



DUTY TRAVEL REPORT

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Destination:	Honiara, Solomon Islands
Source of funding:	CORE
Workshop Dates:	Start Date: 25 th June 2024 End Date: 27 th June 2024
Purpose of Travel:	To attend the 26 th Pacific Immigration Development Community Regular Annual Meeting
Activity description:	<p>The meeting was organized by the PIDC Secretariat with the theme of “Together we build the Blue Pacific safer for economic prosperity” to promote and appreciate the value of collaboration, connectivity, and cooperating. It was a 3-day program with OCO participating in the following panel discussions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Session 11 Panel Discussion – Maritime Border Challenges: Emerging maritime trends in the Pacific; and2. Session 12 Panel Discussion – Countering Serious Organized Crime: People Smuggling, Human Trafficking and Drugs. <p>Partner agencies were able to listen to the country reports from members and understand the progress and challenges being faced by Immigration agencies around the region.</p> <p>There was a site visit to the FFA Headquarters on 27th June which showcased the MDA capability of the FFA Regional Surveillance Centre and that aerial surveillance support was also available to its members. After this site visit there was a presentation from USP on the upcoming Masters in Border Management program which would be launched in 2025. I also had a bilateral discussion with PTCCC on joint intelligence and information sharing opportunities.</p> <p>I also met with Comptroller of SICED, Mr. Peter Hughes, on 24th June 2024 to discuss the training needs of SICED and deliverables from OCO. It was highlighted during this discussion the need to improve the communication from OCO to its members on the customs brokers online training particularly of those brokers that have graduated and the progress of the training. Mr. Hughes acknowledged the usefulness of the training for its licensed customs agents.</p> <p>On 28th June 2024, I delivered a one-hour presentation to the Intelligence and Investigations Team on ‘Intelligence, Profiling and Targeting’. This was an opportunity to share some of my learnings on the critical role of intelligence development processes within an administration which can inform frontline officers as well as strategic decision makers.</p>
Outcomes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased connectivity with immigration partners such as PIDC but also with other border security partners across the region including IOM, PICP and PTCCC. The following are some mutual points of discussion:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Regional immigration online reporting/sharing platform being developed by IOM;○ Intelligence training for profiling of passengers; and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Deportee database which PIDC is working on with PTCCC. ● Shared customs challenges with maritime border security and serious organized crime that can be addressed through a coordinated border management (collaboration) and intelligence-driven risk management processes. ● Better understanding of training needs and challenges faced by SICED.
<p>Recommendations/follow up activities:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Obtain a copy of the Declaration of Partnership and seek collaborative activities for 2024-2025 including the desktop exercises. Review action plan from FFA for the DoP. ● Quarterly meetings with DoP partners to discuss and appreciate collaborative activities. ● Information and intelligence exchange with PTCCC for monthly newsletters and disseminate to members. Invite PTCCC to present at Intel contact point meeting or ISWG on their MDA capability and support for members. ● Emailed TRMA regarding the communication of customs brokers online training updates to members. TRMA is currently working on these updates.
<p>Acknowledgement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Acknowledge PIDC Secretariat for the invitation to the annual meeting and the opportunity to present on the requested panel discussions. ● Acknowledge Solomon Islands Immigration for the facilitation and assistance rendered during the meeting. ● Acknowledge Mr. Peter Hughes and his Team for accommodating my request to visit SICED office. ● Acknowledge HoS for providing me with this opportunity to attend this meeting on her behalf and to represent the OCO Team. ● Acknowledge CEA for his insight on case examples that can be used to highlight the challenges in the maritime stream. ● Acknowledge OCO Team for assisting with finance and logistics.
<p>Meeting documents where available (to put on server with <i>hyperlink</i>):</p>	<p>PIDC Folder: O:\Conferences\PIDC\26th PIDC Regular Annual Meeting 25-27June2024 Honiara</p> <p>Pictures:</p>  <p><u>Site Visit to FFA Regional Surveillance Center</u></p>



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