

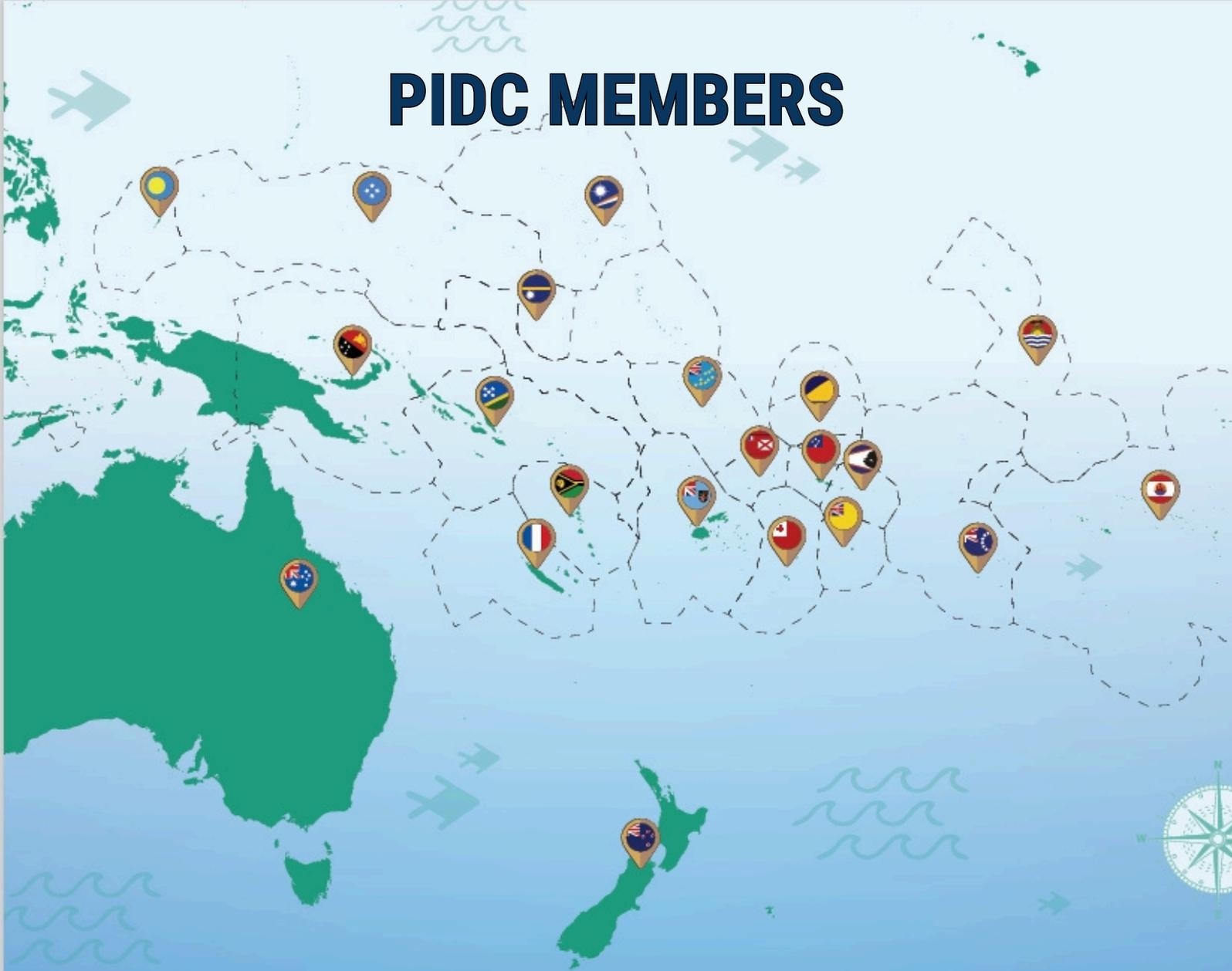


**Pacific Immigration Development Community**  
**27th PIDC Regular Annual Meeting**

**17 - 19 June 2025, Nukualofa, Tonga**

***"Understanding the complexity of Migration today: Protecting our  
Blue Pacific Continent and People"***

# PIDC MEMBERS



AMERICAN SAMOA



REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS



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SAMOA



COOK ISLANDS



NEW CALEDONIA



SOLOMON ISLANDS



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VANUATU

# CHAIR'S FOREWORD

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Malo e lelei from the Kingdom of Tonga.

