



Pacific Immigration Development Community

2022 Regular Annual Meeting

8 – 10 August, Nadi, Fiji

Agenda item 18: Charting forward in a changing global migration landscape: Reflections on the future of migration in the Pacific and how PIDC can navigate and thrive in this world

Recommendations

The PIDC Regular Annual Meeting is invited to:

- a) **note** the emerging and existing issues discussed during this panel discussion and the possible implications for Members; and
 - b) **recommend** that the Secretariat summarise discussions for referral to the PIDC Board for further discussion regarding the development of possible work programmes related to the matters identified and discussed.
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Purpose

This session provides an opportunity to explore existing and emerging regional and global issues not related to COVID-19 that are likely to impact PIDC Members over the next few years.

Background

2. Since early 2020 the main focus for many countries in the Pacific region has been protecting their communities from COVID-19. Immigration agencies have been a key agency in protecting borders and working to develop quarantine border processes while awaiting the vaccination of local populations for COVID-19.

3. Now that all PIDC Members are in the process of reopening borders across the region, we are now in a position where there is appetite to again consider what non-COVID-19 migration related issues need to be considered for PIDC Members to manage and plan for. Indeed, understanding how global and regional issues related to law enforcement, security and migration are evolving is essential to understanding potential changes and challenges to the operational environment of our immigration agencies in PICTs.

4. To help PIDC Members discuss possible significant policy drivers impacting our region, we have invited speakers to discuss:

- a) the emerging geopolitical, security and economic related issues currently facing the region that could impact migration policy (Pacific Security College and the Pacific PACER Plus Implementation Unit);
- b) global migration policy drivers and related work priorities for the Pacific Region (IOM); and
- c) the new regional planning framework endorsed by Forum Leaders through the

2050 Strategy (Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat).

5. At the conclusion of these discussions the Secretariat will summarise all the issues raised and submit the topics to the PIDC Board for further consideration regarding the possible development of work activities as required.