



Pacific Immigration Development Community

2024 Regular Annual Meeting

25-27 June, Honiara, Solomon Islands

Agenda Item 10: Strengthening our Borders through Partnerships: The Solomon Islands experience

Recommendations

Members are invited to **note** the efforts and approaches demonstrated by the host country, Solomon Islands in strengthening its border management efforts through its partnership with Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Australia.

Facilitator: PIDC Secretariat

Panellist: Solomon Islands, PNG & Australia

Objective

This session intends to:

- share Solomon Islands successful experience in achieving significant development milestones through its partnerships with PNG and Australia; and
- discuss best practises in partnership approaches.

Overview

Solomon Islands has established a successful partnership initially with Papua New Guinea Immigration and Citizenship Authority and more recently with Australia which has enhanced the capacity of the Solomon Islands Immigration department. This partnership demonstrates a commitment to support effective border management, regional cooperation, and shared security interests.

A signed Memorandum of Understanding between the Solomon Islands Immigration and PNGICA represents a significant step toward regional security and cooperation. Under this agreement, PNGICA had agreed to assist the Solomon Islands Government in supporting immigration to meet its responsibility in successfully hosting the 2023 Pacific Games which it achieved successfully.

The Australian government has partnered with Solomon Islands immigration to assist in the implementation of the new Border Management System in the Solomon Islands as it works to digitize visa processing, border entries and exits as well as improving revenue collection processes.

This partnership programme show how meaningful collaborations in security can provide effective and efficient outcomes.