

Minutes – SANMA PGTB – Meeting # 3

Date: 23rd May 2018

Venue: SANMA Skills Centre Conference Room.

Members Present: Mr Prosper Buletare (Chairman), Mr Wesley Jerethy (Secretary), Mr Keith Antfalo, Mr Christion Tukunamoli, Mr Joel Daniel, Mr Kalmer Vocor, Mr Johnny Varenzele, Mr Ben Kaurua, Ms Sisilia Lui, Mr Tari Molisale, Mr Glen Alo, Mrs Aureline konkon, Mr Kenny Swua, Mr Thompson Wari Paul, Mr Robinson Toka,

Apologies:

VSP Staff: Mrs Serah Dyer (MEL Advisor)

Other stakeholders: Fr Willie Ben Tabi (ACOM), Mr Haines Dini (Ituany VTC)

Opening Prayer: Offered at 9:00am by Mr Christion Tukunamoli

Actions:

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 Voted: To accept the minutes of the previous SANMA PGTB meeting dated 14th February 2018 and 11th April 2018 as a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING

3.2 Noted: When answering a question on relocation of SANMA Call Centre as discussed in 1st meeting dated 14th February, minute action # 1.14, it was noted that the Call Centre Board was disorganised, never met, has limited budget and the rent itself was very expensive. It was also noted that the Call Centre Board/Management had never produced/provide a report to Department of Tourism. **Further:** It was advised by DoT that a new strategy will be implemented to cut down cost. The new strategy will see Handicraft, Transport, and Tourism Officers be located/based at the current Call Centre office, so to share rent cost and easy communication. The current room will be partition and performance appraisals done on all current Call Centre post. DoT Manager will provide a brief report on way forward to PGTB at next meeting for its endorsement.

3.3 Noted: Vocational Training Centres acknowledges PGTB members for accepting to be a member of their board, as approved in minute action # 1.20.

3.4 Noted: It was noted that DoT SANMA will recommend/follow up with Customs Internal Revenue Unit, if possible, to drop the very expensive business license for handicraft clients in SANMA Province, due to less number of cruise ships scheduled/receive this year in Luganville.

UPDATE ON SANMA SKILLS CENTRE REPORT

3.5 Voted: To accept progress report on activities implemented throughout the last three months. An updated progress report is attached to this minute.

3.6 Noted: That eligible participants to Vanuatu Skills Partnership Skills Development workshops must have/own established products and be clients of partner productive sectors. This was made clear when responding to concerns of low number of participants to these important workshops, comparing to population figure of SANMA Province.

PRESENTATION: DROP OUT IN FORMAL SECTOR

- 3.7 Noted:** That a total of 250 year 10 students from Anglophone alone have no space to do year 11 in SANMA Province. This figure is similar to the francophone stream. There are not enough spaces in the upper level of formal sector to cater for this large figure annually.
- 3.8 Voted:** To discuss at next PGTB Meeting the solutions that skills sector could take on board to cater for the large number of drop-out in the formal sector.
- 3.9 Voted:** For Industry Sectors and Private Sectors to do short term attachment programs for year 13 leavers. This would provide work experience and interest in whatever course they wish to pursue in their future endeavours.

PRESENTATION: ITUANY VOCATIONAL SKILLS CENTRE

- 3.10 Voted:** By way of information, the board members were made aware of Ituany Vocational Skills Centre, and that it concentrated on providing ICT workshops. Ituany presentation is attached to this minute.
- 3.11 Voted:** That SANMA Skills Centre provides support to Ituany Vocational Skills Centre. Ituany will be included in the list of Vocational Training Centres exist in SANMA Province, as well as involved in any Vocational Training Centres capacity workshops and/or meetings coordinated by SANMA Skills Centre.

PRESENTATION: ACOM

- 3.12 Noted:** By way of information, the board members were made aware of ACOM Vocational Training Centres and its newly established structure and management. It has five Vocational Training Centres, fully financed by ACOM, and that it's Torgil Campus has moved permanently from Ambae to Luganville, Santo. ACOM presentation is attached to this minute.
- 3.13 Voted:** That SANMA Skills Centre provides support to ACOM Vocational Training Centres – Torgil and Lorevuilko. Torgil and Lorevuilko will be included in the list of Vocational Training Centres exist in SANMA Province, as well as involved in any Vocational Training Centres capacity workshops and/or meetings coordinated by SANMA Skills Centre.

SANMA PROVINCE VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES

- 3.14 Voted:** To invite other Vocational Training Centres based/existed in SANMA Province to do presentation at PGTB meetings so members get to know, as well as its approval for SANMA Skills Centre to provide support.

UPDATE: SANMA DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM (DoT)

- 3.15 Noted:** DoT to select 3 year 12 drop-outs and train them to be Tourism Ambassadors to work temporarily at the airport every day and at the wharf at cruise ship days. New intake will be taken on board when these 3 moved on with secured jobs.
- 3.16 Noted:** Board members were informed that, out of the 123 drivers that attended the Transport Ambassadors program facilitated by VIT in Santo, only 19 passed on and were awarded with a certificate.

AGRICULTURE WEEK

- 3.17 Noted:** Agriculture week will be in the week of 16th to 22nd June. It will be an information dissemination week, and that a boot will be allocated to each of the following clients - TVET/RTCs, 12 key farmers, and chefs in SANMA Province.
- 3.18 Noted:** Board members were informed that the Agribusiness Volunteer to be based with DoT has been hired and is currently in office.

NEXT MEETING

1.21 Voted: To have next meeting on August 8th.

The meeting adjourned at 12:44pm.