



Agenda item 22(a): Immigrations Role in Labour Mobility Presentation

Recommendations

The PIDC Regular Annual Meeting is invited to:

1. **note** the lessons shared by Speakers regarding established labour mobility schemes in the Pacific; and
 2. **task** the Secretariat to document the labour mobility scheme lessons for reference in any future labour mobility work programme in the PIDC membership.
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Purpose

1. To discuss the role immigration departments, play in labour mobility schemes.

Background

2. In recent years, there has been an increase in participation and negotiations in labour mobility schemes with Pacific leaders pursuing bilateral and multilateral labour mobility arrangements with developed partners in the region.
3. The introduction of any labour mobility scheme in the region directly requires government officials in trade, immigration, labour/employment, education and legal officials to be directly involved in facilitating the implementation of these proposed labour mobility schemes at the national level. Officials are required to have a full understanding of the Scheme and as such the levels of knowledge and expertise of technical officials to manage and monitor their labour mobility schemes becomes central to the success of these schemes.
4. Australia, New Zealand and Samoa will discuss challenges they have faced and lessons that they have learnt to establish labour mobility schemes. With a number of Pacific countries preparing to introduce labour mobility schemes through the PACER Plus Agreement, the lessons of these established schemes in the RSE and Australian seasonal workers scheme provides learnings that immigration agencies in the Pacific can consider.

Financial Implications

5. There are no financial implications identified for activities discussed under this agenda item although Members may propose specific activities as a result of discussions.

Conclusion

6. This session provides an opportunity for members to collectively find relevant labour mobility solutions that address Countries' development needs and allows the Countries to share their pool of expertise.