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VANUATU NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE ON TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

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CHALLENGES FACED BY SIDS AND IN PARTICULAR VANUATU

- SMALLEST OF THE ISLANDS AND THEIR REMOTENESS, SOME WITH TELECOMMUNICATION COVERAGE, MOST WITH LIMITED INFRASTRUCTURES, SOME REACHEABLE ONLY BY BOAT
- GLOBAL CHALLENGE OF ERADICTING POVERTY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
- VANUATU LIKE OTHER SIDS IS FACING SAME CHALLENGES SUCH AS DECLINING OF FDI, TRADE IMBALANCES, INCREASED OF INDEBTEDNESS, LACK OF ADEQUATE TRANSPORT, ENERGY, AND ICT INFRASTRUCTURE
- LIMITED HUMAN AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY, CLIMATE CHANGE, IMPACT OF NATURAL DISASTERS, HIGH COST OF IMPORTED ENERGY
- DEGRADATION OF COSTAL AND MARINE ECOSYSTEMS
- WASTE MANAGEMENT

APPROACHES TO ADDRESSING SUCH CHALLENGES

- 2013 VANUATU COMMENCED AN EXHAUSTIVE AND PARTICIPATORY NATIONAL CONSULTATION WITH THE GOAL TO DEVELOP AN HOME-GROWN NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLAN
- INPUTS FROM OUR CIVIL SOCIETY FOR THE FIRST TIME BEING CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN OUR NATION'S EXISTING POLICY FRAMEWORK
- THE 15 YEARS PLAN WILL BE FINALIZED IN 2015 AND FEATURE A BALANCE AMONG THE THREE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PILLARS OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL WELL-BEING AND THE ENVIRONMENT
- VANUATU INDICATES THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS WORKING HARD TO DEVELOP AND PASS A NATIONAL LEGISLATION TO MANAGE SOLID AND CHEMICAL TOXINS, AND CALL ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DURING THE 3RD UN CONFERENCE ON SIDS IN APIA, SAMOA THAT ENHANCED COOPERATION PROGRAMMES ON WASTES, INCLUDING CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTES, SHIP AND AIRCRAFT GENERATED WASTES, MARINE PLASTIC LITTER, AND OIL SPILLS
- VANUATU GOVERNMENT VISION IS FOR A SAFE, HEALTHY, CLEAN AND GREENER VANUATU!

INTERDEPENDENCY BETWEEN TRANSPORT, TOURISM AND ENERGY

- HIGH COST OF FUEL COULD AFFECT TRANSPORTATION WHICH COULD END UP TO NO TOURISTS VISITING OUR SHORES
- FOR VANUATU, INCREASED INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT WILL ENSURE THAT VANUATU'S TARGET OF 90% ELECTRIFICATION AND 65% RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTION BY 2020 WILL BE REALIZED.
- DUE TO VANUATU REMOTENESS TO MAIN MARKETS, HIGH TRANSPORT COSTS CREATES A NEGATIVE FEEDBACK WHICH AFFECT LOW LEVEL OF SERVICES, COMPRESSES TRADE FLOWS, ELIMATE ECONOMIES OF SCALE AND REDUCE THE OVERALL TRANSPORT CONNECTIVITY.
- DOMESTIC TRANSPORT IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR SIDS. CONNECTING THESE ISLANDS IS IMPORTANT TO PROMOTE PRODUCTIVE SECTORS SUCH AS AGRICULTURE IS CRUCIAL.