I am pleased to welcome you all to the Friendly Island of Tonga for the 27th Pacific Immigration Development Community (PIDC) Regular Annual Meeting, from 16th to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

This year's theme is **“Understanding the complexity of Migration Today: Protecting our Blue Pacific Continent and People”**.

The Pacific region experiences high migration flows inwards and outwards. There have been changes in the migration trends in recent years, the increase in the unskilled labour migration to skilled migration, as well as from temporary migration to permanent forms of migration. Our Pacific Region has been used as a source, transit and destination region for migrants smuggling and trafficking in persons.

This year's theme, provides us with unique opportunity to pause and listen to our members and observe the current and emerging trends of migration in our Blue Pacific Continent, with great anticipation that will direct and navigate our “vaka” (ship) going forward, with the aim to continue protecting our Blue Pacific Continent and our People.

There are many challenges facing our Pacific region: from climate change and natural disasters; maritime security; education; health; youth; energy; economic growth; drugs trafficking; and migrations impact are some of the main challenges that we encounter, due to the movement of people. But with our collective efforts, our shared values, trust and our commitments to protecting our region and facilitating economic development, we can collectively pursue prosperity, peace and security in our Blue Pacific Continent.

To conclude, a Tongan proverb known as “Holo pe tu’u he koe ngalu e fasi”, which means Stand Firm and the Waves will break. PIDC’s journey is a long one, and as a member we are obligated to stand firm together, so that we can break all these waves that challenged our journey.

I wish you well and everyone productive discussions during the 27th PIDC RAM and invite you all to enjoy Tonga’s hospitality during your time in the Friendly Island.

Malo Áupito & Ófa Atu.

Ms. Telesia Kaitapu  
Director of Immigration  
Tonga Immigration Division  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Immigration



# Programme

## Sunday, 15th June 2025

Time	Activity	
09:30 am	Pick Up for Church Service	Tonga Immigration
10:00 am	Church Service <i>(compulsory for members)</i>	Catholic or Methodist Church
03:00 pm	Optional - Island Tour	Tonga Immigration

## Monday, 16th June 2025

Time	Activity	Venue
08:30 - 09:00	Registration	Secretariat
09:00 - 17:00	Board Meeting	Faónelua Convention Centre
09:00 - 17:00	Non Board Member Countries: Asylum System Course hosted by UNHCR.	Tanoa Hotel Conference Room
19:00 - 21:00	Conference Delegates Welcome Reception Hosted by: Tonga Immigration	Villa Ishadora

# Day 1: Tuesday, 17th June 2025

Venue: Faónelua Convention Centre

Time	Activity		
08:30 - 10:00	1	Official Opening	Host & Chair
10:00 - 10:30	<b>GROUP PHOTO &amp; MORNING TEA</b>		
10:30 - 10:35	2	Statement by the Chair	Outgoing Chair/ Incoming Chair (5 mins)
10:35 - 10:40	3	Working Procedures and Appointment of Drafting Committee	Chair (5 mins)
10:40 - 10:45	4	Adoption of Agenda	Chair (5 mins)
10:45 - 10:55	5	<b>CLOSED SESSION</b> PIDC Board Report	<i>Chair/ Committee Chairs/ Secretariat (10 mins)</i>
10:55 - 11:55	6	<b>CLOSED SESSION</b> i Secretariat Report ii. Financial Update iii. PIDC Audit Report iv. Members' Contribution Fund	<i>Chair/Secretariat (1hr)</i>

		v. 2024/25 Annual Work Programme Budget	
11:55 - 12:10	7	<b>CLOSED SESSION</b>  Hosting an Immigration Ministers' Conference - A Regional Vision for Collective Action	Members - Open Discussion <i>(15 mins)</i>
12:10 - 13:00	8	<b>CLOSED SESSION</b>  New Draft PIDC Strategic Plan 2026 - 28/30: Shaping our Regional Direction Together	Facilitator: Dr Danielle Members - Open Discussion <i>(50 mins)</i>
13:00 - 14:00	<b>LUNCH</b>		
14:00 - 15:00	9	Member Country Reports: Sharing National Priorities and Regional Insights	<i>Facilitator: PIDC</i> <i>Members - Open</i> <i>Discussion</i> <i>(1 hr)</i>
15:00 - 15:30	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>		

