



Policing for a Stronger Pacific Region “Our Blue Pacific: Safer Together”

Renewing our Commitment

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In this time of COVID-19 we the Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police recognise the ongoing importance of policing together to make our Blue Pacific safer together. This Joint Statement outlines our commitment, as a Blue Pacific Continent, to work together to address crime and safety issues in all forms while also emphasising the unique cultural contexts of policing in the Pacific.

We highlight our continued support for regional mechanisms and partners working to respond to transnational threats and border security issues. These include the PICP programmes of work including the Pacific Transnational Crime Network and the Pacific Transnational Crime Coordination Centre. We are of the view that, given the limited resources that sometimes prevail in Pacific nations, many countries throughout our region cherish values of fairness, respect, trust, honesty, accountability, and equity.

As a Pacific policing family, we are committed to supporting each other in enhancing our policing and protective powers against security and safety threats. We share responsibility for the Pacific region, caring for the entire ocean continent in the same way we care for our sovereign nations and ourselves. During the COVID-19 pandemic the economic impacts have facilitated the activities of organised crime networks both domestically and regionally. Given this, we must demonstrate a renewed commitment to combating transnational crime together in the highly interconnected Pacific region.

We, as a Blue Pacific Continent, must also recognize the unique cultural contexts of our interactions with and development of policing capacity. We are committed to always searching for the common contexts that will allow our law enforcement to work in concert with our culture and values so as to strengthen our regional security frameworks.

By renewing our commitment to working jointly in a culturally contextualised way to overcome crime and security concerns we strive to approach the remaining days of the COVID-19 pandemic in a future-looking way, addressing all of the regional and transnational matters that will allow us to emerge from the virus and move forward in a stronger and more cohesive manner. Working together to make our Blue Pacific: Safer Together.

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