



Agenda item 23: Key Immigration Policy Drivers for Pacific Island Countries and Territories

Proposed Recommendations

The PIDC Regular Annual Meeting is invited to:

- a) **note** the key immigration policy drivers identified by panellists; and
 - b) **welcome** the ongoing drafting of the PIDC Policy Development Framework to provide a high-level resource for Members with a guide on relevant evidence based approaches to support implementation of priority policies.
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Purpose

This session will discuss key migration related policy drivers in Pacific Island Countries and Territories and highlight the development of the PIDC Policy Development Framework as a regional resource tool to guide Members.

Background

2. PIDC Members at the 2018 Regular Annual Meeting (RAM) recognised the value of developing overarching migration policies to support and guide development and implementation of operational and strategic objectives for immigration agencies. Members subsequently tasked the Secretariat to develop a regionally endorsed migration policy development framework specific to the PIDC environment.

3. This initiative will result in the development of an additional PIDC resource to support Members by developing a non-binding draft regional migration policy framework that provides a succinct summary of the key migration and enforcement issues that need to be considered when seeking to develop modern, effective, and efficient immigration organisations. Importantly, the Framework will also look to provide a guide on relevant evidence based tools and approaches that can be used by PIDC Members to support the development and implementation of any specific immigration policies.

4. The Framework will provide a document to assist PIDC Immigration Administrations secure political and resource support for reform and modernization. It will do this by providing information with a clear picture of the modern immigration function, the vital role it can play in achieving national objectives and the necessity of investing in strengthening immigration. The document will also contain a guide on how to use this information in a variety of ways, including for the preparation of business cases or development of presentations by immigration leaders.

5. In addition, panellists will be invited to share their experiences and best practices in immigration policy development and Members will have an opportunity to discuss their priority issues for possible Secretariat or Member support.

Financial Implications

6. There are no financial implications for any activities identified under this agenda item for the 2019/20 Budget although Members may propose specific activities as a result of discussions.