

TO ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS, COOPERATING NON-MEMBERS,
PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES AND OBSERVERS

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Subject: Arrangements for WCPFC23 and associated meetings

Dear All,

I am pleased to confirm meeting arrangements for the Twenty-Third Regular Session of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC23) and associated meetings to take place in Port Vila, Vanuatu from **Monday, 30 November to Saturday, 5 December 2026**, at the Le Lagon Warwick Resort. There will be a break in the meeting on Wednesday, 2 December.

Associated Meetings

Special Session of the Scientific Committee

A Special Session of the Scientific Committee¹ will be held on **Friday, 27 November and Saturday, 28 November** at the Warwick Resort. The provisional agenda will be circulated in due course along with relevant meeting information, which will be available on the following meeting webpage: <https://meetings.wcpfc.int/meetings/ss6>.

The Twentieth Finance and Administration Committee Meeting (FAC20)

The Finance and Administration Committee will start its 20th Regular Session at 10:00am on **Sunday, 29 November** at the Warwick Resort. The FAC20 provisional agenda will be circulated in due course along with relevant meeting information, which will be available on the following FAC20 meeting webpage: <https://meetings.wcpfc.int/meetings/fac20>.

WCPFC23 Heads of Delegation Meeting

The Heads of Delegation meeting will take place at 4:00 pm on **Sunday, 29 November**, at the Warwick Resort, to review arrangements for WCPFC23 and exchange views on making the best use of the time available for WCPFC23. The agenda for the HOD will be posted in due course.

WCPFC23 Provisional Agenda and Meeting Documents

The Provisional Agenda and Provisional Annotated Agenda for WCPFC23 are attached to this notice. All WCPFC23 meeting documents will be available on the WCPFC23 meeting webpage on the WCPFC website at the following link: <https://meetings.wcpfc.int/meetings/wcpfc23>.

¹ Refer [WCPFC Circular 2026/92](#).

Submission of Proposals

CCMs should submit draft proposals for the Commission's consideration at least 30 days in advance of the regular session, or by **Saturday, 31 October**. Please send submissions to the WCPFC Executive Director: Rhea.Moss-Christian@wcpfc.int.

Hybrid Meeting

WCPFC23 will be held in-person and virtually, with virtual participation supported through Zoom. Delegates participating virtually will have access to all sessions that take place in the main meeting room, which may also include any small working group meetings as established by the Commission at WCPFC23, as well as the Special Session of the Scientific Committee and FAC20. Technical information to support virtual participants will be made available on the relevant meeting webpages.

Registration

All intended participants to the Special Session of the Scientific Committee, FAC20, and WCPFC23 are requested to register online through the relevant meeting webpages. Participants are required to register by **Monday, 16 November** and **MUST separately register for each meeting that they are attending**. Late registrations may result in delays in entering the meeting venue or up to a 24-hour delay if joining the meeting via Zoom. Late registrations may result in delays in entering the meeting venue or up to a 24-hour delay if joining the meeting via Zoom.

In accordance with Rules 6 and 36 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, Members, Cooperating Non-Members, Participating Territories, Observers and other participants planning to attend WCPFC23 are requested to submit contact details for official contacts, designated representatives, alternate representatives, and advisers to the Secretariat's Finance and Administration Manager, Aaron Nighswander (Aaron.Nighswander@wcpfc.int) by **Monday, 9 November**.

NGO participation

As decided at WCPFC13, a fee will be charged to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) for their participation at Commission meetings, unless otherwise decided by the Commission. For WCPFC22, the fee for the first two delegates per NGO is US\$500, and US\$350 for each subsequent NGO delegate who will be attending the meeting in person. For those NGO delegates attending virtually, the fee is US\$250 for the first two delegates and US\$150 for each subsequent delegate. Payments should be made via bank wire to the WCPFC Secretariat and must be received no later than **Monday, 9 November**.

WCPFC bank wire details are as follows:

Account Name: Western and Central
Pacific Commission

Account Number: 209-292927

Bank Name: Bank of Guam

Branch: Kolonia, Pohnpei, Federated
States of Micronesia

SWIFT Code: GMBKGUGU

ABA: 1214-05115

Questions regarding NGO registration fees should be directed to the Secretariat's Finance and Administration Manager, Aaron Nighswander: Aaron.Nighswander@wcpfc.int.

Delegation Rooms and Breakout Rooms

Delegations are requested to make their own arrangements for any separate meeting facilities that may be required. A limited number of breakout rooms may be reserved for delegations during the meeting when not in use by the Commission. To schedule the use of breakout rooms, please contact the WCPFC Administrative Officer: Natsuko Akinaga: Natsuko.Akinaga@wcpfc.int.

Funding for Developing Countries and Participating Territories

The Commission provides financial assistance to support the participation of two officially nominated representatives from each developing country and participating territory that is a member of the Commission, in the form of a daily subsistence allowance (DSA) and economy airfare utilizing the most direct economical route available. Developing country and participating territory nominations should be submitted to the Secretariat's Finance and Administration Manager, Aaron Nighswander: Aaron.Nighswander@wcpfc.int by **Friday, 30 October** and finalized two weeks prior to travel. DSAs will be sent one week prior to travel for funded participants that submit and finalize tickets by the deadline. For participants whose travel is not finalized prior to the deadline, DSA payments may not arrive prior to the commencement of travel.

Visas

For questions regarding visas, please contact Deputy Director (offshore) Vanuatu Fisheries, Tony Taleo: ttaleo@fisheries.gov.vu.

Accommodation

Participants are responsible for their own accommodation arrangements. The host has provided a list of accommodation options which were sent to members in Circular 2026/78 and can be found on the meeting [website](#).

Information Pack

The Government of Vanuatu has provided information (attached) for WCPFC23 participants relating to visa and customs requirements, general information about traveling to Vanuatu, medical services, the meeting venue, accommodation options, and other practical information for participants. This information will also be made available on the WCPFC23 meeting webpage.

Further inquiries about WCPFC23 and associated meetings can be addressed to the Secretariat's Finance and Administration Manager, Aaron Nighswander: Aaron.Nighswander@wcpfc.int.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing delegates in Port Vila, soon.

Yours sincerely,



Rhea Moss-Christian
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



COMMISSION
TWENTY-THIRD REGULAR SESSION
30 November - 6 December 2026
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WCPFC23-2026-01A

25 September 2026

AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING OF MEETING

1.1 Adoption of Agenda

The Commission will review and adopt its Agenda for the 23rd Regular Annual Session.

1.2 Establishment of Small Working Groups at WCPFC23

The Commission will establish any small working groups necessary to progress discussions at WCPFC23.

1.3 Meeting Logistics and Arrangements

The Secretariat will provide information on side events, arrangements for morning/afternoon teas and lunch breaks, and other relevant administrative information to support participants throughout WCPFC23.

Scheduling of discussions will be arranged to ensure that reports from subsidiary bodies and intersessional meetings are provided before management discussions are opened under Agenda Item 11 to ensure that management-related discussions are informed by SC22, TCC22, and relevant intersessional work. Delegation proposals will also be scheduled for introduction on Day 1. An Indicative Schedule will be provided shortly before the commencement of WCPFC23.

AGENDA ITEM 2. STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS AND PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES

Members and Participating Territories will be invited to provide opening statements, which may also be taken as read and included in the Summary Report, where requested.

AGENDA ITEM 3. 2026 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In accordance with Rule 13 of the WCPFC Rules of Procedure, the Executive Director will present the 2026 Annual Report, covering the work of the Commission, its subsidiary bodies, and intersessional working groups.

