



Name of Country and Jurisdiction:

## The Republic of Vanuatu



What forms of legally recognized relationships are available?



LEGAL RECOGNITION FOR OPPOSITE-SEX COUPLE	GEOGRAPHY	LAW	AVAILABLE TO SAME-SEX COUPLE?
Marriage, registered	Republic of Vanuatu	Consolidated Laws of the Republic of Vanuatu	No
Customary marriage			

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