



Pacific Immigration Directors Conference

2017 Regular Annual Meeting,

June 20 – 22, Apia, Samoa

Agenda item 13: Strengthening the relationships between organisations and agencies for better coordination of regional/national border management

Recommendations

The PIDC Regular Annual Meeting is invited to:

1. **recognise** the value of working together with partner border control agencies at national and regional level to improve and strengthen border management;
 2. **support** national and regional partnership approaches to managing our shared borders; and
 3. **task** the Secretariat to explore integrated border management systems and modernisation approaches as a way forward.
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Purpose

1. To discuss the value of inter-agency collaboration in collectively managing our shared borders.

Background

2. The PIDC membership is marked by the scattered islands across the vast Pacific Ocean with often limited resources and technical expertise. The ever-changing migration landscape fueled by the forces of globalization' labour hungry foreign industries and ever increasing number of travelers moving through the region challenges immigration departments capacity to manage their respective borders. As such the management and protection of our maritime and land borders becomes an immense challenge and with limited resources, working in isolation no longer becomes an option.

3. Members and partners will use this session to share their experiences in strengthening and managing their relationships with other partner agencies with the purpose of better coordinating national and regional border management. There is a whole range of working relationships that organizations have adopted in working together. Some organizations establish relationships just to share information. Others will pool resources in order to accomplish common goals, and others might consider other alternative ways of working together through networking, coordination, cooperation and collaboration across national, regional and international platforms.

Strategic Implications

4. The proposed recommendations support the implementation of objectives promoting collaboration with partner law enforcement agencies contained in the PIDC Constitution, the 2016 – 2018 Strategic Plan and the Results Management Suite.

Financial Implications

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