THE
NATIONAL MEMORY OF THE WORLD COMMITTEE
OF THE
REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

ANNUAL REPORT
2010

1. Name of Committee: National Memory of the World Committee of the Republic of Vanuatu.

2. List of members and office bearers:
   - Vanuatu National Commission of UNESCO representative: The Honourable Minister for Education, represented by Mr. Serge Lewawa;
   - Chairperson: Ms. June Norman, Chief Librarian, National Library of Vanuatu;
   - Secretary: Mrs. Anne Naupa, Chief Archivist, National Archives of Vanuatu;
   - Committee member: M. Marcellin Abong, Director, Vanuatu Cultural Centre;
   - Committee member: Mr. Ambong Thompson, Vice-Chairman, Vanuatu National Cultural Council;
   - Committee member: Ms. Brigitte Laboukly, National Historic Sites Register;
   - Committee member: Mr. Lawson Samuel, Department of Provincial Affairs;
   - Committee member: Pastor Shem Tema, Vanuatu Christian Council;
   - Committee member: Chief Selwyn Garu, Malvatumauri National Council of Chiefs;
   - Committee member: Fred Vurobaravu, Director, Vanuatu Broadcasting & Television Corporation;
   - Committee member: Ms. Evelyn Toa, Vanuatu Media Association.

(Quorum: 6 persons.)

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4. Structure of the Committee:
5. Committee’s Terms of Reference (draft only)

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Mission Statement

The Committee will:
(a) encourage the collection, preservation and registration of documentary items of national, cultural and historic significance;
(b) establish, maintain and develop a National Register; and
(c) make every effort to safeguard the national documentary heritage by working with Vanuatu’s collecting institutions and other bodies to maintain and develop a wide-ranging program of activities designed to raise awareness of this documentary heritage.

Establishment

The Committee was established by the Vanuatu National Commission of UNESCO, represented by the Honourable Minister of Education, on 14 July 2010. The eleven Committee members were appointed for a two-year term.

Role of the Committee

The Vanuatu MOW Committee will have responsibility for the overall management, monitoring and development of the Vanuatu Memory of the World Program in Vanuatu and will:
• raise awareness of and promote the Memory of the World Program in Vanuatu;
• work closely with Government Ministries and Departments, other statutory bodies and Non-Government Organizations to establish and maintain the Vanuatu National Memory of the World Register; receive and assess nominations of documentary heritage for entry in the Vanuatu National Memory of the World Register;
• assess and forward nominations to the Regional and International Advisory Committees of the Memory of the World program for entry on the Regional and International Registers;
• monitor Memory of the World activities taking place in Vanuatu; and
• work in close collaboration with the Asia and Pacific Regional Memory of the World Committee (MOWCAP) to achieve national and regional MOW goals.

Meeting Procedures

At least two meetings will be held each calendar year and six Committee members present will constitute a quorum. Minutes of Committee meetings will be taken and recorded.

Annual Report

The Committee will produce and make available an official Annual Report, setting out the activities and achievements of the Committee.
The Vanuatu National Memory of the World Register

The Committee will compile and manage the Vanuatu National Memory of the World Register. Initially, the Register will be retained by the Vanuatu Cultural Centre as custodian of the Register.


No funding of any kind was made to the Committee during 2010.


The main achievement was the official inauguration of the Vanuatu National Memory of the World Committee on 14 July 2010.

8. National MOW Register

To be established in 2011.


The Committee will:

- draft a Constitution which will include terms of reference and rules of procedure; as the opportunity arises, arrangements will be made for a UNESCO expert to assist the Committee in this drafting process;
- approve the draft National Documentary Heritage Register and organize its printing and launch.
  organize a memory of the World Exhibition;
- receive and assess nominations of documentary heritage for entry in the Vanuatu National Memory of the World Register;
- organize, support and monitor Memory of the World activities taking place in Vanuatu;
- work in close collaboration with the Asia and pacific regional Memory of the World Committee (MOWCAP) to achieve national and regional goals; and
- identify and source funding of a small recurrent budget for the operation of the Committee.

10. News

In 2010 Ms. June Bela Norman attended the MOWCAP meeting held in Macau. She came back to Vanuatu with high motivation to set up a national committee in Vanuatu and in June 2010 a committee was officially formed. The committee consists of a chairperson, secretary and eight members.

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June Norman,
Chairperson, 10 February 2010