



## Information and Intelligence Network

### 1.0 Purpose

To provide an overarching framework for the collection and sharing of information and intelligence among PIDC Members and partner organisations to enhance border security and combat serious criminal activities.

### 2.0 Background

Effective reporting, recording, analysis and dissemination of information can:

- assist in the prevention, detection and prosecution of immigration offences;
- strengthen agency operational and policy planning and decision making;
- support national policy planning in security, economic growth and development; and
- enhance internal governance and integrity measures.

In recognition of the importance of disseminating information, PIDC has developed information sharing practices over the years based on organisational guidelines and strategies. These practices form a crucial part of PIDC's identity and to ensure they are given proper priority they have been revised and are discussed below.

## 3.0 Information and Intelligence Network

To formalise current PIDC information and intelligence sharing practices, the Secretariat proposes that the current activities and processes developed by Members be renamed as the PIDC Information and Intelligence Network (PIDCIIN). While the current practices have been developed through ongoing PIDC cooperation, it is envisaged that the processes will become more formalised once PIDC Members endorse the **Arrangement between Members of PIDC for the disclosure of information for immigration, border protection, law enforcement and public safety purposes** at the 2018 Regular Annual Meeting.

### 3.1 PIDCIIN Objective/ Function

To facilitate collection and sharing of information and intelligence products (refer to **Annex One**) to support activities of PIDC Members and law enforcement Partner agencies.

### 3.2 Mandate

#### 3.2.1 PIDC Constitution

##### *Article 8 PIDC Functions*

8.1. Without prejudice to the sovereign rights of member territories and countries, those participating members will collaborate to achieve the objectives of the PIDC by establishing appropriate cooperative mechanisms (including the effective exchange of information, to the extent permitted under Members' domestic legislation and administrative procedures) to

contribute to the effective management of irregular migration and serious immigration-related organised crime issues including people smuggling and human trafficking across the region.

### 3.2.2: Arrangement between Members of PIDC for the disclosure of information for immigration, border protection, law enforcement and public safety purposes

Pursuant to Paragraph 6 of the Arrangement, Participants may, by mutual arrangement and subject to their domestic legislation and policies:

- a) share general information on immigration, border protection, law enforcement and public safety;
- b) collaborate on initiatives to strengthen the capacity of the Participants and the PIDC Secretariat ("Secretariat") (e.g. through exchange of personnel, secondments, sponsorship of personnel to specific training programmes, and the development of training programmes for delivery);
- c) collaborate to develop and implement law, policy and processes concerning immigration, border protection, law enforcement and public safety; and
- d) hold periodic meetings to monitor progress in achieving the objectives of this Arrangement.

## 3.3 Structure

The **PIDC Secretariat** is responsible for:

1. acting as administrator and focal point to implement the sharing of information and development of intelligence products agreed to by Members;
2. data analysis and dissemination of immigration information and intelligence through the PIDC Alerts System, Monthly Bulletin and Annual Irregular Migration Report and ad hoc research papers prioritised by Members;
3. identifying skills gaps to develop programming support for in country technical assistance and capacity building;
4. developing best practices and protocols to facilitate the sharing of information through increased harmonisation, promotion of technology, interoperability and integration of systems; and
5. ensuring information and Intelligence sharing remains a priority in PIDC gatherings.

**PIDC Members** are responsible for:

1. collecting, storing and analysing national immigration data to manage cross border travel;
2. establishing National Contact Points under Paragraph 7 of the Memorandum of Arrangement to facilitate Information Sharing;
3. identifying and prioritising collectively PIDC immigration information to be collected and shared amongst Members;
4. generating and sharing information and information requests as provided under Paragraph 6 of the Memorandum of Arrangement;
5. generating and sharing where appropriate intelligence products;
6. storing shared information securely according to its security classification;
7. enacting necessary legislation to allow for sharing of information with other Members;
8. informing the Secretariat and Members of any caveats, either for privacy or national

security reasons, on the handling and dissemination of information provided

**PIDC Law Enforcement Partners** are to share information either directly to Members or through the PIDC Secretariat.

### 3.4 PIDCIIN Schedule of Activities

Timeframe	Activity	Purpose
Ad hoc	Sharing of Alerts on Person of interest information – clandestine entry/exit information	To share urgent information on persons or activities of interest that can impact national and regional border security of PIDC Members
Monthly	Person of interest information – clandestine entry/exit information	To be compiled into the PIDC monthly Intelligence Bulletin to support Members risk profiling and operations.
January -February	PIDC Annual Collection Plan Questionnaire results collected (including data on arrivals, border refusals, illegal populations, returns, people smuggling, human trafficking, immigration fraud, asylum, use of vessels)	Collected information forms the basis of the annual PIDC report on People Smuggling, Human Trafficking and Illegal Migration in the Pacific and to provide an evidence base for future PIDC activities.
January – February	Update of Contact Directory of PIDC Members	Update PIDC member Contact Directory – internal version and official published version
Ad hoc	Questionnaires to be disseminated as part of the PIDC Work Plan and Research Plan.	To support evidence-based decision making and policy development.