AGENDA ITEM 4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PROPOSALS

CCMs will be invited to present their proposals for consideration at WCPFC23.

The Commission will consider how to progress discussions on new proposals for decision making at WCPFC23, including future taskings, which may include the establishment of small working groups to meet during WCPFC23. New proposals may be also designated for further discussion under the relevant WCPFC23 agenda item.

CCMs with new proposals or amendments to existing proposals are required to complete an [Audit Points Checklist](#) and a [CMM 2013-06 Evaluation](#).

AGENDA ITEM 5. IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 30 OF THE WCPF CONVENTION AND CMM 2013-07 (SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES)

The Commission will consider its implementation of Article 30 on the Special Requirements of Developing States, which may include reports from CCMs on activities undertaken in 2026 in support of developing States.

5.1 2026 Strategic Investment Plan

The Secretariat will present a report on the implementation of the Strategic Investment Plan in 2026 and the updated Strategic Investment Plan for consideration by the Commission.

5.2 West Pacific East Asia Project (WPEA)

The Commission will receive updates on activities undertaken through the WPEA Project in the current project cycle in Indonesia, the Philippines, and Vietnam.

5.3 Update on Independent Review of Article 30 Implementation

The Commission will receive an update from the Independent Panel on its progress since July 2026 on the review of the Commission's implementation of Article 30. The Commission may provide advice and input to the Independent Panel to inform its report, due to the Secretariat at the end of June 2027.

AGENDA ITEM 6. MEMBERSHIP, OBSERVERS, AND COOPERATING NON-MEMBERS

6.1 Status of the Convention

The Government of New Zealand, as the Depositary of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention, will report on the status of the Convention (to be taken as read).

6.2 Update on Observer status

An updated list of organizations and States with current observer status to the WCPFC is maintained on the [WCPFC website](#). In 2026, the following organizations were granted observer status intersessionally by the Commission: Greenovation Institute for Public Welfare Development (GHub), New World Hope Organization (NWHO) and Sustainable Fisheries Partnership.

6.3 Applications for 2027 Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) status

The Commission will review TCC22's recommendations with respect to applications for Cooperating Non-Member Status and determine which applicants will have CNM status for 2027.

6.3.1 Participatory rights of CNMs

Following the Commission's past practice in reviewing applications for CNM status, a small working group will be established to consider the participatory rights of each CNM for 2027.

AGENDA ITEM 7. STATUS OF STOCKS

The Commission's Scientific Services Provider (SSP), the Pacific Community (SPC), and the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) will provide presentations on the status of fisheries managed by the WCPFC. This is an annual presentation to the Commission that covers the state of the region's fisheries resources based on the best available data.

AGENDA ITEM 8. INCORPORATING CLIMATE CHANGE CONSIDERATIONS INTO MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF WCPO FISHERIES AND ECOSYSTEMS

The Commission's Scientific Services Provider, (SPC), will make a presentation on "Ecosystem and Climate Indicators" to share the best available scientific data on potential impacts from climate change on WCPFC fisheries and related ecosystems.

The Commission will review its 2027 climate change workplan to ensure climate change considerations are adequately reflected in the Commission's work and determine whether any adjustments are required.

Note: WCPFC19 took a decision to "...include Climate Change as a standing agenda item and to prioritize discussion of how best to incorporate climate change information and analyses in its work, as well as the work of TCC and the NC." (para 343 of [WCPFC19 Summary Report](#)).

AGENDA ITEM 9. REPORTS FROM SUBSIDIARY BODIES

The Commission will receive the Summary Reports of its subsidiary body meetings in 2026: NC22, SC22, and TCC22, including their recommendations to the Commission requiring consideration at WCPFC23. The Commission may adopt the recommendations from the subsidiary bodies and provide direction for further tasking to each of the subsidiary bodies in 2027 or later years.

Some recommendations may be delegated for consideration under relevant agenda items at WCPFC23, in which case the Summary Reports will remain open until all relevant recommendations have been agreed, following which the Summary Reports of the subsidiary bodies will be adopted.

9.1 Report of the 22nd Regular Session of the Northern Committee (NC22)

9.1.1 Adoption of NC22 Recommendations and Future Taskings

The Commission will consider the recommendations of NC22, including any recommendations relating to conservation and management of northern stocks under NC purview (Pacific bluefin tuna, including the Pacific bluefin Management Procedure, North Pacific albacore tuna, and North Pacific swordfish).

9.2 Report of the 22nd Regular Session of the Scientific Committee (SC22)

9.2.1 Adoption of SC22 Recommendations and Future Taskings

The Commission will consider the recommendations of SC22. Recommendations relating to the conservation and management of tuna and billfish species will be considered and adopted under Agenda item 11. Recommendations relating to mitigation of fishing impacts on non-target and associated or dependent species (NTADS) will be considered under Agenda item 12.

9.3 Report of the 22nd Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC22)

9.3.1 Adoption of TCC22 Recommendations and Future Taskings

The Commission will consider the recommendations of TCC22. Recommendations relating to the 2026 Compliance Monitoring Report and the associated CMM 2023-04 will be considered under Agenda item 13. Recommendations from TCC22 that are relevant to any of the Commission's intersessional work may be further considered under Agenda item 10.

AGENDA ITEM 10. REPORTS FROM INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUPS AND PROCESSES

The Commission will receive updates on its intersessional work, undertaken through individual working groups, informal review processes, and other activities. The Commission may consider recommendations from any of its intersessional working groups (IWGs), including proposals for adoption of new or revised conservation and management measures. Where relevant, the Commission may delegate further discussion of any of its intersessional outcomes to other agenda items at WCPFC23.

The informal intersessional review of CMM 2018-04 (Sea Turtles) is considered under Agenda Item 12.1.

The Commission will also be invited to review and adopt workplans for future intersessional work.

10.1 FAD Management Options IWG

Summary of 2026 activities: Through intersessional work, progress was made on the utility of satellite buoy data transmission requirements, FAD recovery programs/strategies, FAD logbooks, biodegradable dFADs and dFAD deployment. SC22 suggested that further work on the 350 active dFAD-buoy-per-vessel limit is low priority and should wait for updated SPC analysis in the 2027 Tropical Tuna Measure review.

The FAD-MO IWG is seeking guidance, and where appropriate, endorsement or adoption of the recommendations of the FADMO-IWG, including its work priorities for 2027.

10.2 Regional Observer Programme IWG

Summary of 2026 activities: Intersessional activities focused on improving timeliness and accuracy of ROP reporting for compliance purposes, updating observer reporting for new obligations and ensuring transparency by proposing data fields to capture information on vessels transferring supplies and crew.

The ROP-IWG is seeking adoption by the Commission of:

- *A revised process for the flow of observer data from CCMs to support the creation of case files in the Commission's CCFS;*
- *Obligations to be reflected in the ROP Minimum Standard Data Fields and the targeting of data collection for compliance in addition to scientific purposes;*
- *Data fields to support observer reporting of non-catch transfers between vessels on the high seas; and*

- *An updated work plan.*

10.3 ER and EM IWG

Summary of 2026 activities: The ERandEM IWG continued development of the WCPFC EM framework, including an audit and assurance process and questionnaire, updated interim technical standards, and an optional Vessel Monitoring Plan template. The IWG also considered a US-proposed draft CMM for a WCPFC EM programme and continued discussions on implementation arrangements for longline EM.

