



Chief Government Information Officer Fred Samuel and Archivist Augustine Tevimule signed the MOU in Port Vila on Friday, November 6.

National Archives of Vanuatu and OGCIO collaborate on national information management standards

THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) and the National Archives of Vanuatu will work together to set up national standards for records and information management in the public sector.

Representatives of both organisations signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) last week.

While setting national standards will be done through consultation and engagement across government and beyond, the approach will be coordinated and driven by these two key information management stakeholders.

"This important initiative will bring together two offices both working on information

management, one paper-based and one ICT-based. We recognise that there are many benefits to a national and coordinated approach to managing the information held in trust by the Government for the citizens of Vanuatu," Chief Government Information Officer Fred Samuel, said on signing the MOU.

"This will help us to achieve our commitments under both the National ICT Policy and the Right to Information Policy. I look forward to working closely with the National Archives of Vanuatu to establish national standards that will result in better administration and more transparent and accountable government."

The National Archives has

been working diligently over the past five years to assist government agencies with records management training and awareness, and is committed as part of its strategic planning to a national approach. Archivist Augustine Tevimule said, "It is part of our vision to see good records and information management practiced across government, to preserve one of our most important national assets: our information".

The first step in setting national records and information management standards will be to establish a committee to undertake consultations on a national framework. Work to establish the committee is now underway.