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# Vanuatu Update

**Venue:** University of the South Pacific Centre, Santo

Thursday 16 November 2006 9.30am–3.30pm

- 9.30–9.50 Welcome  
Wilson Vuti  
University of the South Pacific
- Opening remarks  
The Hon. Willy Jimmy (tbc)  
Minister for Finance and Economic Management
- CHAIR** **Professor Ron Duncan**  
**University of the South Pacific**
- 9.50–10.20 **The Vanuatu economy**
- Economic survey*  
Timo Henckel  
The Australian National University
- 10.20–10.30 Discussion
- 10.30–11.00 **Morning tea**
- 11.00–11.30 **PANEL: Prospects**
- Vanuatu's 10 year development strategy*  
(tbc)
- Forseeing difficulties*  
Nikunj Soni
- 11.30–11.40 Discussion
- 11.40–12.00 **Ministry of Finance and Economic Management Institutional  
Strengthening Project**  
Benjamin Shing  
Director, Department of Finance
- 12.00–12.10 Discussion

- 12.10–12.20 **AusAID support for the reform process**  
Robert Tranter  
Counsellor (Development Cooperation)  
Australian High Commission
- 12.20–12.30 Discussion
- 12.30–1.30 *Lunch*
- CHAIR** **Wilson Vuti**  
**Director, University of the South Pacific Centre, Santo**
- 1.30–1.50 **Agriculture—engine of growth or dead-end sector?**  
Ron Duncan  
University of the South Pacific
- 1.50–2.00 Discussion
- 2.00–2.30 **Tourism: spreading the benefits of growth**  
Adela Issachar  
National Tourism Development Office  
  
(tbc)  
Vanuatu Investment Promotion Authority
- 2.30–2.40 Discussion
- 2.40–3.10 **What happens after the Land Summit 2006?**  
Toco Mara  
Economist consultant  
Don Paterson  
University of the South Pacific
- 3.10–3.30 Discussion

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