The ERandEM IWG is seeking adoption by the Commission of:

- *EM audit questionnaire;*
- *EM audit and assurance process;*
- *Updated Interim EM Technical Standards*
- *Updated workplan.*

10.4 High Seas Boarding and Inspection – Development of Voluntary Guides

Summary of 2026 activities: The HSBI Working Group progressed updates to the voluntary Bycatch Mitigation Measuring Guide relating to seabird bycatch mitigation and the Development of a Crew Labour Standards Inspection Guide, based on feedback raised by WG participants.

The WG is seeking the following from the Commission:

- *Adoption of Bycatch Mitigation Measuring Guide, and*
- *Further feedback on the draft Crew Labour Standards Inspection Guide, expected to be brought to WCPFC24 for consideration for adoption following further development intersessionally during 2027.*

10.5 Port State Measures – Review of CMM 2017-02

Summary of 2026 activities: The PSM WG continued its review of CMM 2017-02, focusing on practical improvements to the Commission's port minimum standards. Key areas included support for SIDS and developing States, access to Commission data for port CCM functions of Co-operating Non-Members within the scope of the WCPFC 2009 MCS Data Rules and Procedures, improvements to reporting and information exchange, and links with other MCS tools and relevant regional and international frameworks.

The PSM WG is seeking Commission action at WCPFC23 on the following:

- *proposals for changes to CMM 2017-02; and*
- *potential scope and nature of potential changes to the 2009 MCS Data Rules and Procedures to support CNMs who are port CCMs.*

10.6 Marine Pollution – Review of CMM 2017-04

Summary of 2026 activities: CCMs made significant progress following the invitation from WCPFC21 for interested parties to contribute to the review and amendment of CMM 2017-04. Commonalities have formed around including provisions for Abandoned, Lost or otherwise Discarded Fishing Gear (ALDFG), awareness of the negative impacts of plastics in the marine environment, and the need to coordinate

appropriate measures with other Commission bodies, such as the FADMO IWG. The advice of SC22 and TCC22 was sought regarding the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions and underwater noise pollution, the effects of ALDFG on the marine environment and any data which should be collected to support measures.

Canada, as the lead of the informal intersessional review, will submit a delegation proposal for Commission consideration at WCPFC23.

AGENDA ITEM 11. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF TUNAS AND BILLFISH, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT OF HARVEST STRATEGIES

The Commission will review progress and performance of its conservation and management measures for four key tunas and billfish stocks managed by WCPFC.

11.1 South Pacific albacore

11.1.1 Report of the First Joint Working Group with IATTC on Management of South Pacific albacore (SPAJWG)

The Commission will receive a report from the WCPFC co-Chair of the SPAJWG, which held its first meeting in May 2026, to inform further discussions under Agenda item 11.1.

11.1.2 Report of the South Pacific Albacore Allocation (SPAA) Workshops in 2026

The Commission will receive a report from the Chair of the SPAA Workshops that met in June and October 2026, to inform further discussions under Agenda item 11.1.

11.1.3 Adoption of Implementation Arrangements for CMM 2025-01 (Management Procedure)

The Commission will review updated information to inform its consideration of an Implementing Arrangement for the South Pacific albacore management procedure.

11.2 Development of a Management Procedure for Bigeye Tuna

The Commission is scheduled to adopt a management procedure for bigeye tuna in 2026, consistent with its Harvest Strategy Workplan.

11.2.1 Report of the Bigeye Management Workshops (BMW) in 2026

The Commission will receive a report from the Chair of the BMWs, which met in May and October 2026, to inform further discussions under Agenda item 11.2.

11.2.2 Adoption of a Bigeye Management Procedure, Implementing Arrangements, and Monitoring Strategy

The Commission will consider updated and available information to inform its consideration for adoption of a bigeye management procedure and associated implementing arrangements, including a monitoring strategy.

11.3 Mixed Fishery Considerations

The Commission will review its management framework for yellowfin tuna, noting its progress in advancing a management procedure for bigeye tuna and its impact on yellowfin tuna and the need for an associated management framework.

11.4 Review of other CMMs relating to conservation and management of tuna and billfish

The Commission will review progress and performance of its conservation and management measures for other WCPFC tuna and billfish stocks, including:

- i. CMM 2025-03 – Skipjack management procedure
- ii. CMM 2024-06 – North Pacific striped marlin
- iii. CMM 2009-03 – South Pacific swordfish
- iv. CMM 2006-04 – Southwest Pacific striped marlin

11.5 Preparations for the 2027 Review of CMM 2025-02 (Conservation and Management of Bigeye, Yellowfin, and Skipjack tunas in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean)

The Commission will consider a process for reviewing CMM 2025-02 in 2027, which was postponed from 2026 following an extension of the CMM at WCPFC22. The 2027 review may include a series of intersessional meetings and/or workshops that account for the Commission's progress in development of harvest strategies for bigeye, yellowfin, and skipjack tunas. Any scheduling of intersessional work will include confirmation of provision of resources required to support online or in-person meetings.

11.6 Review and Update Harvest Strategy Workplan

The Commission will review its Harvest Strategy Workplan and make adjustments related to its future work, as required.

AGENDA ITEM 12. REVIEW OF CMMs MITIGATING IMPACTS OF FISHING ON NON-TARGET AND ASSOCIATED OR DEPENDENT SPECIES (NTADS) IN THE WCPO

The Commission will review implementation of its current conservation and management measures for non-target and associated or dependent species (NTADS), including any outcomes from SC22, TCC22, and relevant intersessional working groups and CMM reviews, that are not considered under other agenda items.

Working papers for each sub-item under Agenda Item 12 will contain the latest scientific information and advice available from the Scientific Committee, noting that not all NTADS CMMs were considered at SC22. Updated compliance history, data collection, and monitoring efforts will also be provided for each sub-item.

12.1 CMM 2018-04 – Sea Turtles

In addition to a review of implementation of CMM 2018-04, the Commission will also consider updates on the informal intersessional review of CMM 2018-04 on Sea Turtles.

12.2 CMM 2019-05 – Mobulid rays

12.3 CMM 2024-07 – Cetaceans

12.4 CMM 2025-05 – Seabirds

12.5 CMM 2025-06 – Sharks

AGENDA ITEM 13. COMPLIANCE MONITORING

The Commission will review progress and updates on implementation of the WCPFC Compliance Monitoring Scheme.

13.1 Adoption of the 2026 Compliance Monitoring Report (fCMR) for the 2025 Reporting Year (RY2025)

The Commission will adopt the 2026 Compliance Monitoring Report, following consideration at WCPFC23 through a small working group of any remaining issues.

13.2 Review of CMM 2023-04 – Compliance Monitoring Scheme

The Commission will discuss an extension of CMM 2023-04, which expires 31st December 2026, including any relevant recommendations from TCC22.

AGENDA ITEM 14. ADOPTION OF 2027 IUU VESSEL LIST

The Commission will review the provisional 2027 IUU Vessel List, as recommended by TCC22. Additional discussions may be required at WCPFC23, hence this agenda item may be opened early in the agenda to allow for further discussion to take place before the Commission is invited to adopt the 2027 IUU Vessel List before the conclusion of WCPFC23.

AGENDA ITEM 15. REPORT OF THE 20TH FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

15.1 Adoption of the 2027 Budget and 2028 and 2029 Indicative Budgets

The Commission will receive the report of the 20th Finance and Administration Committee (FAC20) and adopt its recommendations, including the 2027 Budget, and the 2028 and 2029 Indicative Budgets.

AGENDA ITEM 16. COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL OCEAN GOVERNANCE ISSUES

The Commission will receive updates from the Secretariat on intersessional activities relating to ocean governance, with relevance to WCPFC's mandate. The Secretariat will also provide updates on its engagement and cooperation with other organizations. This update will complement a mid-year update contained in Circular 2026/66: Mid-year Updates on International Ocean Governance Activities with Relevance to WCPFC.

