



Pacific Immigration Development Community

2019 Regular Annual Meeting

4 – 6 June, Rarotonga, Cook Islands

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Agenda item 31: 2020 Regular Annual Meeting and Election of Vice Chair

Proposed Recommendations

The PIDC Regular Annual Meeting is invited to:

- a) **endorse** the nomination of the incoming Vice Chair for 2019/2020; and
 - b) **welcome** the new Vice Chair and host of the next PIDC Regular Annual Meeting in 2020.
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Purpose

To guide Members in selection of a Vice Chair and agreed host for the PIDC Regular Annual Meeting (RAM) in 2020 as required under the PIDC Constitution.

Background

2. Article 13 of the PIDC Constitution, outlines the process for electing the incoming Vice Chair. In effect, the Vice-Chair is nominated to represent the country seeking to host the next Regular Annual Meeting which in this instance will be the 2020 RAM.

3. The Vice Chair shall be appointed for the period of one year after which He or She automatically assumes the role of Chair at the next RAM. The Vice Chair elected at the 2019 RAM will be responsible for hosting the 2020 PIDC RAM.

Benefit of Hosting Regular Annual Meetings

4. The RAM brings together the heads of 19 PIDC Member administrations and a number of invited Observers. The RAM provides a unique opportunity for PIDC and the hosting country to raise its profile as an efficient, effective, proactive and innovative immigration body. It also provides a valuable opportunity for increased national government support and commitment for the implementation of planned immigration reforms.

5. The Secretariat disseminated on 25 May, 2019, Circular 6/19 (refer Attachment One), inviting expression of interest to host the 2020 and 2021 RAM and outlining potential benefit derived from hosting such meetings .

Past Hosts of PIDC Regular Annual Meetings

6. The following table lists Member countries that have hosted the RAM since 1996 when PIDC was first established.

Year	Member Country that have Hosted the Regular Annual Meeting
1996	Fiji
1997	Samoa

1998	<i>No Conference Records</i>
1999	Norfolk Islands
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2001	Cook Islands
2002	Niue
2003	Tonga
2004	Palau
2005	Fiji
2006	New Zealand
2007	Samoa
2008	Australia
2009	Australia
2010	Vanuatu
2011	Federated States of Micronesia
2012	Cook Islands
2013	<i>Conference Postponed</i>
2014	Papua New Guinea
2015	Samoa
2016	Marshall Islands
2017	<i>New Zealand (Hosted in Apia, Samoa)</i>
2018	Fiji
2019	Cook Islands

Financial Implications

7. The 2019/20 Annual Work Plan and budget provides funding to support Vice Chair participation at planned Board Meetings.