



Agenda item 12: Exploring Options for Automated Border Management Systems

Recommendations

The PIDC Regular Annual Meeting is invited to:

1. **note** the key issues raised and lessons learnt regarding various Border Management Systems operating in the PIDC membership; and
 2. **consider** discussing regional solutions to addressing border management systems in the PIDC membership
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Purpose

1. To discuss border management systems that are used by immigration agencies in the Pacific and consider lessons and best practices.

Background

2. There are varying levels of information technology (IT) used by PIDC members to support border management systems (BMS) across the region. While IT systems can be expensive, its implementation complex, and maintenance both costly and ongoing, there are significant benefits of IT systems in terms of enhancing the capacity to manage border movements, connect offices and ports of entry and improve security both nationally and regionally.

3. Since 2006, Members have been reporting on efforts to automate border systems as part of their modernisation process. Members have reported to either moving to an automated BMS, upgrading or improving their existing BMS. Some Members have reported that for the first time they were putting together tender documents for new integrated border management systems. However, despite the varying levels of BMS use in the Pacific, Members have not used the PIDC network to share experiences and lessons on border management systems which can be used to better understand the types of Border Management Systems now available as a platform for future proofing.

Conclusion

4. This session provides an opportunity to further address the difference in immigration ICT development across Pacific countries and territories and provides lessons and options for members to consider.
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