AGENDA ITEM 17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Commission will elect officers for the following roles, considering any recommendations from the relevant subsidiary body. The elected officials will take up their roles beginning in 2027.

1. NC Vice Chair
2. Commission Chair
3. Commission Vice-Chair

The Commission will consider and agree to indicative dates and venues for its 2027 regular annual session, subsidiary body meetings, and other intersessional activities.

1. 23rd Northern Committee, including the 12th PBFJWG (TBD)
2. 23rd Scientific Committee (XX August 2027, Pohnpei, FSM)
3. 23rd Technical and Compliance Committee (XX September 2027, Pohnpei, FSM)
4. 21st Finance and Administration Committee (xx 2027, [TBD])

5. 24th Regular Session of the Commission (2027, [TBD])

Intersessional Working Groups (note: some IWG meetings may progress electronically and/or meet virtually.)

1. 2nd South Pacific Albacore Joint Working Group with IATTC
2. Other intersessional meetings or processes

AGENDA ITEM 18. OTHER MATTERS

The Commission will consider any other matters that may arise.

AGENDA ITEM 19. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair may invite closing statements by CCMs and Observers before closing the 23rd Regular Annual Meeting of the Commission.



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23rd Regular Session of the Commission

27th November – 5th December 2026

Port Vila, Vanuatu



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INBOUND TO VANUATU

PASSPORT & VISA

Valid Documentation: All international participants traveling to Vanuatu must possess a valid passport and an approved visa.

Application Assistance: The WCPFC Task Force can submit visa applications on behalf of delegates. To utilize this service, please send your confirmed flight itinerary directly to the task force visa support email addresses: ttaleo@fisheries.gov.vu and ftngwango@fisheries.gov.vu

Immigration Department: Alternatively, participants may visit the immigration website for further information: <https://immigration.gov.vu/>

Check this website to see if you require a visa: <https://vanuatupocketguide.com/vanuatu-tourist-visa-do-you-need-a-visa-to-visit-vanuatu>

Also check this page to assist you with your travel arrangements: <https://vanuatupocketguide.com/what-documents-do-i-need-to-travel-to-vanuatu>

FLIGHT ITINERARY

Once your tickets/itineraries are confirmed, please send a copy to the WCPFC23 Taskforce if you require visa support.

Pre-Flight Approval: Ensure your visa is formally granted prior to boarding your flight to Port Vila.

ARRIVAL, CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES

Immigration Arrival Card: An arrival card will be distributed on the plane prior to landing at Bauerfield International Airport. Complete this card fully using clear capital letters and present it alongside your passport at the Immigration checkpoint.

Declaration: Ensure all relevant items are fully and accurately checked on your declaration form.

Banned Substances: Strictly avoid transporting flammable materials, weapons, illicit drugs, or any substances globally prohibited from commercial aircraft.

TRANSPORTATION

Airport Transfers and Shuttles: Complimentary ground transport will be provided for all official participants upon arrival at Bauerfield International Airport. Regular daily shuttle services will operate continuously between the main recommended hotels and the meeting venue.

- Arrival Transfers: Airport to hotels
- Meeting Transfers: To and from recommended hotels and the venue
- Departure Transfers: Hotels to airport

Participants staying at alternative accommodation will be responsible for arranging their own transport to the venue.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE

If you wish to exchange your currency to Vanuatu Vatu (VT), the following options are available:

- Airport Terminal: The Western Union (WU) as well as the National Bank of Vanuatu (NBV) currency exchange booths are available upon arrival
- Hotels: Small amounts may be exchanged at some hotel front desks (your accommodation)
- Banks: Larger amounts can be exchanged at Bank South Pacific (BSP), ANZ, NBV, BRED Bank and Wanfuteng Bank are located within Port Vila and generally within walking distance of the recommended hotels.

SIM & Wi-Fi

For participants' internet use and data plans, local SIM cards by Digicel and Vodafone will be available at the Airport and participants are encouraged to get one upon arrival. Some hotels offer complimentary WiFi, while others may charge additional fees for internet access. Please enquire with your hotel's reception for WiFi details.

Internet/Wi-Fi access will be available at the meeting venue throughout the forum.

Delegate Special Accommodations

Dietary Requirements: Participants with chronic food allergies or specific vegetarian requests must indicate these on their formal registration form and notify the WCPFC23 Task Force secretariat via email at least one week prior to the event.

Accessibility Needs: Delegates requiring specialized physical access or disability accommodation are requested to contact the WCPFC23 Task Force in advance to ensure seamless arrangements at the venue and during official transfers.

INSURANCE

It is the participants' responsibility to ensure that their travel and stay in Vanuatu are insured. Participants are advised to obtain travel insurance at their own expense, following standard practices. Any costs incurred from medical treatment shall be borne by the participant and must be settled directly with the medical provider, if required.

OTHER INFORMATION

- Participants with special food allergies or vegetarian, please include it in your registration form and also inform the WCPFC23 Task Force at least 1 week in advance.
- Participants with disabilities or any access needs, please inform the WCPFC23 Task Force in advance for appropriate arrangements.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CLIMATE & WEATHER

Vanuatu has a warm tropical maritime climate with two main seasons: a cooler, drier period from **May to October** and a hot, wet, humid season from **November to April**. Average temperatures range from **23°C** in winter to **28°C** in summer, and ocean temperatures stay comfortable year-round between **22°C** and **28°C**.

For daily weather updates, please visit the Vanuatu Meteorological Service website: <https://www.vmgd.gov.vu/>

What To Wear

Participants are encouraged to wear:

- Lightweight, breathable clothing
- Comfortable, closed-toe shoes suitable for walking
- A hat or cap for sun protection
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen (apply before departure and reapply during the day)

CURRENCY

The official currency of Vanuatu is VATU (VT).

As a guide, 1 USD is approximately equivalent to 119 VT, although exchange rates may vary.



Bank Notes



Coins

MUST PACK ITEMS

Vanuatu uses power outlets and plugs of type I. Take a look at the pictures below to see what these plugs and power sockets look like. The following images provide a standard voltage of 110-240V with a standard frequency of 50/60Hz.



LANGUAGE

Vanuatu has Bislama as its national language, while Bislama, English, and French serve as the three official languages. The country also has over 130 distinct indigenous local languages, giving it one of the highest linguistic densities per capita in the world.

DRIVING

Driving in Vanuatu means traveling on the **right-hand side** of the road. Speed limits are **50 km/h** in towns like Port Vila and Luganville, and **80 km/h** in rural areas. A valid foreign driver's license is accepted for short visits, though a 4x4 vehicle is strongly recommended due to potholes and unpaved rural roads.

