

Monday, 6 November 2017 (Hotel Warwick Le Lago, Port Vila)

8:15–8:30

Opening Remarks

- Acting Director General of the Ministry of Tourism, Trade, Industry, Commerce and Ni-Vanuatu Business
- Miho Shirotori (Project Manager, Trade Analysis Branch, UNCTAD)
- Video messages from Isabelle Durant (Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD) and Bonapas Onguglo (Chief, Trade Analysis Branch, UNCTAD)

8:30 – 9:30

Session I: Vanuatu National Sustainability Brand?

- National Green Export Review “Plan of Actions on Coconuts and Cocoa” – Roy Amos Pakoasongi
 - Policy options from Vanuatu study on sustainable agriculture UNCTAD (Maria Sokolova)
- Discussion

9:30 – 10:30

Session II: Which VSS are relevant to Vanuatu’s coconuts and cocoa exports?

- Why do we talk about Voluntary Sustainability Standards (VSS)? – UNCTAD (Miho Shirotori)
 - VSS within the international markets for coconuts and cocoa – ITC (Sandra Cabrera)
- Discussion

10:30 – 10:45

Coffee & Tea

10:45 – 12:00

Session III: Approaches to meet the demand for “sustainable” goods

- Case: Improving Vanuatu’s market access for cocoa – [PHAMA](#) (TBC)
 - Case: Sustainable certified coconut oil project in the Philippines – GIZ (Gabor Sasvari)
 - Certifiers’ view on the opportunities and challenges in Vanuatu – [BioGro NZ](#) (Jon Merrick)
 - Cooperation efforts with Rainforest alliance – Vanuatu Cocoa Growers Association (Basil Malili)
- Discussion

12:00 – 12:30

Session IV: Introducing Vanuatu Market Information System

- Market Information Tools for Vanuatu cocoa and coconut sectors – UNCTAD (Maria Sokolova)

12:30 – 13:45

Lunch Buffet

13:45 – 15:00

Session V: National multi-stakeholder platform on VSS and national sustainability brands

This session will discuss the proposition of establishing a working committee that sits and reports regularly to the Vanuatu National Trade Development Committee (NTDC). The decision made by stakeholders here will be presented at the NTDC on 8th November.

- Cases: Multi -stakeholder platforms on VSS in other countries (India, China and Brazil) - UNCTAD (Miho Shirotori)

Discussion

15:00 – 16:00

Concluding session: Way forward

- Comments from national stakeholders
 - Perspectives from regional bodies - Pacific Community (SPC), Pacific Islands Forum, POETCom
 - Comments from development partners – FAO, UNDP, UNIDO, UNWomen and bilateral partners
- Discussion

16:00 – 16:30

Farewell Coffee & Tea

**UNCTAD Workshop: Sustainability Standards and Market Transparency for Coconuts and Cocoa
6-7 November 2017, Hotel Warwick Le Lagon, Port Vila, Vanuatu**

Tuesday, 7 November 2017 (Hotel Warwick Le Lago, Port Vila)

Special training session on Market Information System (MIS)

- 09:00 – 09:45** **Market Information System: Directory**
- Introduction of the Directory
 - National Registry for stakeholder use

09:45 – 10:00 Coffee Break

- 10:00 – 12:00** **Market Information System: pilot Repository**
- Functionality of Repository
 - Data needs / Benefits of Repository
 - Model Cases / Discussion

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch Buffet

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