanuatu (e.g. fiscal balance, composition of revenue, tax collection, public debt indicators etc.) and will examine the financial sector of Vanuatu, highlighting the stage of development of capital and money markets, including mobile and internet banking and MSME financing.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Dreli Solomon, Senior Desk Officer, Department of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Internal Cooperation and External Trade, Vanuatu</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brenen Garae, Assistant Governor, Reserve Bank of Vanuatu • Letlet August, Director General, Ministry of Finance and Economic Management, Vanuatu <p><i>Discussant:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astrid Boulekone, General Manager, Vanuatu Chamber of Commerce and Industry <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 14:15	<p>Session 2: An overview of resource mobilization trends, challenges and opportunities in SIDS</p> <p>The session will provide participants with an overview of the current resource mobilization situation of the Asia-Pacific SIDS and summarize key issues, challenges and opportunities. The session will also review the current development cooperation situation of SIDS (e.g. official development assistance, south-south cooperation, climate finance, etc.) and identify key areas of cooperation and policy options for the regional and international community to consider for enhancing resource mobilization for SIDS.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Tientip Subhanij, Chief, Financing for Development Section, ESCAP</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Abraham Robertson, Consultant</p> <p><i>Speakers/discussants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willie Luen, Head of Aid Coordination and Negotiation Unit, Office of the Prime Minister, Vanuatu • James Webb, Consultant <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
14:15 – 15:30	<p>Session 3: The role of the private sector in resource mobilization and SME financing</p> <p>The session will discuss of the role of the private sector in mobilizing private savings to expand its productive investments for sustainable development in SIDS. The session will identify key areas of focus and discuss obstacles to mobilize private capital and to</p>

	<p>facilitate financial sector development and financial services for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in SIDS.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Oliver Paddison, Chief, Countries with Special Needs Section, ESCAP</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Neelesh Gounder, Senior Lecturer, School of Economics, The University of the South Pacific, Fiji</p> <p><i>Speakers/discussants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astrid Boulekone, General Manager, Vanuatu Chamber of Commerce and Industry • Geoff Toone, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, National Bank of Vanuatu • Matthew Johnson-Idan, Development Economist, UNDP, Fiji <p><i>Discussant:</i></p>
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 – 17:00	<p>Session 4: PPP and infrastructure financing in Asia-Pacific: status and modalities</p> <p>The session will discuss the importance of infrastructure financing in Asia and the Pacific. The presentation will provide an overview of different modalities of infrastructure financing, with a focus on public-private partnerships (PPPs), and discuss the benefits, challenges and concerns associated with private sector investment for infrastructure development.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Susanna Wolf, Senior Programme Management Officer, UN-OHRLLS</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Tientip Subhanij, Chief, Financing for Development Section, MPFD, ESCAP</p> <p><i>Speakers/discussants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynn Sidi, Under Secretary, Ministry of Development Planning and Aid Coordination Solomon Islands • Parmod Achary, General Manager, Vanuatu National Provident Fund <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>

Day 2	27 November 2018
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Session 5: Fintech and remittance services: the path to financial inclusion and sustainable development</p> <p>The session will assess the role of remittances in SIDs, the potential of financial technologies in reducing transaction costs of remittances and providing access to financial services. The session will identify challenges and opportunities based on SIDs experiences including policy strategies for enhancing financial inclusion through Fintech.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Cynthia A. Moli, Senior Economist, Reserve Bank of Vanuatu</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Tientip Subhanij, Chief, Financing for Development Section, ESCAP</p> <p><i>Speakers/discussants:</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silati Tofuola Timo, Senior Aid Adviser, Planning, Budget and Aid Coordination Department, Ministry of Finance & Economic Development, Tuvalu • Neelesh Gounder, Senior Lecturer, School of Economics, The University of the South Pacific, Fiji <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 12:00	<p>Session 6: Access to finance for climate change and disaster risk reduction</p> <p>The session will provide participants with an overview of sources of finance for climate change mitigation and adaptation and disaster risk reduction, including new and innovative instruments provided by new initiatives of international financial institutions (IFSs), such as climate risk insurance, catastrophe bonds and debt swaps. The presentation will highlight the challenges that SIDS are facing in mobilizing additional resources for climate change and disaster risk reduction due to limited capacity and difficulty in developing and implementing suitable projects.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Samuel Soares, Desk Officer, Human Rights, g7+, LDCs and SIDS, Directorate for the United Nations Organisations, Directorate General for Multilateral & Regional Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Timor-Leste</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Margherita Musollino, Programme Management Officer, UN-OHRLS</p> <p><i>Speakers/discussants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Novena Itsimaera, Infrastructure Sector Planner, Planning and Aid Division, Finance Department, Ministry of Finance, Nauru • Matthew Tasale, Department of Energy, Ministry of Climate Change, Vanuatu • Sanjesh Naidu, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCAP Pacific Office, Fiji <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 14:15	<p>Session 7: Structural transformation and poverty reduction in Asia-Pacific</p> <p>The session will assess the trajectory of structural transformation and its role in eradicating income poverty in the Asia-Pacific LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS as they often face formidable challenges to structural transformation due to low levels of human capital and productive capacities. It will also discuss whether the traditional approach of transformation (i.e., a manufacturing-led approach) is still a valid pathway given the increasing pace of technological advancement, as well as the broader objectives of social inclusiveness and environmental sustainability in the era of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Oliver Paddison, Chief, Countries with Special Needs Section, ESCAP</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Yusuke Tateno, Economic Affairs Officer, Countries with Special Needs Section, ESCAP</p>

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14:15 – 15:30	<p>Session 8: Interactive breakout session on topics raised during the workshop</p> <p>This breakout session will discuss topics raised during the workshop, identify additional relevant issues for SIDS and discuss policy options in small group tables. It will also explore possible international policy options that ESCAP, OHRLS and UNDP could bring to the attention of the international community. Each discussion group will nominate a rapporteur will report to the plenary in Session 9 to summarize their discussion and present their proposals for action.</p> <p><i>Facilitators: ESCAP and Vanuatu</i></p>
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 – 17:00	<p>Session 9: Plenary presentations</p> <p>In this session, one representative from each discussion group on Session 8 will be requested to present a 5-10 minutes summary of their discussion.</p> <p><i>Facilitators: ESCAP and Vanuatu</i></p> <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
17:00 – 17:30	<p>Closing session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing remarks by Sanlan William Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the Director General and Head of UN Division, Department of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and External Trade • Closing remarks by Tientip Subhanij, Chief, Financing for Development Section, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division, ESCAP