Agenda Item 3(a)(i): PIDC Partnership Engagement Policy

Purpose

This item seeks to update Board Members on the amendments to the draft PIDC Partnership Engagement Policy.

Background

2. The Board at its second Board meeting in March 2025 **noted** the draft PIDC Partnership Engagement Policy for discussion intersessionally and had consequently **tasked** the Secretariat to include in the policy a provision providing a direct linkage between the Partnership Engagement Policy to PIDCs foundation governance mechanisms (Constitution, etc) to support PIDC's mandate for external engagement.

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- 3. In response to feedback from Board members, the Partnership Engagement Policy has consequently been amended to better reflect its alignment with the organisation's foundational documents. Members highlighted the need for a clearer articulation of how the policy supports and is guided by the organisation's core principles and strategic objectives as outlined in these foundational documents. This request prompted a review process, resulting in specific updates to strengthen this alignment and ensure the policy remains grounded in the organisation's overarching mandate, vision and values.
- 4. Accordingly, two key amendments have been incorporated into the revised policy attached as Annex One. First, a new subsection has been added that explicitly outlines the linkage between the Partnership Engagement Policy and the organisation's foundation documents, detailing how these core references inform the principles, criteria, and approach to partnership development and maintenance. Secondly, this linkage has been reaffirmed in the policy's concluding statement, reinforcing the commitment to ensuring all partnership engagement activities remain consistent with the organisation's founding mandates and long-term vision. These changes aim to enhance clarity, accountability, and strategic coherence in all partnership-related undertakings.

Proposed Recommendations

Members are invited to **endorse** the PIDC Partnership Engagement Policy, 2025.