



## Pacific Immigration Directors' Conference

### Management Board Meeting Koror, Palau: 18-19 March 2009

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## CHAIR'S SUMMARY

The 9<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting of the Pacific Immigration Directors' Conference (PIDC), the first in 2009, was convened in Koror, Palau from 18-19 March. Thirteen delegates from Samoa (Chair), Palau (hosts), Australia, Cook Islands, Guam, New Zealand, and the Solomon Islands attended the two day meeting.

### OPENING

The Management Board was formally welcomed by Mr Joseph Giramur, Director of Immigration for Palau. Mr Giramur welcomed members to Palau and reaffirmed Palau's close relationship and commitment to the PIDC family and wished the Management Board success at the two day meeting.

The PIDC Chair and CEO for the Ministry of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Samoa; Auseugaefa Poloma Komiti, expressed the PIDC memberships' gratitude and appreciation to Palau's willingness to host this Management Board meeting at short notice.

The Chair also welcomed the new PIDC Management Board members to their first Management Board meeting: representatives from Guam, Cook Islands, and the Solomon Islands and Taya Fabijanac the new PIDC Project Officer.

## ISSUES CONSIDERED BY THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

### SECRETARIAT REPORT

The PIDC Management Board noted the PIDC Secretariat's report on its ongoing work with related forums and agencies at national, regional and international forums and encouraged the Secretariat to continue collaborative work with all respective stakeholders. The Management Board welcomed the new Administration and Project Officers to the PIDC family and confirmation that New Zealand has secured funding for 2009/10 for two new positions based in the secretariat. The Management Board also noted the collaborative work done with Kiribati on the UN/ICAO mission.

### PACIFIC REGIONAL IMMIGRATION IDENTITY PROJECT (PRIIP)

The Management Board noted the ongoing work on the PRIIP and the enhancement to members' ability to manage identity fraud within their borders.

### 2009-12 PIDC STRATEGIC MEASURES AND OUTPUTS

The Management Board noted the Secretariat's progress against the 2008/09 Work Plan and encouraged the Secretariat to continue implementation of the PIDC Strategic Plan 2009-12. It also made decisions in particular to progress work in the areas of policy and legislation, research, advocacy and representation.

## **PIDC IMMIGRATION TRAINING CURRICULUM UPDATE**

The Management Board noted and agreed to the PIDC core skills and knowledge immigration curriculum update bearing in mind other trainings occurring within module topics.

## **OPERATIONAL SECONDMENT**

The Management Board noted the progress on the development of the first operational secondment for 2009 and tasked the Secretariat to send out nomination forms to members subject to finalisation of operational secondment programme details.

## **PIDC INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN UPDATE**

The Management Board commended the Secretariat for the high quality of the PIDC Immigration Intelligence Bulletin and encouraged members to ensure that the secretariat receives monthly reports in a timely manner.

## **UNHCR INVITATION**

The Management Board supported and endorsed the Head of Secretariat to participate in the UNHCR fully funded workshop on refugee laws in Strasbourg, France, from 15-26 June 2009.

## **PIDC INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW**

The Management Board endorsed the institutional review of the PIDC and established a reference group comprised of Management Board which may co-opt other PIDC members and observers to oversee this work. The Management Board noted that the outcomes of the review would be discussed by all members at the 2009 PIDC conference.

## **PIDC OUTREACH STRATEGY**

The Management Board approved a draft PIDC Outreach Strategy in principle, noting that it would be impacted by the outcomes of the institutional review.

## **SECOND MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING FOR 2009**

The Management Board welcomed and thanked Solomon Islands Immigration for their offer to host the second Management Board meeting in Honiara, Solomon Islands subject to confirmation.

## **OTHER DISCUSSIONS**

The Management Board thanked Palau for hosting a successful Management Board meeting, thanked the Secretariat for its work and encouraged members to continue collaboration to develop border management processes and systems.