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### Legislative Drafting Process Workshop

Following a request by Governor Athy to the Attorney General, the State Law Office conducted a day workshop on 11 July 2018 on Legislative Drafting Process to the Management and Senior Staff of the Bank. The workshop covered Basic features of



Pictured above are SLO and RBV Staffs

legislation, Plain English Drafting, Subsidiary Legislation, Introduction of Policy and Drafting Instructions, Parliamentary process and bring Legislation into force, preparing a Bill for Parliament and finally the Official Gazettes of the Bills.

On the opening of the session, Governor Athy applauded the AG for responding positively to the Bank's request. The exercise was described by the Bank staff as a remarkable one.

Attorney General Loughman commented that legislative drafting is a specialized field of skill of its own and not every lawyer is familiar with drafting legislations. According to the Parliamentary Counsel, whose office coordinated the workshop, Vanuatu has since 1998 departed tremendously from the old fashioned drafting to plain English drafting.

Governor Athy concluded at the end of the workshop that the exercise will greatly help the Bank in its work to help drafters in drafting the policies, drafting instructions, and the explanatory notes for a number of bills that are going before Parliament soon.

The Bank wishes to acknowledge the support of the State Law Office in ensuring that this important workshop was carried out to enhance its human resources capacity development in this area.

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