



**Agenda item 08: Panel Discussion One – Climate Change and its Impact on Migration
in the Pacific: A Local Perspective**

Recommendation

The PIDC Regular Annual Meeting is invited to note the panellists' discussions on climate change impacts on regional migration and identify how immigration agencies can contribute to regional mitigation and adaptation responses.

Purpose

Members are to discuss the impact of climate change on migration patterns and identify how immigration agencies can contribute to mitigation or adaptation efforts nationally and regionally.

Background

2. The impact of climate change on the daily lives of Pacific people continues to strengthen, and overtime it is anticipated that many people may be forced to migrate to urban centres, relatively higher islands, regionally and internationally especially within the Pacific seeking some form of human security.

3. It is globally recognised that the Pacific Island communities are some of the most vulnerable to climate change with many facing the reality that they will be forced to leave their sinking island nations. Forced migration may subsequently lead to conflicts in receiving countries or communities. Understanding this nexus between forced migration and conflict is vital for the development of effective policies, institutions, and actions to better handle shifting migration patterns and reduce its negative impacts in the region.

Conclusion

4. The panellists will discuss the main human security challenges and threats faced by climate-induced migrants when settling in receiving countries or communities and identify major migration issues. The panellists will discuss migration issues that could help PIDC Members and other stakeholders in the Pacific identify appropriate policy responses that will promote human security and prevent conflicts due to climate-induced displacement and migration.

Annex 1: Guideline for Panel Discussion

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

The following guidelines have been developed to assist you with your 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:
 - i. Prior to each Panel Session the Chair will provide a brief introduction of the topic and its relevance to the PIDC.
 - ii. The Facilitator will provide a very brief introduction (no longer than 4 minutes):
 - a) outlining objective(s) of the panel discussion;
 - b) introducing the panellists; and
 - c) introducing the panellist presenters, their topics and the time limits.
 - iii. 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.
 - iv. 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.
 - v. The Facilitator will then open the discussions for comments from the floor.
 - vi. 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:
 - i. Presenters are limited to making presentations between 8 – 10 minutes (unless informed otherwise).
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. Unless the Presenters advise otherwise, all material received will be distributed in electronic form.
 - iv. 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 and to the point and should not be more than one or two sentences per key message. Presenters will be requested to submit these key messages by 5 June 2018 to the Secretariat on info@pidcsec.org.

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.