



# GGGI Virtual Event

## Scaling-up Water Access in SIDS – Lessons Learned from Vanuatu

June 30, 2021 | 08:00-09 :00 (CEST) | 17:00-18 :00 (VUT) | 15:00-16:00 (KST)

### 1. RATIONALE

Under the changing climate, access to safe and secure water is a particular challenge for Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Water access is facing increased pressure from extreme weather conditions, including natural disaster events, such as cyclones and periods of drought.

This virtual event marks the closing of the two-year project implemented by the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) and the Government of Vanuatu, with the financial support of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. The project has resulted in the installation of solar powered water systems which deliver a safe, reliable and climate resilient water supply to more than 9,500 beneficiaries in rural areas on Vanuatu's Outer Islands. The project has also enhanced knowledge and created an enabling environment which can successfully install solar powered water systems across Vanuatu.

Building on this successful cooperation, the lessons and experience gained the event also marks the launch of a second phase of the project, that will significantly scale-up water access across Vanuatu. The consolidation of the enabling environment and the operationalisation of a financial mechanism are some of the main outcomes that will facilitate a paradigm shift and enhance water access at the national level.

The event will allow development partners and stakeholders to share their experiences, the lessons learned and to explore further opportunities to scale-up water access in SIDS.



## 2. EVENT AGENDA

Time	Item
15'	<p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Frank Rijsberman, Director General, Global Green Growth Institute</li><li>• Carole Dieschbourg, Minister for the Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development, Government of Luxembourg</li><li>• Edward Nalyal Molou, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Government of Vanuatu</li></ul>
10'	<p><b>Vanuatu promotional video</b></p>
30'	<p><b>Sharing experience and lessons from the implementation of the Vanuatu project to scale-up water access in Small Islands Developing States (SIDS)</b></p> <p><i>Presentation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Erickson Sami, Director, Department of Water Resources, Government of Vanuatu, Lessons learned and experience from the project</li></ul> <p><i>Discussants from Vanuatu:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Department of Foreign Affairs</li><li>• Department of Energy</li><li>• Department of Water Resources</li><li>• Ministry of Land and Natural Resources</li><li>• Participants from Malafau</li><li>• Representatives from Vanuatu Agricultural Supplies</li><li>• Senior consultant</li></ul> <p>Moderated by Eva Diaz Ugena, Project Lead, GGGI</p>
5'	<p><b>Kick-off Phase II:</b> Daniel Muñoz-Smith, Country Representative, GGGI</p>
5'	<p><b>Event closing</b></p> <p>Dr. André Weidenhaupt, Director General, Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development, Luxembourg</p>