



Agenda item 10: Election of PIDC Board Members for 2021/22

Proposed Recommendations:

Members are invited to **endorse** the election of the 2021/22 Board Members and note its meeting schedule.

Purpose

Members are requested to nominate and elect representatives to the PIDC Board for the 2021/22 financial year.

Background

2. The PIDC Board consists of annually elected representatives from Melanesia, Polynesia, Micronesia, the Small Island States, the Chair (Current Regular Annual Meeting (RAM) host country), Incoming Vice-Chair (future RAM Host Country), Outgoing Vice-Chair (Outgoing Chair) and permanent Board Members Australia and New Zealand as Donors, and Samoa as the host country.

3. The Regular Annual Meeting (RAM) has over the years consecutively appointed representatives to the Board based on the above representation, as recommended under the PIDC Constitution. In 2019, Members elected the 2019/20 PIDC Board consisting of: Cook Islands (Chair), Tuvalu (Incoming Vice Chair), Fiji (Outgoing Vice Chair), Vanuatu (Melanesia), Tonga (Polynesia), Federated States of Micronesia (Micronesia), Australia (Donor), New Zealand (Donor), and Samoa as the Host Country.

4. However, due to the closure of international borders and postponement of our RAM following the global spread of COVID-19 in 2020, the current Board members have consecutively been required to undertake their Board responsibilities for the last 2 years.

Summary

5. 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 a going concern, that reputational financial and non-financial risks are identified and effectively mitigated and that policies are in place to ensure that resources are used responsibly and with accountability.

6. In a regular business year, the Board normally meets three times. The Board meeting schedule for the 2021/22 Financial Year, is normally aligned to the Secretariat's reporting timeframe as outlined in the PIDC Constitution but also ensuring to avoid clashes with national and regional events. The Board during the course of the new financial year will discuss and agree to a date that is convenient for all Board Members. The Board's new

meeting schedule will be considered by the new Board depending on their collective availability with the dates based around the following schedule:

- Board Meeting No. 1: September/November 2021
- Board Meeting No. 2: March/April 2022
- Board Meeting No. 3: Within a week prior to 2022 RAM.