

# Vanuatu Kastom Governance Partnership – Phase 3

## Annual Plan – Year 2

1 November 2010 to 31 October 2011

This Annual Plan provides a written summary of work planned for each of the four main outputs of the Partnership, followed by an Implementation Schedule of Activities.

### **1. Research Plan**

The Research topics below are the result of discussions and agreement between ACPACS (University of Queensland), MNCC and AusAID during the Phase 3 Design consultations.

#### **Proposed research topics:**

1. Case studies exploring particular custom judgements, and the values and reasoning behind the decisions. This may also include a comparison of court judgements on the same cases, if available. (Researchers: Volker Boege [University of Queensland]; Selwyn Garu [MNCC]; other UQ and MNCC VKGP researchers, drawn from local facilitators.)
2. Custom and Gender – extending earlier research on this topic which looked at the contribution of custom to women’s safety, participation in community decision-making, and standing within the community. (Researchers: Anne Brown [UQ] and Roslyn Tor [MNCC]; Other UQ and MNCC researchers as necessary.)
3. Youth in urban areas – exploring affiliations and knowledge of kastom among urban youth, and ways in which customary leaders can support and engage with urban youth (Researchers: Daniel Lukai and others in collaboration with UQ researchers and VKS);
4. Environmental resource management and customary governance (Researchers: Mark Love and/or Volker Boege[UQ] in collaboration with MNCC, and in consultation with AusAID Vanuatu on their related research interests for this topic);
5. Custom contributions to a peaceful Vanuatu - participatory co-research with local facilitators eliciting stories of kastom contributions to peace in Vanuatu. Dissemination of outcomes would explore a variety of forms, including text and song and working with cultural artists in Vanuatu (Researchers: Jason McLeod [UQ], Selwyn Garu and MNCC Facilitators).
6. The role of ceremonies in reconciliation of conflicts (Researchers: Polly Walker and/or Volker Boege [UQ], Selwyn Garu and chiefs)
7. Analysis of the impact of the VKG *storians* and associated processes on communities through the collection of stories from participants and other community members. This work will feed into the *storians* throughout the life of the partnership and will

contribute to monitoring & evaluation. (Researchers: UQ facilitators/ researcher will support MNCC facilitators as the primary researchers collecting stories from storian participants.)

The Partnership will produce research papers and forum/ seminar presentations on the above topics in Years 2, 3 and 4 (2011-2013). Topics will be reviewed each year in Annual Plans. Further topics for research in subsequent years may be developed through consultation among the partners and with input and approval from the Vanuatu Kastom Reference Group.

### **Target Audience**

This research is oriented to different target audiences:

- The Malvatumauri NCC and their network of customary leaders;
- Participants in the partnership storians and through both them and the MNCC, ni-Vanuatu more generally; the Vanuatu Cultural Centre (VKS);
- Those involved in policy and scholarly debate around the Pacific Islands region;
- Policy makers and practitioners in Australian and other agencies working in the Pacific.

### **Presentation and Dissemination**

This range of different audiences will shape the presentation of the research outcomes to some extent. In addition to the production of scholarly journal articles and conference papers for presentation at international symposia, the VKG Partnership is committed to making research findings available locally in Vanuatu in other forms – including seminars and public forums. Shortened versions of some research papers have been and will continue to be made available in Bislama (through the VKS).

### **Time line**

Field research on topics outlined below will commence in 2011. Tentative dates have been indicated in the Implementation Schedule for Year 2 (see below).

### **Research Personnel**

**University of Queensland (UQ)** - The three principal researchers for Year 2 are:

- Assoc. Prof. M. Anne Brown
- Dr Volker Boege
- Mr Mark Love

Other UQ Researchers who may also contribute to the research are:

- Prof. Di Bretherton
- Ms Anna Nolan
- Dr Polly Walker
- Ms Paula Peterson
- Mr Jason MacLeod

**MNCC** – In addition to the MNCC Research Officer, Ms Roselyn Tor, MNCC Secretariat staff and Facilitators will contribute to research activities by taking part in and / or conducting interviews, including:

- Selwyn Garu,
- Dickinson Tevi

All of the MNCC Facilitators named below under “Storian Personnel”

## 2. *Storians*

### Venues and Themes

Five Storians will continue to be held each year, with the aim of holding 3 storians at each location on each of the themes (Conflict Resolution, Kastom Governance and Community Action) over the life of the Partnership. The Facilitators’ storian on Community Development held in November 2010 resolved to rename the Community Development storians as Community Action, to avoid negative misinterpretations by ni-Vanuatu participants, surrounding the term “development”. The table below shows the locations for past and future storians according to these 3 themes.