### 4.0 Dissemination List

All reports, alerts and intelligence information produced by the Secretariat can be distributed to the following recipients as appropriate. Highlighted organisations to be discussed with their representatives.

PIDC Members are to advise any restrictions as to which organisations or countries the information can be shared with and all reports should be accompanied by a statement which indicates entities information should not be provided to.

Information/Reporting	Dissemination List
PIDC Alerts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PIDC Members</li><li>• PIDC Partner Organisations: PIFS (LEU), PICP, PTCCC, OCO.</li><li>• Non-PIDC Member Country Partners: Canada, Hong Kong, South Korea,</li></ul>

	and USA.
Member Intelligence Alerts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PIDC Members</li> <li>• PIDC Partner Organisations: PIFS (LEU), PICP, PTCCC, OCO,</li> </ul>
Annual PIDC People Smuggling, Human Trafficking and Illegal Migration Report (and other PIDC reports as appropriate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PIDC Members</li> <li>• PIFS Members</li> <li>• PIDC Partner Organisations: PIFS (LEU), PICP, PTCCC, OCO</li> <li>• International and regional organisations (including APC, the Bali Process, IOM, UN GIFT, UNHCR, UNODC)</li> </ul> <p><i>On request:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• academic institutions</li> <li>• Like-minded non-PIDC governments</li> </ul>
PIDC Monthly Intelligence Bulletins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PIDC Members</li> <li>• PIDC Partner Organisations: PIFS (LEU), PICP, PTCCC, OCO,</li> </ul>
Bi-Annual Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PIDC Members</li> <li>• PIDC Partner Organisations: PIFS (LEU), PICP, PTCCC, OCO</li> </ul>
Ad-hoc Research Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PIDC Members</li> <li>• Others on case by case basis as with People Smuggling, Human Trafficking and Illegal Migration report</li> </ul>

## Types of PIDC Information and Intelligence to be considered for sharing

The information to be disseminated shall be shared according to national legislation taking into account domestic privacy laws.

In addition to information on data on arrivals, border refusals, illegal populations, returns, people smuggling, human trafficking, immigration fraud, asylum seekers and use of vessels which is collected for the Annual Report on Irregular Migration, PIDC Members are encouraged to share information as appropriate on the fields listed below.

- 1.1 airline passenger and crew lists:
- 1.2 craft movements (which may include passenger and crew lists):
- 1.3 past travel movements of specified people:
- 1.4 previous convictions of specified people:
- 1.5 general history of specified people (which may include associates and networks):
- 1.6 modus operandi of specified people:
- 1.7 known currency and other financial transactions of relevant interest, including involvement in money laundering:
- 1.8 intelligence analysis assessments and reports
- 1.9 details of communications interceptions
- 1.10 personal identification details (which may include photographs, biometric information, distinguishing features, and details of identity or travel documents):
- 1.11 names and details of immigration personnel and transport personnel:
- 1.12 details of known or suspected involvement of people in illicit activities:
- 1.13 details of any visa held by a person.

Sensitive information shall only be used for law enforcement purposes and to strengthen border security practices to support activities related to managing:

- 2.1 Gangs
- 2.2 Arriving Criminal Deportees
- 2.3 Departing Criminal Deportees
- 2.4 Blue boats
- 2.5 People trafficking and people smuggling
- 2.6 Involvement in illegal fishing
- 2.7 Irregular migration patterns
- 2.8 Identity Integrity
- 2.9 Counter-terrorism
- 2.10 Other Transnational Crime
- 2.11 vetting for foreign labour and major investors.

Intelligence Products to be produced by PIDC include

- Monthly bulletin
- Searchable Database on Persons on Interest
- Annual Trends on Irregular Migration

Under Paragraph 8 of the Memorandum of Arrangement, Participants may disclose the following information should the relevant domestic legislation allow for it (“Information”):

- a) airline passenger and crew lists;
- b) craft movements (which may include passenger and crew lists);
- c) past travel movements of specified people;
- d) previous convictions of specified people;
- e) general history of specified people (which may include associates and networks);
- f) modus operandi of specified people;
- g) known currency and other financial transactions of relevant interest, including involvement in money laundering;
- h) details of communications interceptions;
- i) personal identification details (which may include photographs, biometric information, distinguishing features, and details of identity or travel documents);
- j) names and details of immigration personnel and transport personnel;
- k) details of known or suspected involvement of people in illicit activities;
- l) details of any visa held by a person; and
- m) general non-personal information; including i.) the disclosure of technical, operational and other information; ii.) the sharing of best practices regarding technical and operational matters; iii.) the disclosure of knowledge and expertise, legislative and regulatory documents and relevant scientific and technical information; iv.) the coordination of joint operations within their respective territories, in the frame of national joint operations or international joint operations; and v.) working cooperatively through the PIDC and the Secretariat on matters of common interest.