



Pacific Immigration Development Community

2019 Regular Annual Meeting

4 – 6 June, Rarotonga, Cook Islands

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Agenda item 15: Aircrafts

Proposed Recommendation

The PIDC Regular Annual Meeting is invited to **note** Members' best practices in managing airline operational relationships.

Purpose

The purpose of this session is to discuss best practises and standards in managing immigration departments operational relationships with airlines.

Background

2. Immigration and airline carriers share a common interest in strengthening passenger safety and enhancing operational efficiency at international ports of entry. Immigration agencies and airlines generally work together to streamline processes where possible to improve traveller experience, safety and convenience. This begins with a common understanding of travel documentation, visa entry requirements and the linked travel related flows of information, financial transactions and passengers.

3. This session provides an opportunity for panellists and Members to discuss their organisation's approach to strengthening their relationships with airline carriers. Panellists will be asked to share: (a) insights on existing structures and processes that support border law enforcement officers to target priority threats based; and (b) challenges that often impede border enforcement officers.

4. Australia and Niue will share their experiences in managing operational relationships with airline carriers and how this has benefitted both parties. Panellists will discuss their organisations' approach to strengthening this strategic relationship which seeks to facilitate legitimate travel while targeting and intercepting high risk individuals.

Policy Impacts

5. The discussion outcomes for this session is expected to support and guide the organisations work in Key Activity Area 1.2, Key Activity Area 2.3, and Key Activity Area 4.3 of the PIDC Strategic Plan 2019-2021 in the areas of: (i) enhancing national enforcement and investigations capacity; (ii) developing modern and streamlined Standard Operating Procedures; and (iii) developing and implementing regional standards and best practices.

Resource Implications

6. There are no specific financial implications identified at this stage. However, it is envisaged that at the conclusion of this panel discussion, Members could recommend

potential activities based on the discussion outcomes. The Secretariat in consultation with the Board will subsequently review this session outcomes at its first 2019/20 Board Meeting to make further recommendations.