EXPERIENCES WITH DISASTER AFFECTING TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

- CLIMATE CHANGE IS IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS, DEVASTATING FOR MY COUNTRY, ITS PEOPLE AND THEIR LIVELIHOODS
- CHANGE OF WEATHER PATTERNS, EARTHQUAKES, CYCLONES, LANDSLIDES OR DROUGHTS AFFECT THE SERVICE DELIVERY TO REMOTE ISLANDS FOR INSTANCE THE NORTHERN PROVINCE OF VANUATU THAT RECEIVE BOATS SERVICE ONCE EVERY 3 MONTHS
- THE DEGRADATION OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS AIRPORTS OR PORTS COULD AFFECT OUR TOURISM SECTOR WHICH IS ONE OF THE BIG CONTRIBUTOR TO THE VANUATU NATIONAL GDP
- THIS AFFECT ALSO INTER-ISLANDS SHIPPING SERVICES
- THE LOSS AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY CLIMATE CHANGE AND GLOBAL WARMING DOES NOT ALLOW VANUATU TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

ADAPTATION RESPONSE

- VANUATU SEES THE APPROACH TO MANAGING DISASTER RISK AND CLIMATE CHANGE AS FULLY INTEGRATED AND COMPLEMENTARY, AS EVIDENCED BY VANUATU GOVERNMENT CREATION OF A HIGHEST LEVEL NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION SUPPORTED BY A NEWLY ESTABLISHED MINISTRY OF CLIMATE CHANGE
- VANUATU'S NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT POLICY, NOW IN THE PROCESS OF BEING FINALIZED, PROMOTES SUSTAINABLE PATTERNS OF CONSUMPTIONS, PRODUCTION, PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
- DURING THE RECENT 3RD UN CONFERENCE ON SIDS IN APIA, SAMOA, VANUATU GOVERNMENT MADE A CALL ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO RECOGNISE THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF SIDS SUCH AS INCREASING NEEDS FOR ADAPTATION, AS WELL AS LOSS AND DAMAGE

PARTNERSHIP TO PROMOTE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS SERVICES SECTOR

- NEXT CRITICAL STEP IS TO FORMULATE PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPPs) TO FINANCE AND ADVANCE A NEW ERA OF SUSTAINABLE GROWTH.
- VANUATU WELCOMES THE IMO INITIATIVE THROUGH ITS INTEGRATED TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ITCP) THAT GIVES SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SIDS.
- BUILDING PARTNERSHIP WITH TRADERS AND FOCUSING ON AREAS WHERE SIDS MASTER THE PROCESS AND WHERE LOCAL RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE.
- VANUATU GOVERNMENT IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO UPGRADE THE ROADS IN 2 PROVINCES OF VANUATU
- THE TORRES ISLANDS ARE TO RECEIVE REGULAR MONTHLY SHIPPING. THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED USD 12.6 MILLION.
- THE VANUATU GOVERNMENT CALL ON DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS TO ALLOCATE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR MAINTENANCE IN ORDER NOT TO GO TO WASTE.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- SOUTH SOUTH COOPERATION AMONG SIDS AND SHARING OF SUCCESS STORIES
- IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2012 DOHA MANDATE ON SIDS TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS
- LOOK AT THE FINANCING SITUATION OF SIDS, INCLUDING THEIR ABILITY TO ACCESS CONCESSIONAL LOANS WITH A VIEW TO DEVELOPING THEIR TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES
- REFORMING THE INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK TO ENABLE INNOVATIVE FINANCING MECHANISMS AND APPROACHES FOR SIDS IS REQUIRED.
- PROVIDE SUPPORT AND TRAINING TO SIDS ON TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS LIKE UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS (UN-DESA) IS DOING FOR LDCS ON THE AREA OF NOTIFICATION (TBT,SPS)
- REVIVE THE SIDS DIVISION IN UNCTAD, PARTICIPATION OF SIDS OFFICIALS IN THE SIDS DIVISION
- COORDINATION BETWEEN NEW YORK AND GENEVA IS VERY IMPORTANT IN ORDER TO BRING ALL AGENCIES TO COME AND INFORM SIDS ON WHAT THEY CAN DO TO HELP IMPLEMENTING THE OUTCOME OF THE SIDS MEETINGS AS TO KEEP THE MOMENTUM ALIVE

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