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Second Vanuatu national workshop on the MSG Green Trade Project and Joint IMPACT-SAFE workshop on non-tariff measures (NTMs) and International Trade Promotion

8th & 9th June 2023

Melanesian Hotel, Port Vila

Start Time: i) Day 1: 9am-4.30pm Port Vila time (12am-7.30am Geneva time)
ii) Day 2: 9am-4.30pm Port Vila time (12am-7.30am Geneva time)

Co-Organised by: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), The Pacific Community (SPC), MSG Secretariat, Vanuatu Department of External Trade

Sponsored by: European Union / UNCTAD

Facilitators: 1) Mr. Marokon Alilee – UNCTAD MSG Green Trade Project national consultant
2) Dr. Visoni Timote – Lead Resource person for BSPS (SPC)

Day 1 – 8th June Part 1: MSG Green Trade Project		
Time	Content	Lead/moderator
8.30-9.00am	Registration of Participants	
9.00-9.15am	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prayer - Welcome guests and participants - Housekeeping matters 	UNCTAD (National Consultants)
9.15 – 9.45am	Opening addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - External Trade - EU Delegation - UNCTAD - MSG Secretariat - SPC 	External Trade EU Delegation UNCTAD MSG Secretariat SPC
9.45-10.00am	MSG Green Trade Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reminder of the project - What has been done since the last workshop - Presentation of the agenda 	UNCTAD (National Consultants, Julien Bliesener)
10.00 – 10.15am	Virgin coconut oil export Challenges - ACTIV	ACTIV
10.15 – 10.30am	VCO export customs requirements	Customs (George Pakoa)
10.45am	Morning Tea and group photo	

10.45 – 11.00am	VCO Certification and Challenges	Dion Palu
11.00 -11.30am	Presentation of the update of the VSS assessment report of Organic Virgin Coconut Oil	UNCTAD (Marokon Alilee)
11.30 – 12.00pm	Presentation of the export guide of Virgin Coconut Oil	UNCTAD (Roy Pakoasongi)
12.00 – 1.00pm	Discussion and validation of the update of the VSS assessment and the export guide - Chapter by chapter	UNCTAD
1.00-2.00pm	Lunch break	
2.00-2.30pm	MSG Trade Agreement - Overview of Current Activities - Insight into the Trade Agreement - Opportunities for Intra-regional Trade: Scope and Prospects - Perspectives on the Melanesian Free Trade Agreement (MFTA)	MSG (Sovaia Marawa)
2.30-3.00pm	Presentation of the matrix of synergistic linkages and policy recommendations based on NTM and VSS	UNCTAD (Julien Bliesener)
3.00-3.30pm	Discussion and validation of the synergistic linkages and policy recommendations	UNCTAD (Julien Bliesener)
3.30-3.45pm	Afternoon Tea and Health Break	
3.45 - 4.15pm	Discussion and validation of workshop day 1	UNCTAD
4.15-4.30pm	Conclusions and proposals for follow-up actions - Way forwards	External Trade, MSG Secretariat, UNCTAD

Day 2 – 9th June

Part 2: Joint workshop on non-tariff measures (NTMs) and Trade Promotion under IMPACT and SAFE

8.30 – 9.00 am	Registration of Participants of Day 2	
9.00 – 9.15 am	Welcome Day 2 - Prayer - Housekeeping rules	SPC, UNCTAD
9.15 – 9.30 am	Setting the scene on Vanuatu's bilateral trade and investment relationships with EU and specifically, to focus on the provisions of the PACP EPA legal text	External Trade
9.30 – 9.40 am	Introduction of IMPACT Project	UNCTAD (Seul Lee)
9.40 – 9.50 am	Introduction of SAFE Project	SPC
9.50 – 10.05 am	EU's trade and development relations with Pacific Islands Countries	EUD
10.05 – 10.30 am	Presentation of NTMs and their effect in Trade – continuation of day 1	UNCTAD (Seul Lee)
10.30 – 10.45 am	Presentation of the summary of NTMs in Vanuatu – continuation of day 1	External Trade
10.45 – 11.00 am	Discussion of NTMs in Vanuatu	UNCTAD
11.00 – 11.15 am	Morning Tea	
11.15 – 11.45 pm	Presentation of TRAINS Portal and Global Trade Helpdesk (<i>including demonstration on how to find export information on one product to the EU</i>)	UNCTAD
11.45 – 12.45 pm	Vanuatu Export Market Challenges with a focus on EU	SPC
12.45 – 1.45 pm	Lunch Break	
1.45 – 2.30 pm	Organic certification, as path to exporting -POETcom	SPC
2.30 – 3.15 pm	SPS Compliance and Food Safety/Food Quality	SPC
3.15 – 3.30 pm	Open Forum. Questions: A. Interest in other agri-commodities apart from coconut, coffee, kava, turmeric and their products, particularly in regard to the EPA and potential export to the EU? B. What opportunities and challenges exist for these commodities?	SPC, Government officials, Private Sector
3.30 – 3.50 pm	Afternoon Health Break	
3.50 – 4.10pm	Questions and Answers Proposals for follow-up actions	SPC, UNCTAD
4.10 – 4.30 pm	Closing remarks - External Trade - EUD - UNCTAD - MSG - SPC	External Trade EU Delegation UNCTAD MSG Secretariat SPC