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Issues and challenges Impacting geospatial information management, particularly the dissemination and use of geospatial information

Major Issues

- Separate geospatial policies between government departments, NGOs and the private sector.
- Finalisation of ministerial council paper on the Vanuatu GeoSpatial Data and systems Legislation.
- No legal regional procedures or agreed regional guidelines on geospatial groups coming to Vanuatu.

Minor Issues

- Coordination of stakeholders workshop on Standardisation of Geospatial data capture and dissemination procedures for Vanuatu.

Challenges regarding major issues

- Door to door consultation and retrieval of individual government department, NGOs and private utility companies.
- Preparation of Geospatial Policy document for State law office to proceed to council of Ministers approval.

Challenges regarding minor issues

- Obtaining a full representation and support of all stakeholders of Geospatial data producers in Vanuatu to agree on the National Geospatial Policy document.

Update on GIS/RS User group

- Current Executive
 - Chairman - Tony Kanas, Lands & Survey
 - Secretary - Sharon Boe, Lands & Survey
 - Projects - Rolenas Baereleo, Environment
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