



**Agenda item 17: Integrated Border Management Systems, Technology and the Digital Future**

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**Recommendations**

The PIDC Regular Annual Meeting is invited to:

- a) **note** the continued importance of technology to establishing effective and efficient modern border management systems for PICTs;
  - b) **welcome** the briefing from OCO regarding the use and roll out of its Pacific Small Craft Application;
  - c) **task** the Secretariat to engage with OCO to determine how PIDC can engage with OCO Members in using the Pacific Small Craft Application to undertake work under the national jurisdiction of immigration agencies; and
  - d) **welcome** the update regarding work undertaken in the region to strengthen Border Management Systems as shared by Members.
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**Purpose**

This session provides an opportunity for Members to explore technology and potential impacts to border management approaches for the PIDC membership.

**Background**

2. Effective border management is one of the key national activities for PIDC Members. It prioritizes the facilitation of legitimate travelers while at the same time preventing the irregular entry of non-nationals and establishing a barrier to those seeking to circumvent migration laws.

3. A key component to effective border management is utilizing technology to automate specific tasks including data collection, storage and analysis, supporting the determination of the true identity of travelers, and determining the authenticity of travel documentation. PIDC Members throughout the region continue to use technological advances to strengthen their domestic capability including through the introduction of new electronic border management systems (BMS). Several Members have moved to introduce new BMS through either national funding of new systems or using existing funding packages associated to the introduction of ASYCUDA linked immigration systems being developed through UNCTAD.

4. This session will include presentations on current issues related to border management systems in the region currently being used by Members as well as the use of new technology to support targeting of potential threats and also the implementation and use of the OCO Pacific Small Crafts Application. Members will be invited to consider

how some of this technology can be utilized going forward to support the wider PIDC membership.