



Pacific Immigration Development Community

2019 Regular Annual Meeting

4 – 6 June, Rarotonga, Cook Islands

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Agenda item 17: Border Management Systems

Proposed Recommendations

The PIDC Regular Annual Meeting is invited to:

- a) **welcome** the experiences shared by Nauru, Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI), and Vanuatu in implementing new Border Management Systems and contributions from observer organisations, International Office of Migration and Oceania Customs Organisations; and
 - b) **task** the Secretariat to assist Small Islands State Members in exploring options for support to introduce a Border Management System appropriate to their national environment.
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Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to brief Members on the opportunities and challenges Members encounter in implementing new Border Management Systems (BMS) and the subsequent benefits received from an automated process.

Background

2. Members recognise the critical need for securing reliable and consistent data to assist in policy development and operationalising resource deployment in response to the increasing movement of travellers in the region. Members further recognise the associated challenges encountered in facilitating legitimate travellers while maintaining border integrity.
3. In responding to these challenges and maintaining a healthy working relationship with other national border agencies, a collaborative effort and information sharing is essential hence making BMS an invaluable resource. A BMS, tailor made to national requirements should be able to capture, store data accurately while being able to produce analysis and reports with accurate and timely information.
4. Sharing experiences from the implementation of a new BMS can provide invaluable lessons for other PIDC Members who are also looking to introduce new systems.
5. On this basis, Nauru, RMI and Vanuatu have been invited to share their experiences with Members on this complex but crucial issue which is challenging many of our PIDC Members.