



Role of the PACER Plus Implementation Unit (PPIU) in Pacific Labour Mobility



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PACER Plus Arrangement on Labour Mobility (ALM)

- The Arrangement on Labour Mobility was signed alongside the PACER Plus Agreement in July 2017
- Participants of the PACER Plus Arrangement on Labour Mobility are Australia, Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu (11 countries)





PACER Plus Arrangement on Labour Mobility

A Regional Framework for Labour Mobility Cooperation

Purpose

- To strengthen labour mobility cooperation between the Participants

Scope

- Temporary movement of workers of a Participant to another Participant for the purpose of temporary employment
 - ✓ Low-Skilled, Semi-Skilled and Skilled LM
 - ✓ Not restricted to existing labour mobility programmes
 - ✓ Can include intra-Pacific labour mobility programmes

Key Objectives of the Arrangement on Labour Mobility

establish a regional framework for labour mobility cooperation, including the PLMAM

enhance labour mobility schemes to maximise the development benefits for all participating countries

promote the utilisation of other labour mobility opportunities

strengthen the legislative, regulatory and institutional frameworks for labour mobility in the participating countries

facilitate the circulation of temporary workers amongst the Participants

consider the social issues associated with the circular migration of workers

support efforts to build the labour supply capacity of the developing country Participants through TVETs



Complements Bilateral Labour Arrangements (BLAs)

Broader scope

Grants flexibility

Reinforces accountabilities in BLAs

Regional Framework

Role of the PACER Plus Implementation Unit



Labour Mobility Secretariat to support implementation of the ALM

Strategic Goal: Contribute to creating an enabling labour mobility environment in the Pacific through effective regional labour mobility cooperation

Improved knowledge sharing and cooperation amongst Participants

PLMAM

Knowledge Sharing Program

Stakeholder collaborations

Improved regulatory, policy and institutional frameworks in Pacific sending countries

Labour mobility policies, legislations and strategies

Labour mobility institutional frameworks

Greater opportunities for intra-Pacific and labour mobility to Australia and NZ

Strategies to identify and promote semi-skilled/skilled labour mobility

Increased economic transfers for development in Pacific communities while reducing development risks

Reintegration

Skills Development & Quals Recognition

Remittances & Financial Returns

Social Impacts

Skills Drain

