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UPCOMING EVENTS IN JUNE

1. **NPT and Working group monthly meetings**
2. **SPS Module and SW enhancement**

Biosecurity SPS Module launched in Santo

Following the successful piloting of the SPS Module in Port Vila on 24th March 2020, the VeSW Project team and Biosecurity turned their attention to rolling out the Module in Santo. Unfortunately, the event had to be delayed by a few weeks due to the devastations caused by TC Harold in April.

However, the launching on 13th May was a great success witnessed by 3 state Ministers, Director Generals, Directors, the Luganville Lord Mayor, and audience from the Government and Private Sector.

Being Vanuatu's largest export port, the Module will greatly assist the exporters in Vanuatu northern town to submit their SPS applications to Biosecurity.

In return, since the Module is accessible online, Biosecurity Vila can

now assist Biosecurity Santo to process applications that are submitted to the Santo office. This will greatly facilitate the processing of SPS applications for Santo Traders. Furthermore, for the first time ever, the Module will now allow the Biosecurity Office of get real-time data of the operations in Santo.

Speaking at the event, the Director General of Trade, H.E. Roy Mikey Joy, informed the audience that the Module is the first of its kind in the Pacific and probably the first amongst all ASYCUDA countries Worldwide.

On behalf of the Private Sector, Mr. David Nalo from Vanuatu Copra and Cocoa

Exporters thanked the Government for continuing to provide assistance the private sector, especially, in this case, with the use of technology to facilitate trade.

The launching was highlighted by the live submission and processing of the first-ever SPS applications for Santo in the system.

Before giving his remarks, Director General of Agriculture, Mr. Moses Amos, told the audience how he timed the live launching and what usually takes days, even weeks to process, was completed entirely online in less than 10mins.

The Minister of Trade, Hon. James Bule (MP) closed the event, congratulating everyone for all the work done and he looked forward to a successful use of the Module.



Luganville Lord Mayor, Minister Finance, Minister Trade, Minister Agriculture and Private Sector, joining hands to launch the Biosecurity SPS Module in Santo

SPS Module Santo Live Launching



Biosecurity Vanuatu is now one of the 3 Departments using the Vanuatu Single Window System, besides Customs and Immigration.

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Minister of Trades, Hon. James Bule (MP)



Director General of Trade, H.E Roy Mikey Joy



Biosecurity Officers live processing



Director General of Agriculture, Mr. Moses Amos



Government and Private Sector Representatives witnessing the launching



Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Willie Daniel (MP) presenting the first electronic SPS Import Permit for Santo

The Vanuatu SPS Module was featured on the UNCTAD newsletter:

https://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/dtlasycudainf2020d2_en.pdf

DID YOU KNOW

Biosecurity SPS Module Santo Training in pictures

Prior to launching the SPS Module in Santo, Biosecurity Officers and external users underwent 6 days of training on the Module from 4th -11th May. Participants from the private sector included Customs brokers, Importers, kava exporters, beef exporters, copra and cacao exporters.

As part of the reform exercise involved during the introduction of

any Single Window modules, the SPS training does not only cover how to use the Module, but also the newly developed guidelines required to understand the process of SPS applications, .

The Project takes pride in such training approach which contributes to the success of the system in supporting over 300 of its current active users, who are using multiple modules in the system.



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The overall objective of the Vanuatu Electronic Single Window project is to expand Vanuatu's GDP through increased exports. The project outcome is to increase Vanuatu's competitiveness through the reduction of cost and time of trading across its borders.

The Project is kindly funded by the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) and the Australian Government. The Vanuatu Government is also providing in-kind contribution towards the project, in terms of personnel and ICT support.

The main implementing partner in the Project is United Nations for Trade and Development, UNCTAD.



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