



Agenda item 16: Update Report: Integrated Border Management

Recommendations

The PIDC Regular Annual Meeting is invited to:

- a) **note** the current approaches to integrated border management provided by presenters;
- b) **welcome** the update provided by Australia regarding the establishment and operations of the new Department of Home Affairs; and
- c) **task** the Secretariat to provide recommendations on how an integrated border management system could be developed for small Pacific Island Countries and Territories.

Purpose

To provide information to guide discussions regarding integrated border management systems and provide background information for a presentation by Australia on the establishment and operations of the Department of Home Affairs.

Background

2. With the increasing mobility of persons and the growth of travel in the PIDC region, States have had to address the challenge of facilitating the travel of legitimate passengers while also managing secure border systems to present the entry of threats. Given the number of agencies that operate at the border such as immigration, customs bio-security, police and health; it is logical that to enhance the security of national borders, these agencies need to collaborate by sharing information and also responsibilities for monitoring various border entry points for persons and goods.

3. Integrated Border Management is a concept similar to a 'one stop shop' that promotes all relevant authorities working together in an effective and efficient manner not only within a country, but also with relevant agencies of neighbouring States. It requires countries to consider enhancing collaboration within the immigration agency, and with other agencies both national and international. While there are many ways in which to promote integrated management systems, what is essential is that agencies seek to harmonise and streamline processes, documentation, reporting, and interventions based on effectively managing identified risk both virtually and physically.

4. In addition to presentations regarding current integrated border management practices being advanced globally, Australia has been asked to present on the formation of the Department of Home Affairs and its current structure and mandate. Formally established on 20 December 2017, is made up of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection and includes national security, emergency management and criminal justice functions from

the Attorney-General's Department; the Office of Transport Security from the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development; Multicultural Affairs from the Department of Social Services; and the counter-terrorism coordination and cyber security policy functions from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

5. To advance possible integrated border management processes in the region, Members will be asked to consider the current initiatives and activities being undertaken globally, and in observing the lessons learnt through the establishment of the Department of Home Affairs are requested to consider tasking the Secretariat to consider how such concepts could best be applied to the PIDC environment.

Annex 1: Panel Discussion Guidelines

Pacific Immigration Directors' Conference Regular Annual Meeting Guidelines for Panel Discussions

The following guidelines have been developed to assist panellists with their preparation for the Panel Discussions at the PIDC Regular Annual Meeting to maximize information exchange and interaction with conference participants in the limited time available.

2. There are seven panel sessions planned for the Regular Annual Meeting. Each session is structured to provide Session Objectives with specific Session Outcomes to be achieved and Key Issues to be discussed. Due to time constraints, not all panellists will be invited to present and the selection of presenters will be discussed between the panellists with the Secretariat having the final say should there be more than one presenter seeking to present on a specific topic.

Panel discussion process

3. The panel discussion process is as follows:
- a) Prior to each Panel Session the Chair will provide a brief introduction of the topic and its relevance to the PIDC;
 - b) The Facilitator will provide a very brief introduction (no longer than 4 minutes):
 - i. outlining objective(s) of the panel discussion;
 - ii. introducing the panellists; and
 - iii. introducing the panellist presenters, their topics and the time limits.
 - c) Each Panel will be invited to provide between two and three presentations (depending on allocated time) and presenters will be given an 8-10-minute speaking time slot to present on their topic. Presenters will be requested to adhere to this time limit to ensure there is adequate time available for open discussion among the participants;
 - d) At the completion of the scheduled presentations, the non-presenting panellists will be invited to make verbal interventions regarding their experiences with the issue discussed and the objectives of the panel discussion;
 - e) The Facilitator will then open the discussions for comments from the floor; and
 - f) At the conclusion of the open discussions, where there are recommendations, the Chair will invite Members to consider/endorse the proposed recommendations.

Role of Facilitator

4. The main role of the Facilitator is to: (a) guide discussions in the session they are facilitating to ensure the session objectives are achieved; and (b) manage the time (very important) noting the Secretariat will support their role by providing a timekeeper.

5. The Secretariat will provide talking points to guide the Facilitator's interventions and prompt discussions from the panellists who are expected to have expert knowledge of the issues to be discussed.

Role of Presenters

6. Presentation Guidelines:
- a) Presenters are limited to making presentations between 8 – 10 minutes (unless informed otherwise);
 - b) Presenters are encouraged to use PowerPoint presentations, which each should consist of not more than 8-10 slides (all inclusive) looking to speak for about one minute per slide on average;
 - c) Unless the presenters advise otherwise, all material received will be distributed in electronic form; and
 - d) Besides PowerPoint slides, presenters are requested to submit one or two key message(s) or recommendations from their presentations to:
 - i. assist the Facilitators for each respective session in guiding the discussions; and
 - ii. inform the drafting of the workshop outcomes document for the participants to consider. These key messages need to be brief, clear, to the point and should not be more than one or two sentences per key message.

Role of non-presenting panellists

7. These panellists are recognised as having an important point to contribute to discussions but due to time constraints are not provided with a presentation slot. In this instance, these panellists will be asked to make brief comments on their experiences relative to the objectives of the agenda item.