



Agenda item 32: Election of the Board Members for 2019/20

Proposed Recommendation

The PIDC Regular Annual Meeting is invited to **endorse** the election of the 2019/20 Board Members and **approve** its meeting schedule.

Purpose

Members are requested to nominate and elect representatives to the PIDC Board for the 2019/20 business period.

Background

2. The PIDC Board consists of:

- annually elected representatives of the Small Island States, Polynesia, Micronesia, Melanesia,
- the Chair (Current RAM host country), Incoming Vice-Chair (Future RAM Host) and Outgoing Vice-Chair (Previous RAM Host); and
- permanent Board Members Australia and New Zealand as Donors, and Samoa as the host country.

3. The Regular Annual Meeting has over the years consecutively appointed representatives to the Board based on the above representation, as provided under the PIDC Constitution. In 2018, the Regular Annual Meeting endorsed the following Board Members: Kiribati (Small Island States), Australia (Donor), New Zealand (Vice-Chair/Donor), Republic of the Marshall Islands (Micronesia), Cook Islands (Vice-Chair), Solomon Islands (Melanesia), Tonga (Polynesia), and Samoa (Host Country).

Summary

4. The PIDC Board is a permanent subsidiary body of the PIDC and acts on behalf of the PIDC to provide governance to the organisation. The Board is responsible for setting the strategic direction and ensuring the PIDC's programme of work and other objectives are delivered and are adding value. It is also responsible for ensuring that the PIDC is of an ongoing concern, that reputational financial and non-financial risks are identified and effectively mitigated and that policies are in place that ensure resources are used responsibly and with accountability.

5. In a regular business year, the Board normally meets three times. Members are requested to endorse a meeting schedule for the 2019/20 Financial Year, which has been

aligned to the Secretariat's reporting timeframe as outlined in the PIDC Constitution but also ensuring to avoid clashes with national and regional events.

2019/20 Financial Year Board Meeting	Month to Schedule Meeting
Board Meeting No. 1	From September – November 2019 after the 2019 Regular Annual Meeting
Board Meeting No.2	February or March 2020
Board Meeting No.3	To be confirmed in 2020 after confirmation of 2020 RAM dates as meeting is to held a day prior to the RAM in 2020

Financial Implications

6. The three Board Meetings have been factored into the PIDC Annual Workplan 2019/20 and its consequent budgetary allocation. There are no additional financial implications identified under this agenda item.