15:30 - 17:00	<i>cont...</i>	Member Country Reports: Sharing National Priorities and Regional Insights	<i>Facilitator: PIDC Members - Open Discussion (1 hr 30 mins)</i>
19:00 - 21:00		<b>Australia - NZ Dinner</b>	Rooftop Restaurant

## DAY 2: Wednesday, 18th June 2025

Time	Activity		
09:00 - 09:40	10	PIDC Regional Information Sharing Platform (RISP)	PIDC, IOM & RISP Pilot Members (40 mins)
09:40 - 10:00	11	PIDC/IOM Labour Mobility Research Preliminary Findings	Facilitator: PIDC Panel: PIDC/IOM Research Expert (20 mins)
10:00 - 10:30	<b>MORNING TEA</b>		
10:30 - 11:20	12	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Empowering Women in Leadership: Building Capacity, Breaking Barriers	Facilitator: Australia Panel: Kiribati, Tonga, Cook Is & RMI - OCO, PICP (50 mins)

Time	Activity		
11:20 - 11:50	13	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Immigration Legislation: Challenges & Opportunities	Facilitator: PIDC Panel: Solomon Is, Cook Is, Fiji & Niue <i>(30 mins)</i>
11:50 - 12:30	14	Border Management Priorities: ICAO Perspectives & Small Island States & the Pacific Expectations	Facilitator: Dion (ICAO) Panel: PNGICA & PIDC <i>(40 mins)</i>
12:30 - 13:30	<b>LUNCH</b>		
13:30 - 14:30	15	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Emerging Technological Trends at our Borders: Immigration Department Perspective	Facilitator: Dion (ICAO) Panel: Australia, Fiji, PNG, Tonga & Solomon Is <i>(1hr)</i>
14:30 - 15:00	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>		
15:00 - 16:00	16	<b>TALANOA</b> Evolving Regional Border Threats: Strengthening our Collective Response	Facilitator : Gray (INZ) PIDC Members, PTCCC, PICP, OCO, FFA, PFC & UNODC <i>(1 hr)</i>

16:00 - 17:00	17	<b>TALANOA</b> The Realities of Deportees/Returnees into the Pacific: challenges and best practices to sustaining the management of deportees/returnees	Facilitator : Gray (INZ) Members <i>Only</i> (1 hr)
19:00 - 21:00		<b>FREE EVENING &amp; BINGO NIGHT OPTION</b>	Tanoa Dateline International Hotel Lobby

## DAY 3: Thursday, 19th June 2025

Time	Activity		
09:00- 10:00	18	Cybercrime in the Pacific: A Focus on Immigration	UNODC: Matthew (1hr)
10:00 - 10:30	<b>MORNING TEA</b>		
10:30 - 13:00	19	<b>Bilateral Opportunities:</b> Bilateral/Multilater al discussions with development partners	PIDC Individual Members/ Development Partners (2hrs 30 mins)

13:00 - 14:00	<b>LUNCH</b>		
14:00 - 14:10	20	2026 Regular Annual Meeting & Election of Vice Chair	Chair/Members (10 mins)
14:10 - 14:20	21	Election of PIDC Board Members for 2025/26	Chair/PIDC Members (10 mins)
14:20 - 15:00	22	Other Business	Chair/PIDC Members (40 mins)
15:00 - 15:30	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>		
15:30 - 16:50	23	Adoption of 2025 Communique	Chair (1 hr 20 mins)
16:50 - 17:00	24	Official Closing and Closing Remarks	Chair & Secretariat
18:30 - 22:00	<b><i>Farewell Dinner to be hosted by Tongan Immigration</i></b>		



# Friday, 20th June 2025

Time	Activity
08:00 - 17:00	Delegates Departing
11:00 - 16:00	Optional Side Event: Directors' Retreat



# Conference Guide

## FOCAL POINT

If you have any problem while in Nukualofa, please get in touch with:

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## MEETING VENUE

Fa'onelua Convention Centre

## ACCOMMODATION

PIDC has reserved standard rooms for all conference delegates at (i) Tanoa International Dateline Hotel. While PIDC will cover the cost of accommodation (room, breakfast, coffee break and lunch) during the conference, funded delegates and participants are responsible for settling private expenses (such as dinner, drinks, telephone calls, etc) directly with the hotel at the end of the conference and prior to departure

## AIRPORT ARRIVAL & PICK UP

International delegates will arrive at the Fuaámotu International Airport. All delegates are required to go through normal immigration, customs and quarantine checks. Please queue in the designated line for PIDC meeting delegates for quick Immigration clearance.

