



## Pacific Immigration Development Community

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**Agenda item 16:**      **Panel Discussion – Regional Cooperation to Border Management in the Pacific: The Pacific Islands Regional Climate Mobility Framework & the Pacific Regional Labour Mobility Framework**

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### **Recommendations**

Members are invited to **note** the update on the development of the Pacific Islands regional Climate Mobility Framework and the Pacific regional labour mobility framework.

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### **Purpose**

This session provides an opportunity for members to discuss the status of the Pacific Islands regional climate mobility framework and an update on the work undertaken to develop the Pacific regional labour mobility framework.

### **Background**

#### *(i) Climate Mobility Framework*

2. The Pacific countries, as one of the most affected regions to the impacts of climate change, have been engaged in a human mobility project called: Pacific Climate Change Migration and Human Security programme (PCCM-HS). One of the objectives of the programme is the development of a rights-based regional framework to address the issue of climate mobility (migration, displacement and relocation). The subsequent development of the climate mobility regional framework is now jointly pursued under a government-led Joint Working Group (JWG), co-chaired by the Governments of Fiji and Tuvalu, together with a number of Pacific Island member States and partners of PCCM-HS. The purpose of the Pacific Regional Framework on Climate Mobility is to guide Pacific governments, communities, non-state actors and partners in ensuring rights based and people-centred movement in the context of climate change, including planned relocation, migration, and displacement through a proactive, inclusive and collaborative regional approach that reflects common Pacific interests in a culturally appropriate manner, while respecting national sovereignty and diversity.

#### *(ii) Labour Mobility Framework*

4. Labour mobility in the Pacific has increased over the years through labour mobility schemes and bilateral arrangements that provide employment opportunities, remittances, and capital for re-integration initiatives and social entrepreneurship. Labour mobility has been supported in the region at the highest level by Pacific Islands Forum Leaders and Ministers. This political commitment is reflected in the inclusion of the movement of labour in regional and sub-regional trade agreements such as the PICTA, MSGTA3, and PACER Plus and has extended through education, economic, skills transfer and development, and now COVID-19 recovery. To help build a regional platform to engage all Forum Members, the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat was to develop a concept note for a Regional Labour Mobility Strategy as part of the Pacific Aid for Trade Strategy (PAfTS) to address key areas identified in the report for progressing labour mobility in the region.

### **Updates**

5. The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and the International Organisation for Migration will update members on the development of the regional Pacific Climate Mobility Framework and the development of the Pacific Labour Mobility Framework.