Looking Forward and Planning Ahead

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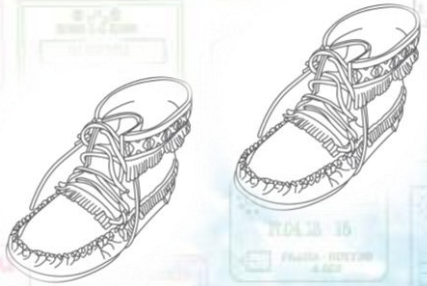
Purpose of Today's Discussion

1. Discuss the benefits of planning for an international experience while looking forward to a post-pandemic era

2. Discuss types of skills and competencies developed abroad that can help youth contribute to communities upon returning home with a greater sense of achievement



International Experience Canada

Did you know that to legally work in another country or travel for an extended period, you need to have a valid permit or visa?

- A **work permit (or work visa)** allows youth to work and live in a particular country.
- Work permits vary by country.
- IEC enables youth to obtain a work permit with greater ease

IEC can also be used to create a

Youth Exchange

between Canada and IEC partner countries

How IEC Adapted to Covid 19

Pre-March 2020

- Unrestricted travel to 30+ partner countries
- Working Holiday a way to immerse into a culture different from your own but without restriction to one specific job.
- Finding a job a key concern for youth
- Promotional efforts encouraged youth to go abroad now

Post-March 2020

- Global border closures means restricted travel
- Working Holiday no longer an option as non-essential travel is restricted
- Health and safety are key concerns
- Exploring how to develop resource that help youth plan and prepare
- Promotional efforts shift to focus on planning for travel and adventure later

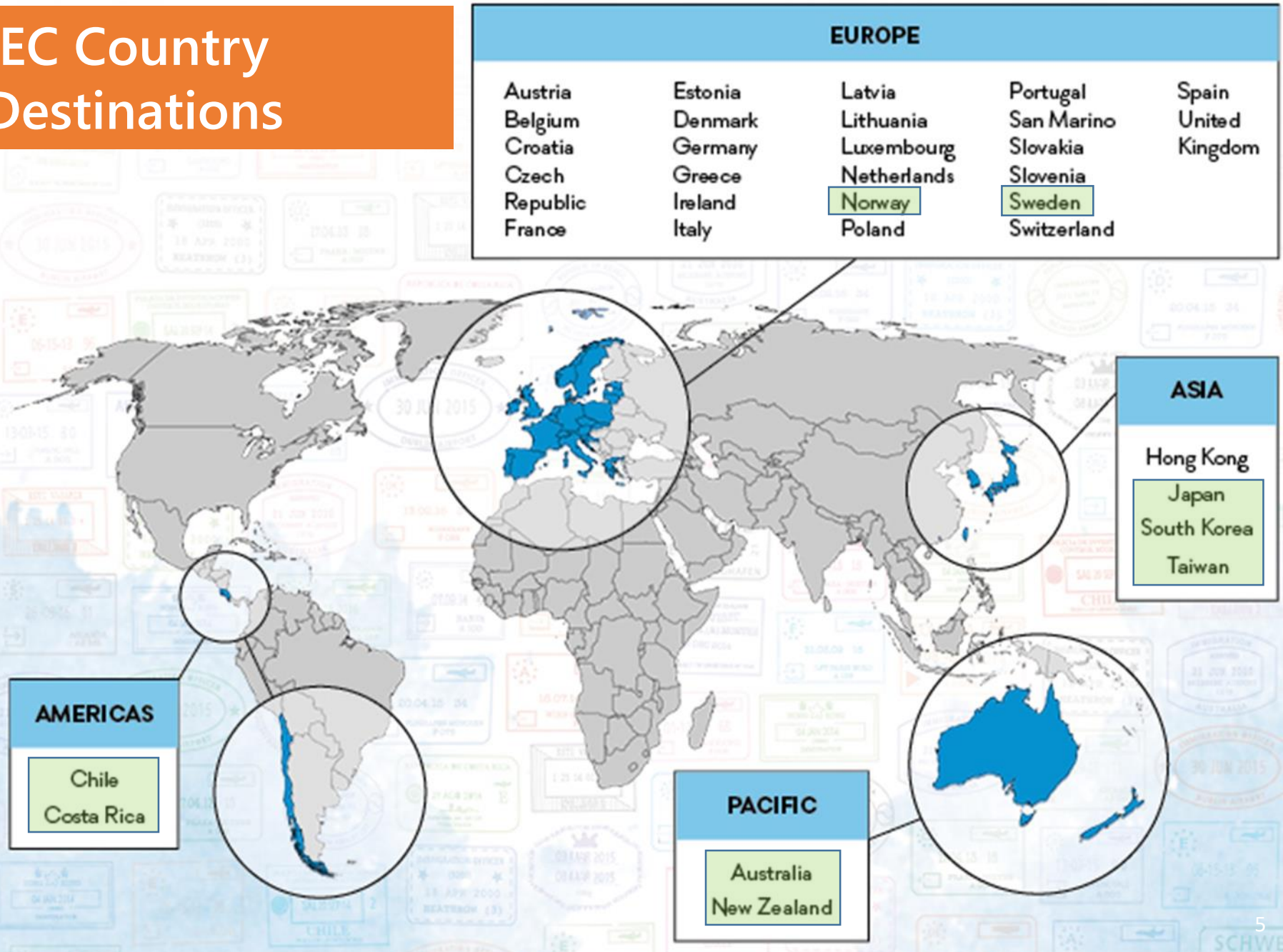
KEY MESSAGE:

