



Pacific Immigration Development Community

2019 Regular Annual Meeting

4 – 6 June, Rarotonga, Cook Islands

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Agenda item 7: Secretariat Report on Activities

Proposed Recommendations

The PIDC Regular Annual Meeting is invited to:

- a) **note** and **welcome** the various activities undertaken by the Secretariat to implement the Annual Work Plan as endorsed by Members at the 2018 Regular Annual Meeting;
 - b) **note** the various outcomes of the in-country and regional activities coordinated by the Secretariat; and
 - c) **encourage** the Secretariat to continue working towards delivering the remaining activities scheduled for this Financial Year by 30 June 2019.
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Purpose

To provide the Regular Annual Meeting with an updated summary of activities undertaken by the Secretariat during the Financial Year to implement the Annual Work Plan.

Background

2. The Annual Work Plan and Budget for the 2018/19 Financial Year was endorsed by Members at the 2018 Regular Annual Meeting. While the Secretariat will provide a detailed report on the activities undertaken, some key achievements include:

KAA 1: Strategic Partnerships and International Engagement

- a) strengthening collaborative partnerships with a number of regional and international organisations¹ to advance immigration related activities to strengthen Members' capacity to manage borders, engage in economic development initiatives and contribute to combating / responding to priority security issues such as transnational crime, climate change and disaster response;
- b) raising PIDC's international profile as a regional body through inaugural attendance at the 8th Global Meeting of Inter-State Consultation Mechanisms on Migration (GRCP 8) held on 5 April 2019 in Geneva and a number of additional immigration, climate change, disaster displacement, border management, labour mobility and security fora;
- c) recognition as a key player in regional security and law enforcement issues with membership in the Pacific Fusion Centre Reference Group;
- d) ongoing work to support the regional Declaration of Partnership between PIDC, OCO and PICP;

¹ Pacific Transnational Crimes Network, Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police, Oceania Customs Organisation, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Bali Process Regional Support Office, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, University of the South Pacific, and International Organisation for Migration.

- e) Application by Department of Transport and Support Services responsible for Tokelau's immigration services for PIDC Membership;

KAA 2 : Policy and Regulatory Frameworks

- f) providing in-country technical assistance and support to review national Immigration Policies and Legislation for Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu and the Solomon Islands;
- g) ongoing development of a Policy Framework to guide PIDC Immigration decision makers;
- h) development of a draft regional framework to Combat Human Trafficking and People Smuggling for Members to consider;

KAA 3: Information and Intelligence Management

- i) advancing the effective operationalisation of the PIDC MoU on Information Sharing through the establishment of the PIDC Profiling and Intelligence Support Group which has seen significant increase in sharing of law enforcement and border information;
- j) development of the PIDC Enforcement Data Collection Tool in collaboration with Statistics New Zealand which is now being used to strengthen national data collection for PIDC Members (Solomon Islands and Palau have completed pilot implementation);

KAA 4: Institutional Strengthening and Capacity and Capability Development

- k) supporting regional immigration related training including hosting of two executive level regional PIDC workshops that built capacity in strategic planning and combating human trafficking and people smuggling;
- l) establishment of an MoU with the University of the South Pacific to develop an online academic Border Management Postgraduate Certificate/ Diploma for immigration officers;
- m) development of model capacity building curriculum with model training modules for PIDC Members to adapt in collaboration with the Bali Process Regional Support Office and the International Organisation for Migration;

KAA 5: Governance and Accountability

- n) continued successful completion of the external audit of the Secretariat for the 2017/18 Financial Year;
- o) successful hosting of two Board meetings in collaboration with Niue and Kiribati to maintain effective oversight of the Secretariat; and
- p) renewal of employment contracts for the Head of Secretariat and Deputy Head of Secretariat.

3. In summary, the Secretariat continues to progress well towards achieving its 2018 – 2019 Work Plan activities and the Secretariat is confident that the remaining activities will be completed in the time remaining and with the full support of partner organisations and Members.