How to get here

Vanuatu air travel has been made possible with the services of following airlines:



HELPFUL VANUATU BISLAMA

Vanuatu is one of the most linguistically diverse countries in the world, with 138 indigenous Oceanic languages alongside 3 official languages (Bislama, English, and French). The blend of English, French and local languages brought about Bislama, like *Creole*. Below are some useful Bislama phrases:

English	Pidjin	English	Pidjin
Thank You / Thank You Very Much	Tank Yu/ Tank Yu Tumas	How much? (Asking for price)	Hamas?
Where are you going?	Yu stap go wea?	This one / That one	Hemia/ Hemia lo we
Sorry	Sori	I want to buy/pay	Mi wantem pem/Pem
That's OK	I stret	Where is...?	Wehem...?
Hello	Halo	I am looking for	Me stap lukaotem...
Come here	Kam ya	Too expensive	Hem expensif/sas tumas!
Let's go	Yumi go	Make it cheaper	Mekem I jip lelbet
Excuse me	Eskius mi	I don't have change	Mi nokat change
Good morning	Gud moning	Stop here (taxi)	Stop lo ples ya
Good evening	Gud Evening	Wait for me	Weit lo mi
Good night	Gud Night	How far?	Hemi long we?
How are you	Olsem wanem?	Water	Wota
Goodbye (to person leav-ing)	Lukim yu	Food	Kaikai
We are waiting	Mifala stap wet	I'm hungry	Mi hangre
Get home safely	Ko hom seif	I'm tired	Mi taet
Have a nice day	Nice dei long yu	Do you have...?	Yufala/Yu kat..?
Have a good trip!	Yu kat wan gud trip!		
Welcome	Welkam		
Yes	Yes		
No	No		
Maybe	Ating olsem		
Just a moment!	Weit smol!		
I feel sick	Me fil Sik		
I need a doctor	Me nidim dokta		
Take me to the hospital (to taxi)	Tekem me go lo hospitol		

Don't worry about getting everything perfect - people will understand and appreciate the effort.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (PRIVATE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS)

For urgent medical assistance, please contact the following Medical Service Providers

Pro Medical Efate/ ProRescue (Ambulance Services)

Location: Rue Dartois, Port Vila

Email:

Phone: (+678) 26996 / (+678) 555 3153

Website: <https://promedical.vu/>



National Communications Centre

Phone: (+678) 552 5586

Email: ncc@promedical.vu

24/7 Medical Evacuation

Phone: (+678) 552 5586

Email: medevac@promedical.vu

“In an emergency dial 115”

Vanuatu National Hospital

Location: Rue De Wales, Port Vila

Phone: (+678) 22100

Opening hours: 8am – 5pm

Emergency – 24/7

The Medical Centre

- Email: medicalcentre@vanuatu.com.vu
- Phone: (+678) 22826
- Location: Wantok House, Nambatu, Port-Vila
- Opening hours: Monday – Friday 7:30am to 5pm Saturday 8am – 11:30am
- Website: <https://www.facebook.com/portvilamedicalcentre>

Vanua Medical

- Email: contact@vanuamedical.com
- Phone: (+678) 23 911/ (+678) 75 23 911
- Location: Dockside House, Kumul Highway, Port Vila
- Opening hours: Monday–Friday: 7am–6pm Saturday: 8am–12pm
- Website: <https://vanuamedical.com/>

Vanuatu Private Hospital & Vanuatu Medical Lab

- Email: vanuatuprivateshospital@gmail.com
- Phone: (+678) 22255 / 22254
- Location: Rue d'Artois, Nambatu, Port-Vila
- Opening hours: Mon – Fri 8am – 5pm

PHARMACY SERVICES

You can purchase medicines at pharmaceutical outlets located within Port Vila. Pharmacies are often well-stocked with prescription and medical supplies while you can find basic medicines such as fever, reducer, pain killer, digestive pills, and cold medicine.

You can directly contact the WCPFC Task Force if you need assistance with emergency medical services.



VANUATU NATIONAL HOSPITAL

The Vanuatu National Hospital (VNH), formerly known as Vila Central Hospital, is the main public referral hospital for Vanuatu. Located on Rue de Wales in Port Vila, it provides general medical care, emergency services, and recently expanded diagnostic features like its new histopathology unit. You can contact the hospital directly on +678 22100



VENUES & ACCOMMODATION

ACCOMMODATION - RECOMMENDED PLACES TO STAY

Participants are kindly requested to arrange and book their own accommodation, preferably at the recommended hotels listed below to ensure convenient access to the meeting venue. Transport will be provided for participants staying at these recommended accommodations:

Warwick Le Lagon Resort

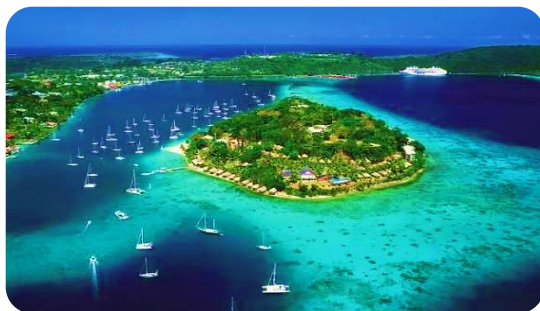
- **Address:** Elluk Road, Off Kumul Highway – Port Vila
- **Website:** <https://www.warwickhotels.com/warwick-le-lagon-vanuatu>
- **Telephone:** (+678) 22 313
- **Email:** salescoordinator1.lagoon@warwickhotels.com



Displaying South Pacific Charm the resort is situated on 75 acres of tropical gardens at the cobalt blue edge of pristine Erakor Lagoon which is a 5-minute taxi ride to Port Vila township, and 20 minutes from the airport. With a choice of three restaurants and two bars, enjoy the BBQ Pool Grill at lunch, dinner at the renowned Wild Ginger for tempting Asian Fusion cuisine, Lagoon Terrace for nightly themed buffets or the Lobby Bar for all day snacks. Visit the swim up Pool Bar and cool off before or after your next activity. For relaxation, visit the Oasis Spa which has five therapy rooms providing individual treatments and special couples' packages. Added to this, Warwick Le Lagon offers an extensive conference and events centre, a dedicated wedding overwater deck, a recently upgraded fun Kids Club and complimentary activities including non-motorized water sports, tennis and golf on its 12-hole resort course.

Iririki Island Resort

- **Address:** Iririki Island Resort, Port Vila
- **Website:** <https://iririki.com/>
- **Telephone:** (+613) 9326 6579 / (+678) 35060
- **Email:** hello@iririki.com



Iririki Island Resort & Spa is a private island escape located just a 3-minute, free 24-hour ferry ride from Port Vila, Vanuatu. Spanning 28 hectares, the resort features 137 rooms, an adults-only infinity pool, a cascading family pool, a spa, and complimentary water sports like snorkeling and kayaking.

Holiday Inn

- **Address:** Holiday Inn, Tassiriki Park, Port Vila
- **Website:** <https://www.ihg.com/>
- **Telephone:** (+678) 34000
- **Email:** reservations.vanuatu@ihg.com



The Holiday Inn Resort Vanuatu is an upscale, family-friendly resort located on Erakor Lagoon in Tassiriki Park, Port Vila. It features 138 rooms, two outdoor pools, a free kids' club, the Namele Day Spa, and dining options like the Verandah Restaurant and Pool Bar.

Ramada Hotel

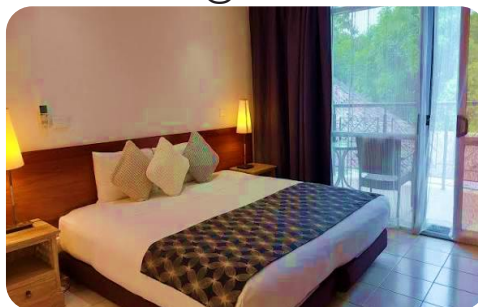
- **Address:** 1st Lagoon, Paray, Port Vila
- **Website:** <https://ramadaresort.com.vu/contact-us/>
- **Telephone:** (+678) 28000
- **Email:** fb@ramadaresort.com.vu



The Ramada Resort by Wyndham Port Vila is a 4-star beachfront resort on the cliffs of Erakor Lagoon, located about 1.4 km from central Port Vila and 6 km from Bauerfield International Airport. It features 80 rooms and self-contained apartments with panoramic lagoon views.