The Tonga Immigration Department will provide transfer for all delegates from the Airport to the Hotels and vice versa when delegates depart. For those coordinating their own travel we request that you urgently provide the PIDC Secretariat with your travel itineraries for coordinating pick up from the airport.

## REGISTRATION

All delegates are to register with the Secretariat on **Sunday, 15th June 2025 from 02:00 pm - 04:00 pm** to receive your conference bag, meeting folder, name tag, allowances and other important information.

## **OFFICIAL OPENING & DRESS CODE**

All members are requested to wear the shirt/dress provided in your conference bag to the Opening Ceremony on Day 1 of the Conference. Dress Code for the remaining days will be semi formal/smart casual wear.

## **TRANSPORT**

The Tonga Immigration Department will provide transportation for the duration of the conference. This also include transportation for all delegates to social events.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

All Delegates are invited to attend the following events as part of the conference programme:

### **1. Monday, 16th June 2025**

#### **Welcome Reception**

Hosted by: Tonga Immigration

Time: 19:00 - 21:00

Venue: Villa Ishadora

### **2. Tuesday, 17th June 2025**

#### **Delegates Dinner**

Hosted by: Australia & NZ

Time: 19:00 - 21:00

Venue: Rooftop Restaurant

### **3. Thursday, 19th June 2025**

#### **Farewell Dinner**

Hosted by: Tonga Immigration  
Department

Time: 18:30 - 22:00

### **4. Friday, 20th June 2025**

#### ***Optional Side Event for***

#### ***Remaining Delegates:***

#### **Directors Retreat**

Hosted by: Tonga Immigration  
Department

Time: 11:00 - 16:00

Venue: Boat Cruise

## **THE SECRETARIAT CONTACT**

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# Tonga Information

## NUKU'ALOFA

Nuku'alofa is the capital and largest city of the Kingdom of Tonga, located on the island of Tongatapu. With an estimated population of around 25,000, it is the administrative and political center of the country, home to the Royal Place and major government institutions. Tanoa International Dateline Hotel is located in the urban heart of Nuku'alofa and overlooking Monu Reef.

Tonga offers a rich and authentic cultural experience, where traditional music, dance, and vibrant expressions of the nation's deep-rooted heritage. Customs and traditions remain central to daily life and community gatherings playing an important role. Nuku'alofa is also the main springboard for tourism activities, offering the perfect introduction to the *'Friendly Islands'*.

## TIME ZONE

The Tonga Standard Time is 13 hours ahead of the Greenwich Mean Time (GMT +13).

## CLIMATE

Tonga has a tropical climate with distinct wet and dry seasons. The wet season runs from November to April, while the dry season is from May - October. Temperatures range from 23°C to 28°C

## CURRENCY

The unit of currency in Tonga is the Tongan Pa'anga (TOP). Tonga is primarily a cash-based economy, and while major hotels and some businesses accept international credit cards, it is advisable to have alternative ways to access funds.

There are two commercial banks in Tonga - ANZ & BSP - with branches and ATMs in Tonga. Exchange your money at the airport, Western Union or in banks open from 09:00 am - 04:00 pm.

## ELECTRICITY

In Tonga, power plugs and sockets (outlets) of type I is used. The standard voltage is 240 V at a frequency of 50 Hz.



## **CONECTIVITY**

Mobile and internet coverage is available in the main towns of Tonga. You can purchase a SIM card from TCC (Tonga Communications Corporation) or Digicel, both of which have outlets within a short walking distance from the Tanoa International Dateline Hotel.



