



Agenda Item 5: PIDC Board Report

Proposed Recommendations

The PIDC Regular Annual Meeting is invited to **endorse** the PIDC 2024/2025 Board Report

Purpose

The Board seeks the Members' endorsement of its report on the delivery of activities under its oversight during the Financial Year, 2024/25.

Background

2. The PIDC Board performs a pivotal role in the oversight and governance of the organisation, where the PIDC Constitution mandated the Board to act on behalf of the PIDC membership, to provide guidance and support of the day – to – day operational activities of the PIDC Secretariat, other Subsidiary Bodies and Committees.

3. The members of the PIDC Board, 2024/2025 are as follows:

- a) Chair – Christopher Akosawa (Solomon Islands Immigration)
- b) Outgoing Chair – Jeffrey Markson (Vanuatu Immigration)
- c) Incoming Chair – Telesia Kaitapu (Tonga Immigration)
- d) Representative Melanesian group – Taraivini L. Savou (Fiji Immigration)
- e) Representative Micronesia group – Roiti Kirata (Kiribati Immigration)
- f) Representative Polynesia group – Fuimaono Sam Soliai (American Samoa)
- g) Representative Small Island States – Tangiroa Chere Arthur (Cook Islands)
- h) Principal Donor – Jim Anderson (Australia)
- i) Principal Donor – Rebecca White (New Zealand)
- j) Host Country – Agafili Shem Leo (Samoa)

4. The 2024/2025 Financial Year has been an engaging year for the PIDC and its 21 members, in compliance with its mandate and the successful implementation of its Annual Workplan. The Board has provided oversight and advise to the Secretariat on delivering capacity strengthening programs including workshops and trainings, facilitating the participation of members in Immigration and Border security – related meetings, conferences and annual PIDC programs. The Board has been instrumental in ensuring that the PIDC Secretariat delivers the required outcomes for programmes and activities scheduled for members in this financial reporting period.

Summary of the 2024/2025 Board Activities

5. The Board met as stipulated in the Constitution, three times this year, in which one of the meetings was held virtually. The virtual meeting was held in November 2025 while the first of the other two in – person meetings was held in Apia Samoa in March, 2025 with the final meeting hosted in Nukualofa a day prior to this year's RAM.

6. The Secretariat in its Report (Agenda Item 5) will provide a detailed summary of all activities the Secretariat has carried out this year. Scrutinization and vetting has been provided by the Board on a regular basis, as well as continuous monitoring through regular update meetings with the respective Board committees.

7. Close monitoring was provided for the Secretariat's implementation of its operational functions and activities as clearly articulated in its Strategic Plan, 2022 – 2025. Under the auspices of the PIDC Board, precise and meticulous monitoring continued in collaboration with the Human Resource Committee, the Governance Committee and the Audit and Risk Committee. Some of the significant milestones achieved are as follows:

- a) PIDC Annual Report 2023/2024 has been approved and published
- b) PIDC Strategi Plan 2025 – consultations is continuing
- c) PIDC Audit Report for 2023/2024 has been completed and approved.
- d) Recruitment of new Internal and External Auditors is near completion.
- e) Recruitment of a new Information Coordination officer has been completed and approved.
- f) Website development for Solomon Islands completed and on track to be officially launched in July
- g) Strategic Plan development support completed Solomon Islands and Strategic Plan development for PIDC in progress and to be finalised at the 2025 RAM
- h) Legislation review support progressed for Solomon Islands, Samoa and Niue
- i) PIDC Information Sharing Platform pilot phase involving around 10 PIDC member countries progressing well and details to this progress will be discussed in this years RAM.
- j) Capacity building and partnership initiatives continued as in the 7th BMIC attended with Immigration Directors and managers from 14 PIDC members (Australia, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Nauru, NZ, Palau, RMI, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu).
- k) PIDC/IOM RISP & NCP workshop attended by 35 representatives from 20 member countries.
- l) PIDC – IOM Joint Research initiated with consultations with Solomon Islands.
- m) The Declaration of Partnership continued to bring together the Heads of FFA, OCO, PIDC and PICP in their ongoing coordination meetings. These meetings continue to support and strengthen information sharing amongst the border security agencies, with regards to activities undertaken by other regional partners.

- n) PIDC was consulted in consultations on the third phase of discussions on deepening regionalism and the regional architecture to support the 2050 Strategy. PIDC continues to actively participate in PIFS regional initiatives.
- o) Partnership with IOM continued on significant projects supporting the membership this year including the PIDC RISP and NCP Workshops held in Brisbane in April, 2025. UNODC was also a partner in this initiative. With IOM support, PIDC also attended the Bali Process regional Border Forum as well as the 7th Border Management and Identify Conference, and the ANDEX conference for the first time in Malaysia.
- p) Collaboration continues with UNHCR, UNODC and other UN agencies as well as Hakili Matagi on important regional projects for the members.
- q) PIDC also participated in the JHOPS and the World Border Security Congress
- r) Advocacy efforts targeted at increasing the visibility of the organisation has included the implementation of the PIDC communications action plan, such as the creation and establishment of online platforms (Facebook, LinkedIn, Website) and the Newsletter now produced on a quarterly basis.
- s) Key documents development and reviews have been completed as directed by the Board members through PIDC's Regular Annual Meeting, including the following:
 - a. PIDC Name change – completed
 - b. PIDC Engagement Policy – endorsed
 - c. PIDC Scholarship Bond Policy – approved in principle
 - d. Registration of PIDC Name – continuing through process