WORK AND TRAVEL NOW!

KEY MESSAGE:

STAY SAFE – PLAN AHEAD

IEC Country Destinations



Indigenous Youth: Success Stories Continue

"There is something about traveling that you cannot learn anywhere else, but, by traveling"

-Mikaela after IEC in Australia

"Working and travelling in NZ taught me to trust in myself and take chances"

-Leah after IEC in New Zealand

More Success Stories

Life Skills

- Greater sense of confidence

More Opportunities

- Team player and independent thinker

Enhanced Worldview

- Empathetic and sensitive to global diversity

IEC is a temporary work and travel opportunity for youth to gain skills and competencies

Benefits outweigh Challenges

Motivations

	2018 PM Youth Network [1]	2019 PM Youth Network [2]	2019 Environics Youth Study [3]
1	Learning about a new culture	Personal growth	Immersion in another culture
2	Personal growth	Learning about a new culture	Career opportunities
3	Exploration and adventure	Exploration and adventure	Personal connections

Challenges

	2018 PM Youth Network [1]	2019 PM Youth Network [2]	2019 Environics Youth Study [3]
1	Financial barriers	Financial barriers	Language barriers
2	Employment issues	Language barriers	Stable employment
3	Getting started	Isolation/loneliness	Disconnection

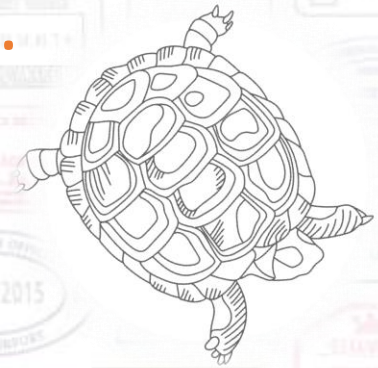
[1 and 2] Prime Minister's Youth Network Survey, 2018 and 2019

[3] 2018-19 International Experience Canada (IEC) youth study", Environics Research *prepared for Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada,* 2019

International Experience and Building Capacity

Looking ahead now to…

- Discover yourself
- Connect with people
- Learn a new language
- Prepare paperwork
- Budget
- Learn to navigate
- Get organized
- Invest in yourself



Bring back…

More than 80% of employers that hire recruits with cross-cultural understanding and knowledge of the global marketplace say these employees enhance their company's competitiveness

Collaborating Together

IEC is in a unique position to collaborate with academic networks to help encourage youth to start planning for a post-pandemic era

Important opportunity for us to work with the education sector to help in rebuilding confidence in travel again

How can we leverage your expertise and collaborate to create more options for Indigenous youth to have life success?

Thank You!

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