

Media release



Vanuatu broadcasters and media came together with the National Disaster Management Office, and the Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-Hazard Department to plan and prepare their Climate and Disaster Resilience Plans this week.

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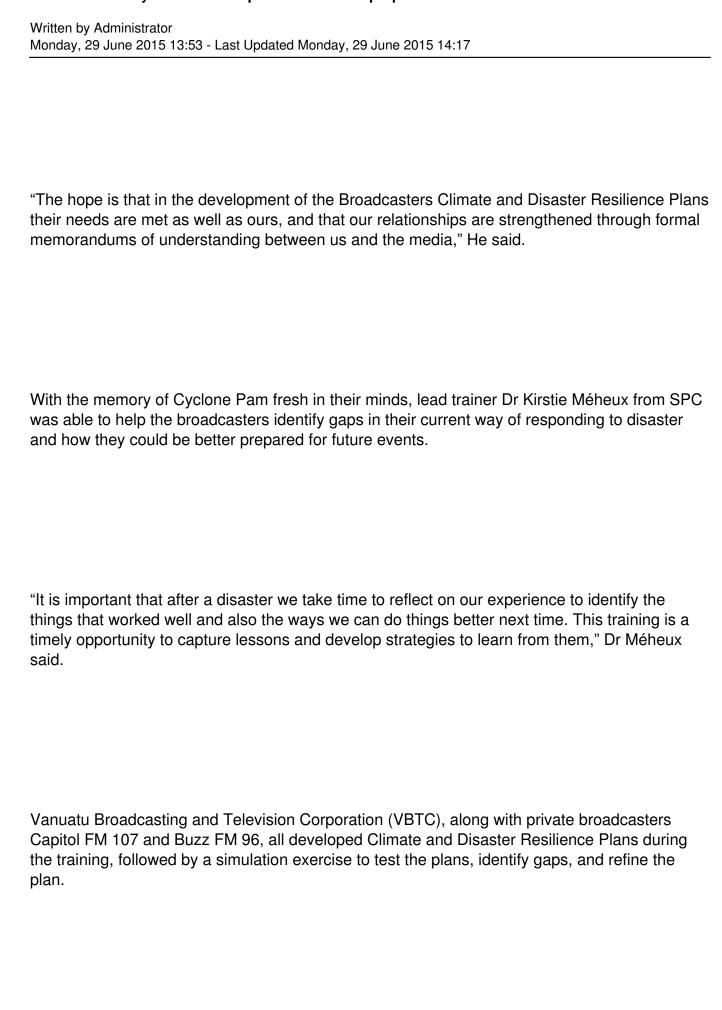
Secretariat of the Pacific Communty (SPC) and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), this training seeks to assist Pacific broadcasters in eight countries in preparing plans that will help them be more resilient to the effects of climate change and disasters.

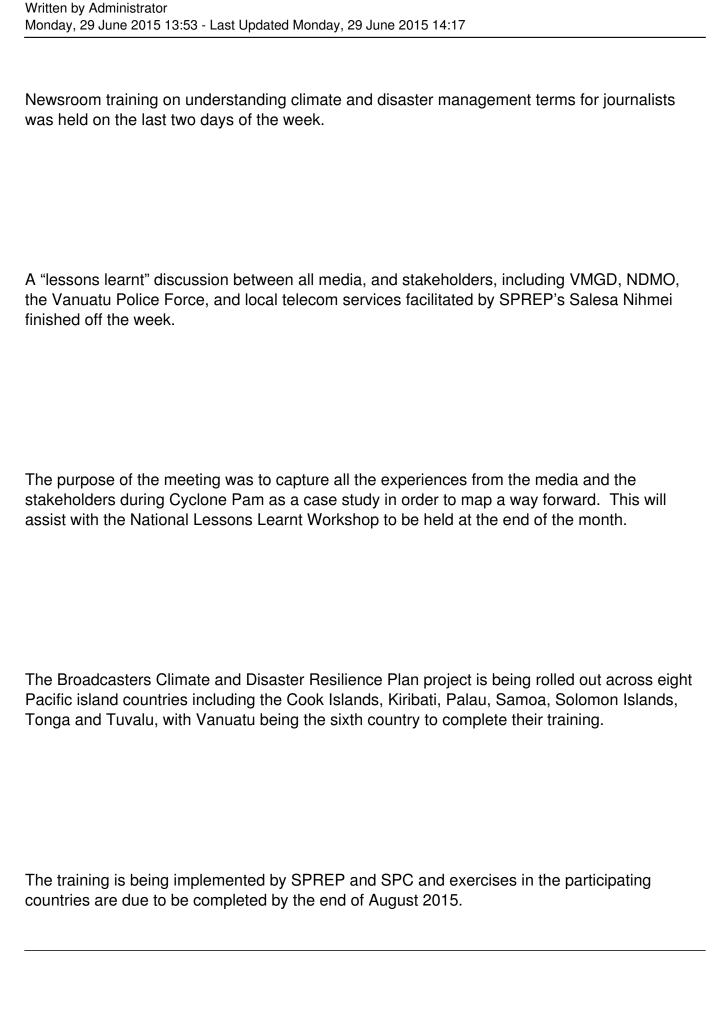
Having the very recent experience of category five Tropical Cyclone Pam, the broadcasters and government ministries were able to share their experiences and lessons learnt to help develop plans.

This will help them continue broadcasting warnings and information to the public during times of disaster when people need this service the most.

According to the Acting Director of the Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-Hazard Department of Vanuatu, David Gibson, the workshop is useful in helping the media understand the terms and definitions used by the Meteorological Services, and the National Disaster Management Office. This includes the differences between the various levels of advisories and warnings issued during disasters.

"The National Disaster Management Office and the Meteorological Services rely on the media to get this information out to the communities accurately and in a timely fashion in order to save lives," Mr Gibson said.





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Caption – participants from Buzz FM (Kizzy Kalsakace), Vanuatu Meteorology and Geohazards Department (Florence latu) and Vanuatu Police Force (Jane Pakoa) developing the Climate and Disaster Resilience Plan for Buzz FM