

## Article – Vanuatu Women in Sport Commission

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of May, we had the chance to meet athletes and members of the « Vanuatu Women in Sport Commission ». These women came to present us their life as female athletes and the difficulties they encounter. The first woman was Anolyn Lulu, a famous table tennis player in Vanuatu. She has participated in the 2012 Olympic Games and numerous international competitions. “I have a very supportive family” and that really encouraged her in her career as an athlete. She has been chosen to be the Sport Woman of the year in Vanuatu, isn't it amazing?

The second athlete is called Linlin, she is a beach volleyball player and coach. She started in 2007 when she was 16 years old, and since then, she has never stopped. Her goal is to travel all around the world to discover new cultures and her dream came true a few years ago when she first took the plane for an international beach volleyball competition. What a joy for her !

Jessica, a volunteer in the association, told us that the country receive more medals from women than from men but sadly, in some international competitions, some women get a lower money prize than men, even if now in Vanuatu, prizes are equal.

That was an amazing experience for everyone of us to meet these inspiring women. They are excellent role models thanks to their strength, their skills and their passion!

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