



Agenda item 7: PIDC Strategic Plan Update 2022-2024

Proposed Recommendations:

The Regular Annual Meeting is invited to note the update regarding the development of the Strategic Plan 2022-2024.

Purpose

This paper seeks to update the Regular Annual Meeting regarding the update of the Strategic plan 2022-2024 since the current strategic plan will come to completion at the end of the current year.

Background

2. The Secretariat prepared an invitation to tender and the Terms of Reference (TOR) which was sent out to a list of twelve consultants that included experts that had been utilised by various regional bodies including Forum Fisheries Agency, the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and Oceania Customs Organisation. The request for quotations was put out for three weeks to allow the consultants to prepare their proposal. Out of the twelve consultants only three submitted bids.

3. An evaluation committee was formed which included Samoa's Assistant CEO for the Ministry of the Prime Minister and Cabinet - Immigration, the Head of Secretariat and Deputy Head of Secretariat. The committee reviewed the proposals and agreed that Action Foresight was the most qualified consultant to take the lead in assisting the Secretariat and Members in developing the new Strategic Plan.

Resource Implications

4. The budget allocation to develop the new strategic plan has been allocated at a cost of \$50,000.00 which has already been approved by the Board for the current financial year. The Consultant will be engaging with Members in July and August to develop a draft for the Board to consider at its first meeting tentatively scheduled for September 2021. Members will be asked to consider endorsing the Strategic Plan at a Regional Workshop to be held inter-sessionally to allow for the new plan to commence in January 2022.