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Cutting the Paper Trail: How iPads Are Redefining Meetings

The transition to paperless meetings for COM and DCO meetings marks an important step toward modernizing workplace practices and improving efficiency. By using iPads only, meeting participants can easily access agendas, reports, presentations, and supporting documents in one convenient digital platform. This eliminates the need for printing large volumes of paper for every meeting.

Moving to digital meetings delivers significant cost savings by reducing expenses on paper, ink, printing equipment, and document distribution. Over time, these savings can be substantial while also lowering the administrative workload involved in preparing meeting packs.

Using iPads also improves productivity during meetings. Participants can quickly search documents, make notes electronically, share updates instantly, and access the latest versions of files without delays. This ensures meetings are more organized, streamlined, and effective.

In addition, going paperless supports environmental sustainability by reducing paper consumption and waste. Over 5,000 papers have been saved during this transition. The adoption of iPads for COM and DCO meetings demonstrates a commitment to innovation, smarter resource management, and greener operations. Acknowledgement to team Right to information unit (RTI) and Council of Ministers secretariat for pushing forward with this initiative.



FIRST MICRO ECONOMIC HUB LAUNCHED IN NORTH EFATE

Prime Minister Hon. Jotham Napat was in North Efate yesterday to witness the launch of the first ever Micro Economic Hub at the Emua Area Council, designed to provide space for learning, innovation and enterprise.

The initiative is a forward-looking partnership between the Government, through the Department of Communication and Digital Transformation, and Welchman Keen, a private international entity, with partners including <http://CEO.com>, Samsung New Zealand, Setsafe NZ and Digicel Vanuatu. It demonstrates what is possible when public leadership, private innovation and community ownership work together.



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Language Services Department partnership with US Embassy Vanuatu



The U.S. Embassy welcomed Jasmine and Kyle, two Fulbright English Teaching Assistants who will spend the next month in Vanuatu working with partners at the Université Nationale de Vanuatu and the Dipatmen blong Lanwis Sevis of the Prime Minister's Office.

During their time here, they have supported English-language learning and professional exchange through activities designed to strengthen communication skills, build confidence, and create new opportunities for collaboration. English-language cooperation can help expand access to education, strengthen professional development, and support stronger connections across sectors, including government, media, tourism, and regional engagement.

The Language Services Department (LSD) has extended its sincere appreciation to the two Fulbright English Teaching Assistants (ETAs), Mr. Kyle and Ms. Jasmine, for successfully facilitating the recent English refresher training, which focused on strengthening text comprehension skills.

National ICT Development Committee meeting



The first meeting of the National ICT Development Committee commenced on the 30th of April, 2026 at Iririki Island resort. The committee met at a time of transformation - guided by the recent enactment of the Digital Transformation Act No. 42 of 2025, a landmark legislative achievement that establishes a more structured, coordinated, and forward-looking governance framework for this country's digital development agenda.

Several critical priorities were considered for 2026 which required the committee's focused engagement. It includes:

1. Digital Infrastructure Expansion
2. Digital Government Services
3. Cybersecurity and Data Protection
4. Digital Skills and Inclusion
5. Innovation and Private Sector Growth

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DSPPAC – AID Coordination Unit Technical Development Cooperation Partnership Meeting



The Department of Strategic Policy, Planning and Aid Coordination (DSPPAC), through its Aid Coordination Unit, plays a central role in managing and aligning development assistance with Vanuatu’s national priorities. Operating under the Prime Minister’s Office, DSPPAC provides strategic leadership in policy coordination, planning, and aid management across government and development partners..

The Technical Development Cooperation Partnership Meeting is a key platform facilitated by DSPPAC to strengthen coordination between the Government of Vanuatu and its development partners. These meetings are typically held on a quarterly basis and bring together technical-level representatives from government agencies, bilateral and multilateral partners, and other stakeholders.

The main purpose of the meeting is to:

- Share updates on government policies, priorities, and upcoming initiatives
- Provide guidance on development processes and engagement protocols
- Discuss implementation progress of ongoing projects
- Strengthen partnerships and collaboration across sectors

As highlighted during past meetings, these forums serve as an opportunity for government to inform partners on “process, policies, and events that have a direct impact on how we engage with them.”