



Vanuatu UNFCCC COP21 Delegation Training

13, 14 & 16 October
Ministry of Climate Change Conference Room

Vanuatu has reformed its UNFCCC engagement approach since 2012, greatly expanding the caliber and capacity of its delegation to annual Conferences of the Parties, as well as opening the negotiation process to a wide group of stakeholders from Government and non-Government organizations.

COP21, to be held in Paris from November 30th to December 11th will be a crucial conference, as it must achieve a new international agreement on the climate, applicable to all countries, with the aim of limiting global warming.

Vanuatu has a special role in this COP21 negotiation as it seeks to raise ambition on greenhouse gas mitigation, specifically to limit warming to 1.5C. Vanuatu also aims to ensure strong provisions and requirements around Loss and Damage are met, particularly as it proceeds down a long road of recovery and reconstruction after the devastation caused by severe tropical cyclone Pam in early 2015.

Training Objectives

An outstanding delegation has been assembled to forward Vanuatu's national interests at COP21. This three-day training has the following objectives:

- 1) Develop and refine Vanuatu's core negotiating positions for further domestic consultation
- 2) Review key COP processes and identify entry points for Vanuatu in the lead up to COP21
- 3) Better understand the current negotiation context, and identify negotiation partners and strategic alliances
- 4) Expand delegate negotiation and textual comprehension skills through practical and hands-on experience

- 5) Enhance an understanding of the role of media and public engagement in the COP21 process before, during and after COP21
- 5) Further elaborate and plan for additional COP21 preparatory activities within Vanuatu, including the discussion and design of a major public event to draw attention to Vanuatu's climate plight.

Training Outputs

- Draft Vanuatu Negotiating Position Statement
- Signed delegate TORs
- Finalized COP21 preparation plan, including public and partner engagement
- Press Release for domestic/international media highlighting Vanuatu's increased capacity

Participants

It is expected that there will be a total of 25 participants in the training including 20 delegate participants, 3 administrative staff and 2 NAB Secretariat staff. Most delegate participants will be senior civil servants or officers of civil society organizations, who have had previous COP experience. Thus the level of training should be quite high, delving into substantial technical detail.

Expert Facilitators

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TRAINING AGENDA

Date	Time	Topic	Description	Facilitator
13 October 2015	9:00am	Training Introduction	- Welcome by DG - Participant Introduction - Review of COP21 goals and timeline - Review of Training Objectives - Group Photograph	Jesse Benjamin
	10:30am	Morning Tea		
	11:00am	UNFCCC and Vanuatu	- background to convention, aims - bodies and how they work (with support from past delegates) - Vanuatu's historical engagement in UNFCCC - Vanuatu's obligations FNC, SNC, INDC, NAP, NAPA - current entry points for Vanuatu	Diane McFadzien, Espen Ronneberg, Brian Phillips
	12:30	Lunch		
	1:30	COP21 The issues	- Review of major issues of negotiation for upcoming COP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss and damage • Adaptation • Finance • Mitigation • Gender • Agriculture • Traditional Knowledge - Review of key documents with current positions from Vanuatu, region, negotiating blocks - Mapping of divergent positions and Vanuatu's potential role	Scott Hook, Exsley Taloiburi, Dean Solofa Diane McFadzien Espen Ronneberg
	3:30	Afternoon Tea		
	3:45	Group Work	- Ranking and discussing Vanuatu's priorities for upcoming COP21	
	4:15	Position Identification	- plenary review of the priorities and refinement of list	

			<p>of top negotiation areas for Vanuatu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - initial assignment of delegate topical areas of responsibility - Homework: pre-prepared readings/questions on key topics 	
	5:30	Closing		
14 October 2015	9:00am	Group Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - small group discussions on key negotiation areas, development of 1st draft positions for each topical area (to be typed by minute takers and circulated next day for discussion) 	
	10:30	Morning Tea		
	10:45	Roles of Delegates at COP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - typical daily COP schedule - maximizing the effectiveness of the delegation as a whole - identifying Vanuatu delegate strengths and capacities (in addition to topical focus) - review TORs for delegates including individual roles 	Diane McFadzien, Espen Ronneberg,
	12:30	Lunch		
	1:30	Into the Text	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding Reading, writing decision text - a hands on activity for understanding textual language, document conventions and finding and using UNFCCC documents while at COP21 	Espen Ronneberg
	2:30	A Mock Negotiation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Practical exercise simulating a negotiation room around loss and damage text - concrete scenarios, contrary arguments and solidifying points of view - include bilaterals, plenary interventions and textual amendments 	Diane McFadzien, Espen Ronneberg
	3:30	Afternoon Tea		
	3:45	Mock Negotiation continues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - continue exercise - use allies and negotiating blocks to Vanuatu advantage 	Diane McFadzien,

				Espen Ronneberg
	5:00	Closing		
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16 October	9:00	Debrief on Mock Negotiation	- delegates reflect on the processes experiences, challenges, solutions and strategies for real negotiation	
	10:30	Morning Tea		
	10:45	Negotiating Positions	Plenary review of 1 st Draft Negotiating Positions for Vanuatu	
	11:30	Engaging the Public	- delegates review and revise UNFCCC Taskforce workplan on public engagement - roles and opportunities for engaging the domestic and international media (major publicity stunt brainstorming)	
	12:30	Lunch		
	1:30	Next preparation steps	- logistical arrangements (hotels, flights, venue, transport, accreditation) - financing for delegates - additional capacity development requirements and schedule - steps for consultation and finalization of on Vanuatu positions - briefings with Parliament and leaders - engagement with partners, negotiating blocks etc	Jesse Benjamin
	4:30	Closing Function	- Signing of Delegate TORs - Closing remarks - Press conference - Cocktails and social event	DG Napat