

TELEWORK & DIGITAL NOMAD VISA OPPORTUNITY



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Beyond FDI

Seizing the **Telework**
opportunity



Telework Today

COVID19 has accelerated the rise of telework;
many employees will stay remote past the pandemic

Knowledge workers from developed countries can work
from anywhere they please: “**Digital Nomads**”

They can get tourist visas around the world but those are short-term and often cumbersome
and that's before COVID19

Tourism destinations with low infection rates are now courting teleworkers
either to make up for lost revenue or add a new revenue stream

2020: Year of the Digital Nomad Visa

Bermuda



Barbados



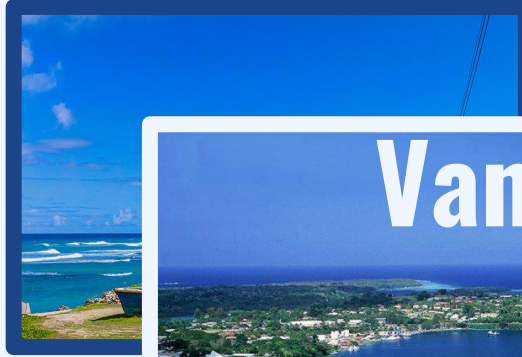
Estonia



Georgia



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Benefits for Vanuatu

They only spend foreign-earned money

They earn higher income on average

They typically are knowledge workers

They have jobs unheard of in Vanuatu

> Net profit, just like tourists

> Investment in real estate, vehicles...

> Inspiration/Role models for our youth

> Diversification/Economic resilience

3 steps to become a telework-friendly nation

1) **Allow Digital Workers to get Permanent Residency Visas**

1-year, renewable, 57,600 Vatu/year

Requires proof of sufficient income or funds, health insurance

Ideal for freelancers or remote employees of foreign-based businesses

2) **Create a new Business Visa on arrival**

1-month

Ideal for short-term business such as board meetings, conferences

3) **Create a new Business License category: International Company Export**

Strictly for export sales; no local sales or revenue

Must be registered with VFSC, no VIPA approval needed

Ideal for having physical presence and hiring local Digital Workers + Ni-Vanuatu

Way Forward

Once these changes are implemented we need to aggressively market Vanuatu to global teleworkers (freelancers & employees)

Health declaration/Test + Supervised quarantine on arrival
will be needed until the pandemic ends

**THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO
BOOST LOCAL BUSINESS
DIVERSIFY THE ECONOMY
AND GROW OUR NATION
IN THE LONG TERM**

Taking the long view

COVID19 will end eventually

**Global economy and geopolitical order may be changed forever
(China/India/Russia ambitions vs.US/EU dwindling influence)**

Only safe currency for future growth is KNOWLEDGE

Let's start stockpiling



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