



Pacific Immigration Development Community

2022 Regular Annual Meeting

8 – 10 August, Nadi, Fiji

Agenda item 19: Combating transnational organised crime

Recommendations

The PIDC Regular Annual Meeting is invited to:

- a) **note** the TNOC issues raised by the speakers and Members during this workshop session;
 - b) **agree** on five key priority areas of work for PIDC to enhance its capacity to contribute to TNOC activities in the region; and
 - c) **agree** to refer the identified priority issues to the PIDC Board for the possible development of work programmes as deemed appropriate.
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Purpose

This session provides an opportunity to discuss what our TNOC priorities should be as we reopen borders and also discuss how we can better engage to resolve any TNOC related priority issues and challenges.

Background

2. Supporting Members and law enforcement agencies across the region to combat TNOC has been a core PIDC priority for many years. Examples of this TNOC focus can be evidenced by PIDC:

- a) supporting Members' capacity to combat irregular migration, human trafficking and people smuggling as a central component for every single PIDC work programme activity especially in work to strengthen legislation, strategic planning, national training programmes, SOPs;
- b) being selected to chair the PIF TWG to establish a Regional TNOC Disruption Strategy;
- c) promoting ISWG work to continue to explore and recommend avenues for Members to strengthen the sharing of information and intelligence to enhance border security and combat TNOC; and
- d) continuing to focus on enhanced partnerships and collaboration both internally and externally to inter alia combating TNOC (internal partnerships include Profiling and Intelligence Support Group and PIDC NCPs while external partnerships currently include DOP, PTCN, PSC).

3. To help PIDC Members identify the priority TNOC challenges to the region and also key areas where we need support for our national operations as we reopen our borders, we plan to workshop two core questions:

- a) **Combating TNOC through partnerships and the Boe Declaration** – what approaches need to be undertaken to support regional law enforcement cooperation (including DoP and Boe Declaration) in an increasingly restrictive global operating environment during/after the pandemic.
- b) **Targeted information sharing and training to combat TNOC.** As we revive and strengthen the existing PIDC structures and processes with the reopening of international travel, what more do we need to do?

4. The workshops will begin with two short presentations on: (a) the state of TNOC in the Pacific region (PTCN); and (b) the current state of the implementation of the Boe Declaration (PIDC). The workshop sessions will then focus on working together to discuss key issues with input also from partner organisations that will be attending such as PTCN, OCO, PICP, UNODC and IOM in terms of their priorities and also how they envisage engaging with PIDC to combat TNOC.