



**Agenda item 22: 2023 Regular Annual Meeting and Election of Vice Chair**

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**Proposed Recommendations**

Members are invited to:

- a) **endorse** the nomination of the incoming Vice Chair for 2022/2023; and
  - b) **welcome** the new Vice Chair and host of the next PIDC Regular Annual Meeting in 2023.
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**Purpose**

To guide Members in selection of a Vice Chair and agreed host for the PIDC Regular Annual Meeting (RAM) in 2023 as required under the PIDC Constitution.

**Background**

2. Article 13 of the PIDC Constitution, outlines the process for electing the incoming Vice Chair. In effect, the Vice-Chair is nominated to represent the country seeking to host the next Regular Annual Meeting which in this instance will be the 2023 RAM. The Vice Chair shall be appointed for the period of one year after which they automatically assume the role of Chair at the next RAM. The Vice Chair elected at the 2022 RAM will be responsible for hosting the 2023 PIDC RAM.

3. There are no set criteria to determine which Member is given the annual hosting rights. Hosting the Regular Annual Meeting is voluntary and at every RAM, Members are given the equal opportunity to express their interest to host the next conference.

**Benefits of Hosting Regular Annual Meetings**

4. The RAM brings together the heads of 21 PIDC Member administrations and a number of invited Observers. The RAM provides a unique opportunity for PIDC and the hosting country to raise its profile as an efficient, effective, proactive and innovative immigration body. It also provides a valuable opportunity for increased national government support and commitment for the implementation of planned immigration reforms.

### Past Hosts of PIDC Regular Annual Meeting

5. The following table lists Member countries that have hosted the RAM since 1996 when PIDC was first established.

Year	Member Countries that have Hosted the Regular Annual Meeting
1996	Fiji
1997	Samoa
1998	<i>No Conference records</i>
1999	Norfolk Islands
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2001	Cook Islands
2002	Niue
2003	Tonga
2004	Palau
2005	Fiji
2006	New Zealand
2007	Samoa
2008	Australia
2009	Australia
2010	Vanuatu
2011	Federated States of Micronesia
2012	Cook Islands
2013	<i>Conference postponed</i>
2014	Papua New Guinea
2015	Samoa
2016	Republic of the Marshall Islands
2017	New Zealand (hosted in Apia, Samoa)
2018	Fiji
2019	Cook Islands
2020	<i>RAM Postponed with governance activities undertaken through Special General Meeting due to COVID-19</i>
2021	Hosted virtually by Tuvalu due to COVID-19
2022	Hosted by Papua New Guinea, held in Fiji due to COVID-19 reopening of borders

### Financial Implications

6. The main financial implications are based on hosting the RAM. In 2023, the host country will be responsible for providing a meeting venue, meeting meals and domestic transfer costs (*Airport-accommodation-meeting venue*) for delegates. Other costs may be agreed upon through ongoing discussions with the Board.