



Pacific Immigration Development Community
Board Meeting 2: 2024/2025
03-04 March 2025, Apia Samoa.

Agenda Item 9: Regular Annual Meeting 2025 Planning

Proposed Recommendations

The Board is invited to:

- a) **welcome** Tonga's commitment and preparation for the 2025 Regular Annual Meeting;
 - b) **establish** a RAM Agenda Setting Committee and **task** the Committee to develop a draft 2025 conference agenda for Board intersessional endorsement by 12 April 2025;
 - c) **encourage** Tonga to confirm a proposed theme for the 2025 RAM; and
 - d) **task** the Secretariat to send out invitations to the 2025 Regular Annual Meeting by 28 March 2025.
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Purpose

To brief the Board on preparations undertaken for the 2025 Regular Annual Meeting (RAM) and seek endorsement of specific arrangements.

Background

2. Following the 2024 Regular Annual Meeting in the Solomon Islands, Members welcomed in anticipation the 2025 RAM in Tonga. This year's RAM is scheduled to be held from 16-20 June 2025. The meeting is expected to bring together 21 Heads of PIDC Member administrations and a number of invited regional and international Observer organizations.

(i) Regular Annual Meeting Theme Options and Draft Conference Agenda

3. The accepted PIDC practice has been to allow the host country priority in choosing a conference theme that not only reflects national immigration priorities but is also relevant for the wider PIDC Membership. The previously selected themes have usually been general in nature providing a broad scope for PIDC Members to adapt as required for key domestic issues.

4. Due to the linkages between the meeting theme and agenda, these matters are best discussed together. As such, the Board is encouraged to discuss a meeting theme and finalise an appropriate draft agenda for planning purposes. To promote a sense of ownership to the development of PIDC's RAM agenda, the Board can consider establishing a 2025 Conference Agenda Committee to discuss and recommend to the Board out of session a draft agenda for endorsement. To assist discussions on the subject, listed below is a list of past annual regular meeting themes dating back to 2015.

Table 1: List of PIDC Regular Annual Meeting themes

Year	PIDC Conference Theme
2015	"Our Voyage towards Tomorrow"
2016	"New Beginning and Growth"
2017	"Our waka: Advancing approaches to regional migration challenges for a safe and prosperous Pacific"
2018	"Climate Change and Migration"
2019	"Steering the Course: Welcoming Difference, Sharing Solutions"
2020 - 21	<i>No RAM but had online Special General Meeting due to COVID-19 and closure of international borders</i>
2022	"Overcoming Challenges, Building Resilience"
2023	"Labour Mobility to Stimulate Economic Growth"
2024	"Together we build the Blue Pacific safer for Economic Prosperity"

(ii) Host Country Planning Update

5. Tonga will be given the opportunity to update Board Members on preparations being undertaken by the Department of Immigration to host the 2025 RAM. Tonga is expected to advise the Board on preparations of the 2025 RAM including (i) meeting venue; (ii) meeting accommodation and (iii) possible RAM theme.

(iii) Invitations and Observer Organisations

6. The Secretariat will be sending out invitations to Members and Observers to attend the Regular Annual Meeting. Observers are currently identified as regional and international stakeholders that traditionally collaborate with PIDC in the region. The Board will be requested to confirm new Observer organizations to be invited to the 2025 Regular Annual Meeting once the draft Agenda has been confirmed. Below is a participant list from last year's Regular Annual Meeting including other Observer Organisations that were invited:

Table 2: List of Members and Organizations to be invited to 2024 RAM

Members		Observers
1. Australia	12. Niue	<u>PIDC Observers</u>
2. American Samoa	13. Palau	1. Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
3. Cook Islands	14. Papua New Guinea	2. Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police
4. FSM	15. Samoa	3. Oceania Customs Organisation
5. French Polynesia	16. Solomon Islands	4. Forum Fisheries Agency
6. Fiji	17. Tuvalu	5. International Organisation for Migration
7. Kiribati	18. Tonga	6. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
8. Marshall Islands	19. Tokelau	7. United Nations Office Drug and Crime
9. Nauru	20. Vanuatu	8. Pacific Islands Law Enforcement Network
10. New Caledonia	21. Wallis and Futuna	9. Pacific Fusion Centre
11. New Zealand		10. PACER Plus Implementation Unit

Observers to be invited

7. While table 2 outlines the list of PIDC RAM member participants and traditional Observers, PIDC has also normally invited expert speakers and other partner organisations to participate in conferences depending on the conference theme and agenda. The following list of organisations are additional organisations that we have also been normally invited to our conferences that have expressed an interest to join this year's RAM as Observers:

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