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Launch of Healthcare Vanuatu Limited

Healthcare Vanuatu Limited was officially launched in a ceremony officiated by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Johny Koanapo, marking a significant milestone in strengthening healthcare services and improving access to quality medical care for the people of Vanuatu.

The launch ceremony brought together government officials, development partners, private sector representatives, and stakeholders from the health sector to celebrate the establishment of Healthcare Vanuatu Limited and its commitment to enhancing healthcare delivery across the country.

In his keynote address, Deputy Prime Minister Johny Koanapo highlighted the importance of investing in healthcare services and infrastructure to support the well-being of all ni-Vanuatu. He commended the initiative as an important step toward expanding healthcare opportunities, improving service standards, and contributing to the nation's development goals.

Also present at the event was the Director of the Department of Strategic Policy, Planning and Aid Coordination (DSPPAC), who reaffirmed the Government's commitment to supporting initiatives that contribute to sustainable development and improved public services.

Healthcare Vanuatu Limited aims to provide innovative and accessible healthcare solutions, supporting the Government's vision of ensuring quality healthcare services for communities throughout Vanuatu.

The launch signifies a new chapter in healthcare development and reflects the ongoing collaboration between government, private sector, and development partners in building a healthier future for all citizens.



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The Vanuatu Aid for Trade Management Unit (VAMU) under the Ministry of Trade and Commerce, Vanuatu successfully convened the first National Trade Development Committee (NTDC) Meeting for 2026 today at CocoMoco Resort in Port Vila.

The meeting brought together representatives from Government ministries and agencies, private sector institutions, and development partners to discuss priority trade and economic issues impacting Vanuatu’s development agenda.

The NTDC remains an important national coordination platform that supports effective dialogue, strengthens inter-agency collaboration, and facilitates the implementation of national trade priorities and policy objectives. Discussions during the meeting focused on current economic challenges, trade facilitation priorities, and opportunities to strengthen sustainable and inclusive economic growth.

Members were also informed that the review of the Vanuatu Trade Policy Framework is expected to be finalized during the next NTDC convening.

In light of ongoing global and regional economic pressures, including increasing trade and transportation costs, climate-related challenges, and changing international market conditions, the Government continues to prioritise measures aimed at strengthening local industries, promoting value-added production, improving market access, and enhancing regional trade cooperation.

The Government of Vanuatu remains committed to creating an enabling environment for businesses, investors, cooperatives, and entrepreneurs while advancing policies that promote economic resilience, inclusive growth, employment creation, and sustainable national development.

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National ICT Day / Digital Week



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The Department of Communications and Digital Transformation (DCDT) hosted the Digital Week 2026, from 13–15 May 2026 at Independence Park, Port Vila.

Digital Week is Vanuatu’s premier annual technology and innovation event, bringing together government agencies, private sector partners, telecommunications providers, development partners, students, entrepreneurs, and the wider community to celebrate and explore the opportunities created through digital transformation.

This year’s event theme is "Innovate Today, Sustain Tomorrow." The theme highlights the critical role of digital technologies and resilient communication systems in supporting communities, improving service delivery, enhancing disaster preparedness, and driving national development.

Over the three-day event, participants will have the opportunity to engage in a range of activities, including exhibitions, panel discussions, technology demonstrations, awareness sessions, youth-focused programs, and stakeholder networking opportunities. Key topics will include digital inclusion, cybersecurity, e-commerce, digital literacy, telecommunications, innovation, and the future of Vanuatu’s digital economy.

Director of the Department of Communications and Digital Transformation, Mr. John Jack, said Digital Week provides an important platform for collaboration and knowledge sharing among stakeholders working to strengthen Vanuatu’s digital future.

"Digital transformation is essential for building a more connected, resilient, and inclusive Vanuatu. Digital Week allows us to showcase achievements, share ideas, and work together to ensure that technology continues to benefit all citizens across our islands," Mr. Jack said.

The Department of Communications and Digital Transformation extends its appreciation to all sponsors, partners, exhibitors, and stakeholders whose support continues to make Digital Week a success.