

New TRR Regulator



THE PRIME MINISTER AND Minister responsible for ICT and Telecommunications, Sato Kilman, on the 20th of November 2015 signed the letter of appointment

of Ms. Dalsie Baniala as the new Telecommunications and Radiocommunications Regulator to commence on 2 December 2015.

The appointment follows the

Government's long term vision to localise the position since the institution was established in 2007.

Ms. Baniala is the 4th TRR Regulator and her 3 predecessors have built TRR into an exemplary regulatory institution in the Pacific Island region and globally. While TRR continues to enjoy total independence with strong support from the government (both present and past), the private sector is also acknowledged for their support and achievements in introducing new services and in working closely with the regulator and the government to meet the government's goals and objectives through the National ICT policy, the Universal Access Policy and Cybersecurity policy.

The Office of Government Chief Information Officer said the achievements over a very short period of time since the sector was liberalised shows the commitment of all partners and stakeholders to advance Vanuatu forward.

"The appointment is a result of an open and transparent recruitment process facilitated by a 3 member panel committee as stipulated under the TRR Act of 2006.

"In his letter to Ms. Baniala, the Honourable Prime Minister congratulated her on her appointment to this new position and also for being the first Ni-Vanuatu and first woman to hold this predominantly male post.

"He continued to encourage other competent ni-Vanuatu women that his government

recognises the need for gender balance in leading challenging government institutions such as the TRR for the development of Vanuatu into the future," the Government Chief Information Officer, Fred Samuel, revealed in a statement.

The outgoing regulator, Mr. Ron Box congratulated the Government for putting their trust in Ms. Baniala and appointing her as the first local regulator.

Mr. Box continued to call for the same technical support and relationship from the government, the private sector and the people of Vanuatu to the new regulator to advance the ICT and telecommunications ambitions of this country.

In the lead up to taking on this new position, Ms. Baniala will remain as TRR's Manager

for Consumer and Corporate Affairs. She is the longest serving staff member of TRR since it was established in 2007.

She holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Advanced Analytical Skills, a Postgraduate Certificate in Financial Administration, and a Bachelor of Arts in Management and Psychology. Her multi-faceted role at TRR includes; developing a consumer protection regulation, an effective consumer awareness program, establishing a Consumer and Business Advisory and a Consumer Individual Advisor Group, including a Community Consumer Champions program in all provinces, and in managing TRR's corporate and financial affairs.