

## **Vanuatu delegates to attend 8<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting in Samoa**

Five delegates from the Ministry of Youth & Sports Development will be attending the 8<sup>th</sup> Pacific Region Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting (PR-CYMM) in Apia, Samoa from the 1-3 September.

According to an administrative note, the 'Ministerial Meeting of the Pacific Region- CYMM' will run from Wednesday 02 to Thursday 03 September 2015 which will be preceded by a Senior Officials Meeting and a 'Youth Leaders Forum'.

The 'Youth Leaders Forum' will be designed and led by the Commonwealth Youth Council in partnership with the Pacific Regional Youth Council.

Discussions will fall on the issues pertaining to the development of Youth around the region with focus theme **"Youth as Partners in Sustainable Small Island Development"**.

Additionally, it will focused on three key objectives of reviewing the progress against the 8<sup>th</sup> CYMM recommendations - taking into considerations the stock taking of the current trends in youth development as well as identifying strategies and priorities for Future action to advance youth empowerment within the Common wealth; to encourage Ministers to contribute to the global youth development agenda especially the Post 2015 development process and finally to provide Ministers the opportunity to share, celebrate and adopt good practise strategies, solutions and discuss challenges and concerns.

Accordingly, the delegates will ensure that Vanuatu youth voices be represented in a Commonwealth voice as well as ensuring that matters affecting youths be presented and be heard.

*"We will meet with members countries, share development of policy and develop strategies to encourage Ministers to commit to ensure the inclusion of young people in development planning and to ensure their contributions and needs are prioritized at the highest levels of government", says DG William Nasak.*

The Meeting will however bring together representative Ministers from across the Pacific Region, Government officials and representatives of the National Youth Councils as wells as Youth Development Stakeholders.

Meanwhile Vanuatu delegates will be lead by the Honourable Minister of Youth & Sports Development, Toara Daniel, William Nasak - Director General of Ministry of Youth & Sports Development, Maurice Michel- First Political Advisor of Ministry of Youth & Sports Development, Joe Kalo- Principal Administrator of the Vanuatu National Youth Council and Deffnie Thompson.

Team will depart on the 30<sup>th</sup> August.