### Storians per location – Year 2 Storians shown in BOLD

Previous storians shown in shaded boxes

Future storians to be confirmed shown with asterisk\*

	Conflict Resolution	Kastom Governance	Community Action
Port Vila	26 Feb – 2 Mar 07	<b>May 2011</b>	*
Luganville (Santo)	10-14 May 2007	<b>July 2011</b>	*
Pentecost	*	9-14 July 07	<b>August/Sept 2011</b>
Tanna	*	24-28 Sept 07	<b>3-12 February 2011</b>
Malekula	12 Nov 07	Nov 2011	*
Efate	*	30 Jun – 4 Jul 08	*
Santo (rural)	*	12-17 April 2010	*
Torba	*	30 Aug – 4 Sep 2010	*
MNCC Chiefs		24 March 2008 and 11-15 Oct 2010	

Storians for Year 2 include two activities postponed from Year 1 – the first 5 day Facilitators storian on Community Action (in Port Vila) and the first Community Action storian on Tanna. In addition there are two Kastom Governance storians planned for Port Vila and Luganville and a second Community Action storian planned for Pentecost. This large number of storian activities is challenging (including 2 day Facilitator Refresher storians before each main storian) and may need to be reduced if necessary, to prevent overstretching capacities, as agreed in the project design. It is also possible that MNCC will run an additional 3-5 day storian for the National Council of Chiefs.

UQ and MNCC will collaboratively develop storian programs, content, case studies, role plays and handouts for use in storians; and MNCC will be primarily responsible for scoping and on-location logistical preparation prior to storians.

In Year 2, we will also explore (with the Kastom Reference Group) the possibility of integrating more digital filming of partnership activities, particularly for use in storians.

### **Timing**

Timing for storians is flexible depending on suitable dates for partners and communities. See approx. timing in the Implementation Schedule below.

### **Storian Personnel**

UQ Facilitators include: Anne Brown, Paula Peterson, Di Bretherton, Paul Jensen, Paul Toon and Steve Capelin.

MNCC Facilitators include: Christian William, Siro Vagaha, Patrick Tevanu, Gideon Ronolea, Daniel Lukai Graham, Tatalo William, Miriam Bule, John Gilu, Franklin Woleg and Seth Kaurua along with Selwyn Garu (CEO), Dickinson Tevi (Project Co-ordinator), Georgina (Project Assistant) and Roselyn Tor (Research Officer).

### ***3. Follow-up***

MNCC Facilitators will work on both Follow-up support for storian participants' Action Plans and also conducting Monitoring Interviews (based on Most Significant Change) method several months after each storian (depending on timeframe agreed for the Action Plans to be completed). MNCC Facilitators will also collect stories on an opportunistic basis when they encounter storian participants, community members, and other stakeholders. A UQ facilitator may stay an additional day or two at one or two storians per year for evaluation research on the impact of the storians, depending on costs, availability and logistics. UQ Facilitators will continue to provide mentoring and training for MNCC Facilitators on methods and process for the monitoring interviews conducted during the 2-day Facilitators workshops prior to storians.

### ***4. Management Support for National and Island Councils of Chiefs***

MNCC will continue its role in assisting the establishment of Island and Area Councils of Chiefs.

### ***5. Forum***

It might be possible to hold a Public Forum or debate during Year 2, but this is not certain, given the large number of activities.

