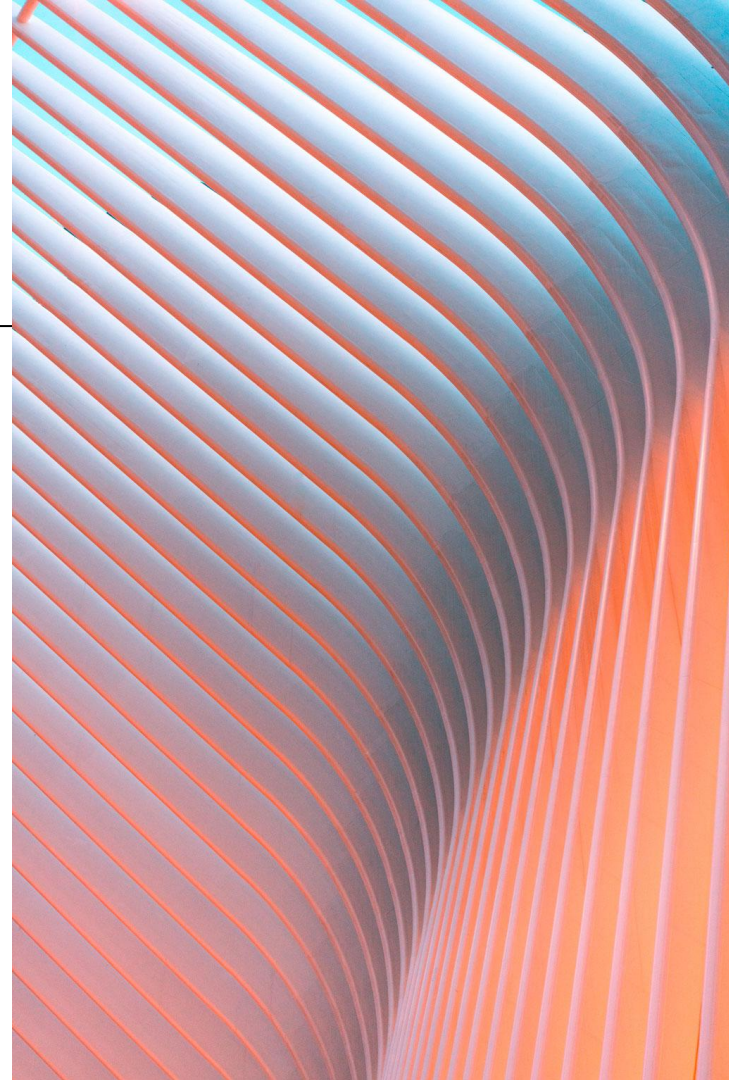


REVENUE COMMITTEE

DIGITIZING THE VATU BENEFITS FOR VANUATU



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EMPOWERING CONSUMERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES THROUGH **FINANCIAL INCLUSION**

Digital money works everywhere without physical limitations

No need for a bank account = No need to go to the bank.

Blockchain is an accessible, low-cost technology

Allows for inclusion of unbanked people who previously relied exclusively on cash.

Blockchain records all transactions

Reliable information for lenders = Better access to financing for small businesses.

Digital payments enable digital innovation

More digital products and services by and for Ni-Vanuatu > Even more financial inclusion.

INCREASING GOVERNMENT REVENUE THROUGH **RELIABLE, EXHAUSTIVE DATA**

Every single transaction is stored in the blockchain

Decentralized Ledger Technology = transparency and trust.

Transaction data is indestructible forever

Availability at all times for government agencies = enabling E-government.

Digital payments include digital VAT

Automatic VAT collection and audits = more revenues AND lower costs.

Digital tokens can't get destroyed, hidden or stolen

Safer currency = easier AML/CTF/KYC compliance.



NEXT STEPS

1. Agreement to develop proof of concept.
2. Assessment and report by experienced resources (including progress made by the 2018 Vanuatu DLT Taskforce).
3. Decision based on report.