

# CHARTER

This Charter describes the mission, vision, objectives and responsibilities of the Pacific Immigration Directors' Conference (PIDC).

## MISSION

PIDC is an organisation for Official Pacific Immigration Agencies of the Pacific Region. The PIDC provides a forum for the heads of Immigration agencies to meet and discuss issues of mutual interest and to foster multilateral co-operation and mutual assistance aimed at strengthening participants' territorial borders and the integrity of their entry systems.

## VISION

That the PIDC be owned by Pacific member countries and territories and provide a focal point for communication, collaboration and cooperation amongst PIDC members, with the aim of better managing migration flows and strengthening border management across the region, thereby contributing to improved social and economic well being and security in the Pacific.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the PIDC is open to all Immigration agencies within Melanesia, Micronesia, Polynesia and includes Australia and New Zealand.

## KEY FOCUS AREAS

The PIDC aims to:

- ❑ Encourage greater co-operation, communication and liaison between participating agencies, including the development and maintenance of communications between conferences;
- ❑ Foster a co-ordinated approach to the implementation of any policies of Forum members having a regional focus;
- ❑ Co-ordinate the exchange of technical assistance by and between participating member agencies; and
- ❑ Act as a focal point for collaboration with other regional and international bodies and organisations such as the Forum Secretariat, Oceania Customs Organisation (OCO), the South Pacific Chiefs of Police Conference (SPCPC), Interpol, PACRIM, IATA, the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and relevant United Nations agencies.

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Participating agencies will:

- ❑ Use their best endeavours to accommodate requests for technical and training assistance from other participating member agencies;
- ❑ Respond positively, to the extent permitted under domestic legislation and administrative procedures, to enquiries or requests for assistance from participating agencies subject to national guidelines or bilateral or multilateral arrangements;
- ❑ Hold an annual meeting in the territory of one of the participating member agencies, the timing and venue to be decided at the preceding meeting, and to assist, wherever possible, the host administration with the costs associated with hosting the meeting; and
- ❑ Actively pursue appropriate funding sources to ensure the continuity and further development of the PIDC and its activities.

## Membership of the Pacific Immigration Directors' Conference is open to the following Pacific countries and territories

American Samoa	French Polynesia	Niue	Tuvalu
Australia	Guam	Norfolk Island	Vanuatu
Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands	Kiribati	Palau	Wallis and Futuna
Cook Islands	Marshall Islands	Papua New Guinea	
Federated States of Micronesia	Nauru	Samoa	
Fiji Islands	New Caledonia	Solomon Islands	
	New Zealand	Tonga	

This Charter, which amends the charter adopted at the 6<sup>th</sup> PIDC, was adopted by members at the 9<sup>th</sup> PIDC held in Fiji on the 30<sup>th</sup> August to the 01<sup>st</sup> September 2005.