# Vanuatu Update

**Venue:** Conference Room, Melanesian Hotel  
**Tuesday 14 November 2006**  
9.00am–4.00pm

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| 9.00–9.10 | Welcome                                      | Jean-Pierre Nirua  
Acting Director, University of the South Pacific–Emalus Campus |
| **CHAIR** | Professor Ron Duncan  
Executive Director, Pacific Institute of Advanced Studies in Development and Governance, University of the South Pacific |
| 9.10–9.30 | Opening remarks                              | The Hon. Willy Jimmy (tbc)  
Minister for Finance and Economic Management |
| 9.30–9.50 | **Pacific 2020**                             | Stephen Howes  
Australian Agency for International Development |
| 9.50–10.00 | Discussion                                  |                                                                            |
| 10.00–10.40 | **PANEL:** the Vanuatu economy               |                                                                            |
|            | *Economic survey*                            | Timo Henckel  
The Australian National University |
|            | *Challenges*                                 | Peter Tari  
Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of Vanuatu |
|            | *Ministry of Finance and Economic Management Institutional Strengthening Project* | Benjamin Shing  
Director, Department of Finance |
| 10.40–11.00 | Discussion                                  |                                                                            |
| 11.00–11.20 | Morning tea                                 |                                                                            |
| 11.20–11.50 | **What happens after the Land Summit 2006?** | Russell Nari  
Director General  
Department of Lands and Natural Resources  
Toco Mara  
Economist consultant |
|            | Don Paterson                                 | University of the South Pacific |
| 11.50–12.15 | Discussion                                  |                                                                            |
12.15–1.30  
**Lunch**

**CHAIR**
Jean-Pierre Nirua  
Acting Director, University of the South Pacific–Emalus Campus

1.30–1.50  
**Resource development**
Ernest Bani  
Department of Lands and Natural Resources

1.50–2.00  
Discussion

2.00–2.30  
**Tourism: spreading the benefits of growth**
Avio Roberts  
Director, National Tourism Development Office  
(tbc)  
Vanuatu Investment Promotion Authority

2.30–2.40  
Discussion

2.40–3.00  
**Women in Parliament**
Hilda Taleo  
Director, Department of Women’s Affairs

3.00–3.10  
Discussion

3.10–3.40  
**PANEL: Prospects**
*Vanuatu’s 10 year development strategy*
Jean-Francois Metmetsan  
Department of Strategic Management
*Constraints to productive sector growth*
Peter Bazeley  
Peter Bazeley Development Consulting
*Forseeing difficulties*
Nikunj Soni

3.40–4.00  
Discussion

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