Melanesian Hotel

- **Address:** P.O. Box 810, Port Vila
- **Website:** <http://www.melanesianportvila.com>
- **Telephone:** (+678) 22150
- **Email:** info@melanesian.com.vu or reservations@melanesian.com.vu



The Melanesian Port Vila is a 3-star hotel located on Rue Picarde and Kumul Highway in Port Vila, Vanuatu. It sits a 5-minute walk from the town center and offers an outdoor pool, free Wi-Fi, two tennis courts, and on-site dining options including Ristorante Casa Mia.

Nasama Resort

- **Address:** Pango Road, Port Vila
- **Website:** <https://nasamaresort.com/>
- **Telephone:** (+678) 28009 / (+678) 7528009
- **Email:** info@nasamaresort.com



Nasama Resort is a beachfront, self-contained apartment complex located on Pango Road, just a 10-minute drive southwest of Port Vila's town center on Efate Island, Vanuatu. It features an infinity pool, a private sandy beach, a natural ocean rock pool, and on-site dining.

MG Cocomo Resort

- **Address:** Teouma Road, Tassiriki, P.O.BOX 3030, Port Vila
- **Website:** <https://mgcocomo.com/>
- **Telephone:** (+678) 25505
- **Email:** booking@mgcocomo.com



MG Cocomo Resort is a lagoon-front, Melanesian-style property located on Teouma Road in Tassiriki, Port Vila, Vanuatu. It sits a 5-minute drive from central Port Vila and about 15 minutes from Port Vila Airport, offering direct lagoon access, an outdoor pool, and family-friendly amenities.

Golden Port Hotel

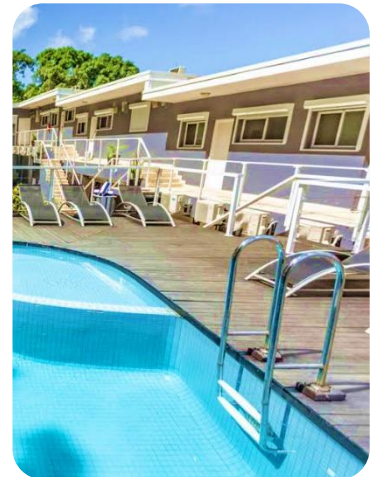
- **Address:** Lini Highway, Port Vila
- **Telephone:** (+678) 22375



The Golden Port Restaurant & Hotel, located near the heart of town, where guests might as well enjoy proximity to Seawall Park, situated 0.6 miles away. You can also visit National Museum of Vanuatu, located within reach of this property. The hotel offers rooms with a balcony and a seating area featuring air conditioning, along with a flat-screen TV with satellite channels. They are appointed with a writing table and also feature a mini fridge bar. Bathrooms include a walk-in shower, a separate toilet, and a sink, along with comforts such as hairdryers and towels.

Mariner Apartments

- **Address:** Kumul Highway, Port Vila
- **Telephone:** (+678) 35189 / (+612) 80909303 (After hours – (+678) 5523694)
- **Email:** reservation@mariner.vu
- **Website:** <https://www.mariner.vu/>



Mariner Apartments is a stylish, owner-operated property located on Kumul Highway in Nambatu, Port Vila, Vanuatu. Overlooking Fatumaru Bay, it offers self-contained studio and two-bedroom apartments alongside a penthouse suite, featuring panoramic harbor views, an outdoor pool, free Wi-Fi, and fully equipped kitchens.

Grand Hotel and Casino

- **Address:** Grand Hotel and Casino, Lini Highway, Port Vila
- **Telephone:** (+678) 34050
- **Email:** info@grandvanuatu.com / reservations@grandvanuatu.com
- **Website:** <https://www.grandvanuatu.com/>



Grand Hotel & Casino is a 4-star waterfront property located on Kumul Highway in the heart of Port Vila, Vanuatu. It features 74 newly refurbished rooms and suites with private balconies overlooking Port Vila Bay, an on-site casino, a swimming pool, and the Crystals Restaurant.

Attractions



Left to right: Fire Dance, Zipline, Sky Bridge, Water Sports, Blue Lagoon, National Museum, Mele Cascades, Eden on the River, Pango Surf, Eton Beach, Hideaway Island Resort and Marine Reserve, The Haa Bar, Big Blue Dive, Top Gun Sport Fishing

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- 1) Central Bay Motel
- 2) Central Inn
- 3) City Lodge
- 4) Pacific Paradise Motel
- 5) Coral Motel
- 6) Crown Royale Lounge
- 7) Poppys on the Lagoon
- 8) Mangoes Resort
- 9) Fatumaru Lodge
- 10) Kaiviti Motel

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Other Accommodation Options

NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT(S)
Kaiviti Motel	Kaviti Motel Kumul Highway, Port Vila, Vanuatu	Phone: +678 24684 Email: reception@kaivitimotel.com Website: https://www.kaivitimotel.com/
Central Bay Inn	Central Bay Motel, Lini Highway, Port Vila, Vanuatu	Email: centralbaymotel@vanuatu.com.vu Phone: + (678) 26880 Website: https://www.centralbaymotel.com/
Crown Royal Hotel & Lounge	Crown Royale Hotel & Lounge – Stade Ave / Teouma St, Port Vila, Efate, Vanuatu	Email: reservations@crownvauatu.com / manager@crownvauatu.com Phone: +678 29777 / Mob: +678 7729777 Website: https://crownvauatu.com/
Paradise Palms Lodge	Paradise Palms Lodge Captain Cook Avenue Port Vila	Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/p/Paradise-Palms-Lodge-61574773674556/ Phone: +678 7788988 +678 7112278
Hibiscus Motel	Vila Hibiscus Motel Port Vila, Vanuatu	Email: vilahibiscusmotel@vanuatu.com.vu Phone: +678 28289
Room with a View	Rene Pujol, Port Vila, Vanuatu	Phone: +678 776 3860
Fatumaru Lodge	Lini Highway, Port Vila, Efate Island, Vanuatu	Phone: + (678) 23456 Email: reservation@fatumaru.com Website: https://fatumaru.com/
City Motel	Rue Bougainville, 299 Port-Vila, Vanuatu	Phone: +67822228
City Lodge	PO Box 3230, Kumul Highway, Port Vila, Vanuatu	Phone: +678 26826 Email: citylodge@vanuatu.com.vu
Coral Motel	Coral Motel, Kumul Highway, Port Vila, Vanuatu	Phone: +678 24755 Email: coralmotel@vanuatu.com.vu Website: https://coral-motel-apartments.portvilahotels.com/en/
Coconut Palms Hotel & Diamond Casino	Rue Cornwall, Port Vila, Vanuatu	Phone: + 678-5141387 Email: coconutpalmsresortvila@gmail.com Website: https://coconutcasinovanuatu.com/
Breakas Beach Resort (Adults Only)	Pango Road, PO Box 1101 Port Vila, Vanuatu	Phone: +678 23670 Email: reservations@breakas.com , resmanager@breakas.com , gm@breakas.com Website: https://breakas.com/
Mangoes Resort	PO Box 862 Port Vila, Vanuatu	Phone: +678 24923 Mobile: +678 751 7515 Email: mangoes@vanuatu.com.vu Website: https://www.mangoesresort.com/