**Year 2 Implementation Schedule for Vanuatu Kastom Governance Partnership (1 November 2010 – 31 October 2011)**

Year 2 1st quarter	Nov 2010	Monthly report		
	22-26 Nov	<b>Facilitators' Storian on Community Development in Port Vila (5 days)</b>	<b>Storians</b>	MNCC, ACPACS
	29 Nov 2010	<b>(Unity Day)</b>		MNCC
	30 Nov 2010	Co-ordinators' meeting in Port Vila (hosted by MNCC).	Partnership Management, Monitoring, Reporting	MNCC, ACPACS (Dickinson Tevi, Anna Nolan)
	1 Dec 2010	Partners' Leaders' meeting in Port Vila (hosted by MNCC)	Planning, Reporting, Management	MNCC, ACPACS
	Dec 10	Follow-Up / Evaluation research (if agreed suitable)	Follow-up / Evaluation/ Research	MNCC, ACPACS
	21 Dec 20	Monthly report	Reporting	MNCC, ACPACS
	January 2011	Quarterly report prepared & submitted	Reporting	MNCC, ACPACS, AusAID
Year 2 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter				MNCC, ACPACS
	Feb 2011	Monthly report	Reporting	MNCC, ACPACS
	3-4 Feb 2011	<b>2 day Facilitator Refresher (Community Action) in Port Vila</b>	<b>Storians</b>	MNCC, ACPACS
	7 – 12 Feb 2011	<b>Storian in Tanna (Community Action) (5 days + 1 day de-brief)</b>	<b>Storians</b>	MNCC, ACPACS
	5 March 2011	Chiefs Day and 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MNCC		MNCC

	March 2011	Malvatumauri National Council of Chiefs Full Council meeting (and 3 day MNCC storian)	Possible Storian	MNCC
	March-April 2011	Research (topics as agreed – dates to be determined)	Research	ACPACS, MNCC
	March 2011	Monthly report	Reporting	MNCC, ACPACS
	<b>April 2011</b>	<b>Mid-term Review</b>	<b>Reporting</b>	<b>MNCC, ACPACS, AusAID</b>
	April 2011	Monthly report	Reporting	MNCC, ACPACS
	April 2011	Quarterly report	Reporting	MNCC, ACPACS, AusAID
Year 2/ Quarter 3	Late May	<b>2 day Facilitator Refresher (Kastom Governance)</b>	<b>Storians</b>	MNCC, ACPACS
	May 2011	<b>Storian in Port Vila (Kastom Governance) (5days) + 1 day de-brief</b>	<b>Storians</b>	MNCC, ACPACS
	May 2011	Follow-Up / Evaluation research (if agreed suitable)	Follow-up / Evaluation/ Research	MNCC, ACPACS
	June 2011	Monthly report	Reporting	MNCC, ACPACS
	June 2011	Research trip	Research	ACPACS, MNCC
	<b>June 2011</b>	<b>Co-ordinators' Meeting in Port Vila (hosted by MNCC)</b>		
	<b>June 2011</b>	<b>Leaders' Meeting in Port Vila (hosted by AusAID)</b>	<b>Partnership management</b>	MNCC, ACPACS, AusAID
	July 2011	<b>2 day Facilitator Refresher (Kastom Governance)</b>	<b>Storians</b>	MNCC, ACPACS
	July 2011	<b>Storian in Luganville (Kastom Governance) 5 days + 1 day de-brief</b>	<b>Storians</b>	MNCC, ACPACS
	July 2011	Follow-Up / Evaluation research (if agreed suitable)	Follow-up / Evaluation/ Research	MNCC, ACPACS

	July 2011	Monthly report	Reporting	MNCC, ACPACS
	July 2011	Quarterly report	Reporting	MNCC, ACPACS
Year 2/ Quarter 4	August 2011	Monthly report	Reporting	MNCC, ACPACS
	Aug/Sept 2011	<b>2 day Facilitator Refresher (Comm. Action.)</b>	Storian	MNCC, ACPACS
	Aug/Sept 2011	<b>Storian at Pentecost</b> ( Community Action) 5 days + 1 day de-brief)	Storian	MNCC, ACPACS
		Follow-Up / Evaluation research (if agreed suitable)	Follow-up / Evaluation/ Research	MNCC, ACPACS
	Sept 2011	Monthly report	Reporting	MNCC, ACPACS
	Oct 2011	Monthly report	Reporting	MNCC, ACPACS, AusAID
		[End of Year Two]		
Year 3				
	Early Nov 2011	<b>Storian at Malekula</b> (Kastom Governance) 5 days)	Storian	MNCC, ACPACS
	29 Nov 2011	Co-ordinator's Meeting in Brisbane (hosted by UQ)	Partnership management	
	1 Dec 2011	Partners' Leaders' Meeting in Brisbane (hosted by UQ)	Partnership management	
	15 Dec 2011	Annual report for Year 2/ Financial acquittal for Year 2; and Annual Plan for Year 3 submitted	Partnership management	MNCC, ACPACS, AusAID

**Appendix 1: Adjusted Budgets for Year 2 (Phase 3)**