



Agenda item 6: Board Report

Proposed Recommendations

Members are invited to **consider** and **endorse** the 2021-22 PIDC Board Report.

Purpose

The Board seeks Members' endorsement of its report on the delivery of activities under their oversight during the 2021/22 financial period.

Background

2. The Board plays a central role in the oversight and governance of the organisation. The PIDC Constitution requires the Board to act on behalf of the PIDC Membership to provide oversight of the day-to-day operational activities of the PIDC Secretariat, other Subsidiary Bodies, and Committees.

3. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, has impacted members operational environment significantly with the 2021/22 Financial Year continuing to be challenging for PIDC and its membership. International borders for most PIDC Members continued to be closed during this reporting period with phased reopening of borders planned for many members between January – December 2022. The Board like all other organizations has had to work with the Secretariat to make significant shifts in its operations participating in numerous virtual meetings and allocating time to participate in these sessions in spite of pressing national priorities. However, in spite of the restrictions and limitations created by the new working environment, the Board has consistently maintained its responsibilities to monitor the operational activities of the organisation by working closely with the Secretariat.

Summary of 2021-22 Board Activities

4. The Board has met twice over the 2021-22 financial period and is expected to meet for its third and final meeting on 05 August 2022. The first Board meeting was held in December 2021 (virtual), the second in April 2022 (virtual), and the third and final meeting will be held prior to this year's Regular Annual Meeting on 05th August.

5. The Secretariat, under sub-Agenda Items 7 (i) – (vi) will provide more detail on the implementation of activities in the 2021/2022 Annual Work Plan and Budget. However, it should be noted that these activities have been regularly reviewed and vetted by the Board through consecutive Board and Committee meetings during this reporting period. While the third meeting will focus on finalizing the new PIDC Workplan and Budget for 2022/23, the Board as part of its responsibilities continues to monitor on an ongoing basis

governance processes and operations in the current COVID-19 pandemic operating environment.

6. One of the organization's most significant achievements this year is the sound financial position the organisation is now in with multi-year funding agreements secured with most of its principal donors and the continued unqualified external audit of the Secretariat over the past several years. In addition, Members noted the significant work that had been undertaken including: (a) the development of the new PIDC Strategic Plan 2022-24; (b) completion of research products to support Members operations; and (c) the continued support of national capacity building activities to strengthen national Legislation and Regulations, Standard Operating Procedures and national Strategic Plans.

7. The following were some of the significant achievements of the Board during the 2021-22 reporting period:

- a) Hosted PIDC's first virtual Regular Annual Meeting on 29 & 30 June 2021;
- b) Successful completion of three Board meetings;
- c) Approval of the PIDC Audit report 2020/21 financial year;
- d) Ongoing success of PIDC COVID-19 communication support package and strengthening of Members communication capacity across the Pacific;
- e) USP Postgraduate Diploma in Border Security – successful completion of course by second group of sponsored cohorts;
- f) Successful completion of SOP for three Members, Fiji, Nauru and the Marshall Islands;
- g) Completion of PIDC Model Training Curriculum and successful nationalization of the training curriculum with Kiribati and Samoa;
- h) Successful development of three members (Palau, Tuvalu and Marshall Islands) Strategic Plans;
- i) Successful advocacy of PIDC brand in regional and international forums and strengthening of regional and international partnerships with stakeholder organisations;
- j) Successful partnership in hosting the inaugural Pacific Regional Law Enforcement Conference in Nadi on August 2022 with OCO, PICP and the Australian National Security College;
- k) Continued support to the PIDC legislation reviews programme for the Solomon Islands and Niue with national consultations being reengaged with reopening of international borders;
- l) Development of quality research products to support and strengthen Member's knowledge base, skills and expertise in particular the: (1) PICT COVID-19 Immigration Border Control and Reopening of Borders; and (2) Model PIDC National Training Curriculum;
- m) Oversight of the delivery of a Table-Top TNOE exercise in partnership with APSC, OCO, PIDC and PICP with Members Fiji, Solomon Islands and Samoa; and
- n) Development of the new PIDC Strategic Plan 2022-24.