# Participants list

	Participant	Country	Name & Designation
1		Australia	Michael Willard Group Manager , Immigration Operations
2		Australia	Jim Anderson Regional Director - Pacific
3		Australia	Rebecca Benson Counsellor
4		Australia	Emma Wagner First Secretary Airline Liason Officer
5		Cook Islands	Chere Arthur Principal Immigration Officer
6		Cook Islands	Phillip Metuariki Immigration Operations Manager
7		Fiji	Taranaivini Savou Acting Director of Immigration
8		Fiji	Rasieli Rabukawaqa Manager - Policy & Planning
9		French Polynesia	Wilfred Mara Head of the Judicial Unit
10		FSM	Eugene Marquez Senior Immigration & Passport Services Officer

Participant	Country	Name & Designation
11 	Kiribati	Uering Iteraera Secretary for Foreign Affairs & Immigration
12 	Kiribati	Roiti Kirata Director of Immigration
13 	Kiribati	Meeratia Marabu Immigration Officer
14 	Nauru	Ideana Atto Senior Immigration Officer
15 	Nauru	Stanton Dick Immigration Officer
16 	Niue	Margaret Siosikefu Chief Immigration Officer
17 	Niue	Olive Jessop Senior Immigration Officer
18 	New Caledonia	Patrice Prigent Head of Police Border Force
19 	New Zealand	Stephen Vaughan Chief Operating Officer
20 	New Zealand	Rebecca White Pacific Security Programme Manager

	<b>Participant</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Name &amp; Designation</b>
21		New Zealand	Gray Barbara Pacific Immigration Development Specialist
22		New Zealand	Dan Harward Jones Policy Officer
23		New Zealand	Kevin Kneebone Pacific Immigration Development Specialist
24		New Zealand	Bellakoyo Kira Evaluation Specialist
25		New Zealand	Zarfia Amoa Pacific Security Programme Coordinator
26		Palau	Egan O. Tewid Chief Immigration Officer
27		PNG	Wellington Navasivu Chief Migration Officer
28		PNG	Clarence Parisau Deputy Chief Migration Officer
29		PNG	Michael Kingma Senior Advisor

	<b>Participant</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Name &amp; Designation</b>
30		PNG	Louisa Kariko Executive Assistant
31		RMI	Mercyba Balos Director of Immigration
32		Samoa	Agafili Shem Leo Chief Executive Officer - MPMC
33		Samoa	Siaopo Pese ACEO - Samoa Immigration
34		Solomon Island	Christopher Akosawa Director of Immigration
35		Solomon Island	Arnold Horesi Chief Immigration Officer
36		Tokelau	Siuleoalofa Aleta Legal Services/Immigration Manager
37		Tokelau	Elsie Foua Executive Officer
38		Tonga	Telesia Kaitapu Director of Immigration
39		Tonga	Petilisa Taulangovaka OIC for Visas

	<b>Participant</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Name &amp; Designation</b>
40		Tonga	<b>Lovina Ula</b> OIC for Intelligence, Compliance and Enforcement
41		Tonga	<b>Matamahina Faingaa</b> SAS Senior Assistant Secretary
42		Tonga	<b>Saunoa Fangufangu</b> OIC for Passport
43		Tonga	<b>Havea Langi</b> OIC at Border Control
44		Tuvalu	<b>Petsyio Samuelu</b> Director of Immigration
45		Vanuatu	<b>Leith Veromito</b> Director General
46		Vanuatu	<b>Jeffrey Markson</b> Director of Immigration



# Observers list

	Observer	Organization	Name & Designation
1		FFA	Noan Pakop FFA Director General
2		OCO	Nancy T. Oraka Head of Secretariat
3		PTCCC	Maria Wetzell NZ Advisor
4		ICAO	Dion Chamberlain Director Product and International Strategy
5		PICP	Julian Bianco Executive Coordinator
6		PICP	Henry Ho Strategic Communications & Engagement
7		Pacific Fusion Centre	Viliame Bovoro Acting Director
8		Pacer Plus	Roy Lagolago Head of Secretariat PPIU
9		UNODC	Matthew Watson Regional Advisor for TOC & Cybercrime
10		IOM	Solomon Kantha Chief of Mission, IOM Fiji and Pacific Sub- Regional Coordinator

Observer	Organization	Name & Designation
11 	IOM	Kazumi Nakamura Programme Manager
12 	IOM	Laura Scoretti Senior Specialist Immigration & Border Governance for Asia and the Pacific
13 	UNHCR	Nicholas Bugeja Senior Durable Solutions Associate
14 	UNHCR	Sarah Mansour Protection Officer - Pacific



# PIDC Secretariat

Staff	Name	Designation
1 	Akuila Ratu	Head of Secretariat
2 	Nanai Sovala Agaiava	Deputy Head of Secretariat
3 	Seremana Titoko	Finance and Corporate Service Manager
4 	Niger Roebeck	Finance and HR Officer
5 	Dr. Danielle Watson	Resource Personnel









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