



Pacific Immigration Directors Conference

2017 Regular Annual Meeting,

June 20 – 22, Apia, Samoa

Agenda item 17: Identifying and protecting victims of human trafficking

Recommendations

The PIDC Regular Annual Meeting is invited to:

1. **note** responses to human trafficking victims in the Pacific; and
 2. **encourage** members to identify and protect victims through a multi-agency approach.
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Purpose

1. To discuss systems and processes Members currently have in place to identify and protect victims of trafficking.

Background

2. In recent years there has been a gradual increase in human trafficking reports provided by Members emerging from across the Pacific. In addressing this problem, Members have found that individual actions are insufficient to stem the flows of trafficked persons. There is recognition on the need to adopt a multi-agency approach to respond to human trafficking in the Pacific.

3. Engagements with Civil Society Organizations in regional fora have highlighted the wealth of information available on smuggled and trafficked persons that is not being reported to law enforcement agencies. This only highlights the need for approaches that promote collaboration among both public sector and civil society organisations.

4. A number of partner organisations currently operate in this space including PTCCC, UNODC, PIFS and OCO. While some provide intelligence and investigative support, others such as PIFS and UNDOC also provide research and policy and legislative development support.

Strategic Implications

5. 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

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

Conclusion

7. Responses to trafficking and the capacity to respond in the Pacific is highlighted by the different levels of progress Members have in adopting anti-trafficking measures. The

presenters in this session will share a variety of experiences, including at the frontline, policy development, regional administration, data collection and monitoring and legislation development. The discussions will provide an opportunity for members to share experiences and learn about a number of best practices in multi-agency responses.
