



**Advocating for Rights &  
Promoting Abilities of People  
with Disabilities since 1999**

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**Press Release**

### **New disability inclusive web access guidelines launched by Vanuatu Government**

The DPA congratulates the Vanuatu Government, and in particular the Chief Information Officer Gerald Metsan, on the launch of the Right To Information Web Accessibility Guidelines for government last week (27 September).

The Guidelines assist people with a range of disabilities, including blindness, low vision, hearing loss and cognitive limitations, to access essential government information and services.

“We congratulate the CIO on explicitly acknowledging that the Government is obliged to ensure that people living with a disability are able to access all services and opportunities available”, Nelly Caleb, National Coordinator of the DPA, said.

“The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability, ratified by the Government, calls for countries to set standards and guidelines for access to facilities and services. As we increasingly move towards an online community the value of removing barriers to inclusion for people with disability cannot be understated”

The Chief Information Officer worked with the Prime Minister’s Office, the Australia High Commission - Vanuatu, Transparency Vanuatu and our wonderful colleagues in the Vanuatu Civil Society Disability Network in achieving this outcome.

The DPA and other members of the Vanuatu Civil Society Disability Network will continue working to make sure that the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability continues to be implemented in consultation with people with disability in Vanuatu.

Please contact us via this page if you would like to know more or have any issues to raise on the matter of disability inclusion.



[Photo courtesy Transparency International - Vanuatu and features some DPA members including our Chairperson, Willie Sablan.]

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