Poppies on the Lagoon Resort	Erakor Lagoon Port Vila Vanuatu	Phone: +678 23425 Email: info@poppys.com.vu Website: https://www.poppys.com.vu/
Terraces Boutique Apartments	Rue De Wales, Port Vila Vanuatu	Phone: +678 24923 Email: theterraces@vanuatu.com.vu Website: https://www.theterracesvanuatu.com/
Sea Change Lodge	Seachange Lodge, Captain Cook Ave P.O. Box 5101, Port Vila, Vanuatu	Phone: +678 26 551 / +678 77 128 40 Email: info@seachangelodge.vu Website: https://www.seachangelodge.vu/
Erakor Island Resort & Spa	Erakor Island Resort & Spa Erakor Lagoon, Port Vila, Vanuatu	Phone: +617 3158 9898 / +678 23098 Email: book@erakorislandresort.com Website: https://www.erakorislandresort.com/
Pacific Paradise Motel	P.O Box 487, Port Vila, Vanuatu	Phone: +678 28989 Website: https://pacific-paradise-motel.portvilahotels.com/en/
Ocean View Apartments	Rue Rene Pujol/Ocean View House, Port-Vila, Vanuatu	Phone: +678 555 2221 Email: res@vanuatu1.com Website: N/A
Vila Rose Hotel	Port Vila, Vanuatu	Phone: +678 739 7520 Email: reception.vilarose@gmail.com Website: https://www.vilarosehotel.com/

OUT-OF-TOWN ACCOMODATION OPTIONS

E'Nauwi Beach Resort	Southeast Efate, SHEFA Province, Vanuatu	Phone: +678 22170 Email: reservation@enauwibeachresort.com Website: https://www.enauwibeachresort.org/
The Havannah Vanuatu (Adults Only)	Samoa Point, Port Havannah, North Efate, Vanuatu	Resort Contacts Phone: (+678) 35600 or 26300 Emergencies only: (+678) 5518 100 Email (weekdays): reservations@thehavannah.com (weekends): reception@thehavannah.com Chris Martin (Australian Rep) Email: sales@thehavannah.com Mobile: (+61) 0414 737 027 Website: https://thehavannah.com/
Blue Bay Resort & Restaurant	Devil's Point Rd, Port Vila	Phone: +678 533 6576 Email: bluebayvanuatu@gmail.com Website: N/A
Nakatumble Lodge	Devil's Point Road, Efate, Vanuatu	Phone: +6787715259 Email: reservations@nakatumble.com Website: https://www.nakatumble.com/
Island Magic resort	Island Magic Resort, Devils Point Road, Vanuatu	Phone: Mob: + 678 7746 386 Tel: + 678 29015 Email: info@islandmagicresort.com Website: https://islandmagicresort.com/
Paradise Cove Resort	Paradise Cove Resort Paradise Cove, Pango Port Vila, Vanuatu	Phone: Office: +678 777 3398 Booking: +678 710 1872 Email: info@paradisecoveresortvanuatu.com Website: https://paradisecoveresortvanuatu.com/

Angelfish Cove Villas	Angelfish Cove Road, Pango, Port Vila	Phone: +678 511 8190 Email: info@angelfishcovevillas.com Website: facebook.com/AngelfishCoveVillas
Hideaway Island and Marine Sanctuary Resort	Hideaway island resort, Mele Bay, Efate, Vanuatu	Phone: +678 22963 Email: info@hideaway.com.vu Website: https://www.hideawayholidays.com.au/vanuatu-efate-islands-hideaway-island-resort-marine-sanctuary/
Vale Vale Beachfront Villas	Vale Vale Beachfront Villas Pango Road, Efate, Vanuatu	Phone: Vanuatu: +678 7779350 Australia: +61 418128671 Email: info@travelvanuatu.com.au Website: https://travelvanuatu.com.au/

Airbnb Accommodation Options

Airbnb accommodation options can be found in the Airbnb App itself

Alternative Accommodation

Delegates electing to stay at properties outside the officially recommended list are entirely responsible for organizing their own daily transport to and from the venue.

Restaurants, Pâtisseries, Cafes and Bars

Banyan Restaurant and Bar
 Harbour View Restaurant
 Golden Port Restaurant
 Exotic Thai Restaurant
 Amoremio Restaurant
 Casa Mia Restaurant
 L'Houstalet Restaurant
 Three Pigs Restaurant
 Rossi Restaurant
 Joe Vietnamese Restaurant
 MK Restaurant
 VAN Japanese Restaurant
 LaLaLa Restaurant & Bar @ Le Petit Village
 Regenerative Vanua Local Restaurant
 Stone Grill Restaurant
 Tana Russet Food Court
 The Boat House
 Island Time Takeaway
 Sea Salt
 Waterfall Bar
 The Beach Bar
 Seaside Retreat Bar
 83 Islands Distillery
 Cafe Waves
 Jill's Cafe
 Café Villa
 Coco and Co Café
 Grace Café
 The Village Café
 Mali Beach Club
 Nambawan Cafe
 Grace Cafe
 La Fournil (French pastries and delicacies)
 Ah Pow Bakery (opens 24 hrs)
 La Parisienne Bakery (opens 24 hrs)
 Crave
 Pikinini Bar (Local Organic Fruit Juice)
 Burger Station
 83 Pizza
 The Groove
 Local Mamas Market

Vehicle Hire Options

World Car Rentals Tel: +678 26 515 Email: bookings@vanuaturentalcars.com
Europcar Tel: +678 5542280 Email: europcar@vanuatu.com.vu
Hertz Car Rental Tel: +678 22468 | +678 7742570 Email: hertz@vanuatu.com.vu
Avis Tel: +678 35335 Email: reservations@avis.vu
Maxus Tel: +678 34041 | +678 5538511 | +678 7613207 Email: sales@maxuslimitedvanuatu.com
Anne Car Rentals Tel: +678 5656666 / 5757777 / 757777 Email: vilaannecar@gmail.com
Global Drive Car Rentals Tel: +678 527 3180 Email: booking@globaldrivecarrentals.com
Island Car Rentals Vanuatu Tel: +678 771 7515
Go2Rent Tel: +678 777 1646 Email: customerservice@onwheelsgroup.com
Omega Car Rentals Vanuatu Tel: +678 555 2277
On Wheels Vanuatu Tel: +678 777 1646 / +678 22775 Email: customerservice@onwheelsgroup.com
NB: (Vanuatu drives on the right-hand side of the road)

Public Transport (Cash ONLY)

Taxis available (No meter)
Service Buses VT 150 (\$1.50)
NB: (Number plate labelled with RED letter B) pick and drop off anywhere around the city)

Banks and Money Exchange Outlets

BSP
ANZ
Bred Bank
Wanfuteng Bank
National Bank of Vanuatu
(All ATMs accept Visa and Mastercard, additional charges apply)

Western Union
No1 Currency
Goodies

Medical Care and Emergency Options

Pro – Med Emergency Responses and Ambulance Services Tel: +678 26996 Email: info@promedical.vu
Port Vila Central Hospital Tel: +678 22100
Vanuatu Private Hospital Tel: +678 22255
Vanua Medical Clinic and Lab Tel: +678 23911 Email: contact@vanuamedical.com
The Medical Centre Tel: +678 22826 Email: medicalcentrevanuatu@gmail.com
Wow Dental Clinic Tel: +678-7742904 Email: doc_rosas@yahoo.com
Dental Department (Vila Central Hospital) Tel: +678 22100 Email: njenny@vanuatu.gov.vu
Prime Dental, T19, 1st floor, Tana Russet Plaza Tel: +678 22943 Email: reception@primedental.vu

Police

Police Station, Phone: 22 222. Port Vila. Police Emergency, Phone: 111 (Digicel) 1111 (Vodafone (TVL)).
Mala Base (Police Maritime Wing), Phone: 22 860 / 22 718

Phone and Internet Providers

Digicel
Vodafone (Telecom Vanuatu Limited TVL)
Wantok
PacNet (Starlink)

