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## TOP NEWS



The Validation Workshop on Universal Service and Infrastructure Sharing. This workshop marks an important milestone as the navigation through the evolving landscape of digital connectivity and its impact on our collective progress.

Present in this workshop is the Director General of the Prime Minister's Office, Cherol Ala. Programme Coordinator, ITU Regional office in Asia, Ashish Narayan. Mr Scott Minehane, Consultant. Management of Vodafone Vanuatu, Digicel Vanuatu, Wantok network, OGCIO and few public servants.

In the DG's opening remarks, she stated that "ICT plays a fundamental role in enabling complete development and realizing the benefits. These technologies shorten the distance between individuals and resources, offering numerous opportunities and benefits - including cost reduction in services, increase efficiency, financial inclusion and many more".



The Capacity Development and Consultation Workshop on Vanuatu National Data Governance Framework began today at Ramada resort for a 2 days Workshop.

Prime Minister's Office Director General, Cherol Ala represented the Hon. Prime Minister in the opening remarks given today.

She acknowledged the critical role that Data plays in our lives, "It is the foundation upon which we built policies thriving public services information and enhancing the works of societies worldwide. However, the path forward is filled with challenges, including passive Data gaps, digital device and the need for agile regulatory framework to keep pace with the rapid technological advancements"



On Friday 24th May 2024, Department of Strategic Policy, Planning & Aid Coordination and the Prime Minister's Office farewelled Mr. Shannon Ryan who is the director of Governance for Growth (GFG) and welcoming the new director Mr. Cameron Reid.

Mr. Shannon has been in Vanuatu for almost 4 years. He was farewelled through speeches from the Director General of the Prime Minister's Office, Acting High Commissioner for Australia and representatives from the Private Sector.

The event was a special occasion celebrating Mr. Shannon's contributions to Vanuatu during his three-year tenure as Director to GFG and ushering in a new era with Mr. Cameron's leadership.

## PM SALWAI MEETS NEW ZEALAND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

Hon. Prime Minister Charlot Salwai Tabimasmas met with New Zealand Deputy Prime Minister Hon. Winston Peters today at the Prime Minister's Office.

Hon. Prime Minister congratulated Hon. Winston on his election as the 13th Deputy Prime Minister of New Zealand since November 2023. The Hon Prime Minister stated that this is a significant opportunity for the two countries to continue building on the Maori statement of Partnership which establishes the enduring values, priorities and principles that underpin the two county's relations.



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