Pharmacies

The Drug Store
The Pharmacy
Healthwise Pharmacy
Villa Pharmacy Ltd
Tana Pharmacy
UniChem Pharmacy

GYM and Sport Facilities

Stade Gym, Squash and Tennis Courts
Korman Stadium
Ex FOL Gym

Amenities and Attractions

Efate (Shefa Province)

Mele Cascades
Mele Beach
Zipline
Sky Bridge
Blue Lagoon
Takara Hot springs
Lelepa Island Tours
Moso Island Resort
Big Blue Dive Tours
Game Fishing Club
Vanuatu Water Sports
Vanuatu National Cultural Centre
Mamas Handicraft Markets and Stalls

Espiritu Santo (Sanma Province)

President Coolidge Dive Tours
Champagne Beach
World War II Museum
Millenium Cave
Bokissa Island Resort
Ratua Private Island Resort
Aore Island Resort
Matevulu Blue Hole
Riri Blue Hole
Million Dollar Point Dive Tours
Aore Bat Cave Tour

Tanna (Tafea Province)

Yasur Volcano	Lenuanatuaiu Waterfall	Sulphur Bay Hot Springs
Blue Cave	Yapilmai Waterfall	Port Resolution Black Sandy Beaches
Custom Villages		
John Frum Cult Movement		

Air and Sea Transport Options to Outer Islands

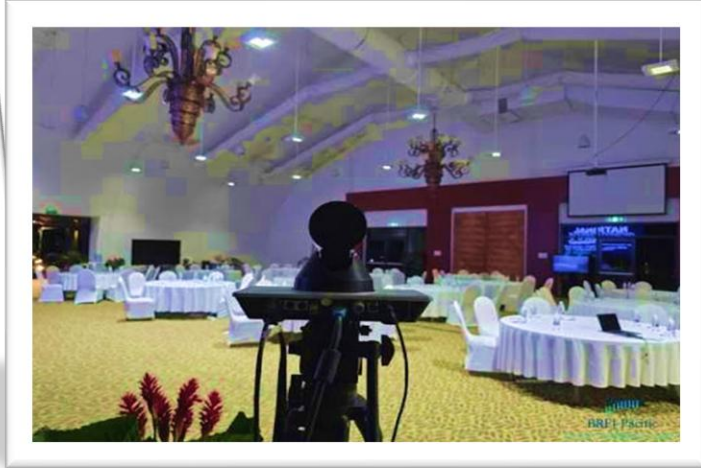
Vanuatu Ferry	Tel: +678 26872	Email: sales@vanuatu-ferry.com
Tanna Ferry	Tel: +678 5922294 / 7169010	Email: tannaferry@gmail.com
Blue Water – Aelan Express	Tel: +678 28200	Book Online: www.aelanexpress.vu

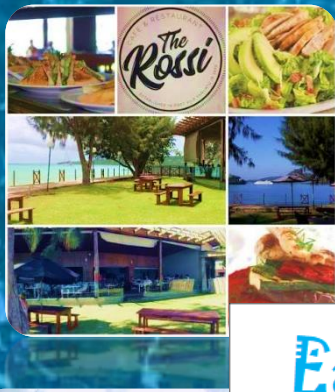
Air Vanuatu	Tel: +678 20200	Email: reservation@airvanuatu.vu
Air Taxi	Tel: +678 5544206	Email: info@airtaxivanuatu.com
Unity Airlines	Tel: +678 24475	Email: unity-airlines@vanuatu.com.vu
Bel Air Airways	Tel: +678 29983	Office Location: Bauerfield Domestic Terminal, Port Vila

NB: Click here for more information on tours and other attractions: <https://www.vanuatu.travel/au/>

MEETING VENUE

WCPFC23 will be hosted at the Farea Pacific Convention Centre, Warwick Le Lagon Resort, Port Vila. This space is ideal for conferences, weddings and other private functions. It has track record of hosting other international meetings such as the ACP - EU in 2011 and has been accommodating other regional and international events since.





Eateries and Restaurants



Café Vila at Nasama Resort

The place to go for delicious food and refreshing cocktails in a stylish setting

Breakfast every day 7-11am Dinner Tues – Sun from 5.30pm

+678 21828

Located just 10 mins from town at Nasama Resort

1 (one) free glass of beer, wine or soft drink when ordering a main meal.

HotSpots VANUATU



three pigs

Funky beer garden restaurant & bar

Comfort foods – craft burgers, Neapolitan pizzas & modern age Mexican

Everyday Lunch & Dinner from 11.30am

+678 7728066

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1 (one) free house beer, wine or softdrink when you spend over 2,500vbt per person on food.

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HELPFUL TIPS

Transportation and Traffic Rules

Traffic Orientation: Vehicles travel on the right-hand side of the road. The maximum regulatory speed limit inside municipal Port Vila limits is 50 km/h. Drivers must keep a valid license on their person; police checkpoints operate frequently.

Public Buses: Standard commuter mini-buses are recognizable by a distinct red letter 'B' on their license plates. The baseline cash fare within the city center is 150 VT per person.

Taxis: Urban taxis operate without electronic meters. Fares are based on fixed local distances and should be verbally negotiated prior to boarding. Credit cards are not accepted; transactions require physical cash.

Traffic Advisory: Active public infrastructure upgrades and municipal roadworks may generate local traffic disruptions. Peak congestion periods occur daily between 07:00 AM to 08:30 AM and 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM, and again at 5:00 PM. Delegates are strongly encouraged to travel to the conference center early between 07:00 AM and 8:00 AM.

NB: Prices go up for locations outside of town (e.g. 200 VT, 250 VT, 300 VT, 500 VT per person)

Personal belongings

It is advisable that you always exercise caution with your belongings and always keep them about you at all times, such as phones, wallets, cash, shoes, laptops, tablets, iPads, jewelry, and other valuables.

Traffic Jams and road works

Be advised that there will be road works going on and other activities as well which will affect the flow of traffic so, ensure you have all you need for the day to avoid the jam, best time to make it to the meeting venue early would be between 6:30 – 8:00 AM, peak hours are 12PM and 6PM.

Police Checks

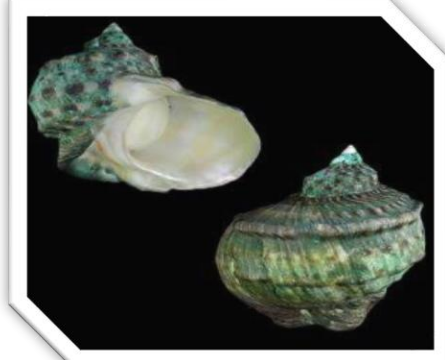
For vehicle drivers, please ensure you always have your drivers' licence available as there will be police checks from time to time, especially during weekends.

Artefacts, handicrafts and perishable goods export

For those who wish to take artefacts, handicrafts and perishable goods, please check with vendors if products are certified and cleared for export. For perishable goods such as beef and related products, you will need to apply for a permit at the Department of Biosecurity, further details can be found here: <https://biosecurity.gov.vu/>

Prohibition on export of banned species

Triton shell (*Charonia tritonis*) and the Green Snail (*Turbo Marmoratus*) are banned species in Vanuatu and are not to be purchased, accepted, taken as gifts or souvenirs.



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LONDON,
NEW YORK,
BALI,
THE BAHAMAS,
MALDIVES,
HAWAII OR FIJI,

IT'S OUR HUMBLE HOME, **VANUATU**,
WE HOPE YOU'LL ENJOY YOUR STAY!

Lukim yu!

