Pacific Islands Law Officers’ Network

2012 Work Plan

In 2012 the Secretariat will:

1. Maintain and update the PILON technical legal assistance database, and continue to circulate information regarding assistance available for PILON members. PILON members, observer members and invited observers have also been asked to provide to the PILON Secretariat an update of technical legal assistance available to PILON member countries.

2. Periodically remind members of commitments to streamline and expedite extradition requirements between PILON member countries; and work with members to prepare an update for the 31st PILON meeting on progress made by PILON member countries in this regard.

3. Seek periodical updates from PILON members on legislative responses to gender based and domestic violence.

4. Continue to offer a coordination point for those PILON members who are interested in becoming a party to one or more of the Hague Family Conventions, and liaise with the New Zealand Ministry of Justice where appropriate.

5. Continue to coordinate with Australia and New Zealand to investigate options for developing the relationship between PILON and any future Pacific Law Ministers’ meetings. This work will be done in consultation with PILON member countries and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat. The PILON Secretariat will report back to PILON members at the 31st PILON Annual Meeting, if not before.

6. Work with Members to develop a draft Strategic Plan for PILON, for consideration at the 31st PILON Annual Meeting.
7. Work with the PILON Executive Committee to develop details of the future legal status and structure, funding and functions of the PILON Secretariat, and report back to Members out of session to further progress implementation of these arrangements.

8. Work with the PILON Executive Committee to prepare amendments to the PILON Charter necessary to reflect the above arrangements, for consideration by Members at the 31st PILON Meeting.

9. Work with Papua New Guinea on arrangements for the 31st PILON Annual Meeting, to be held in Rabaul on 8 to 12 October 2012 and seek to provide members with early advice on details for the meeting.

10. Work with members to identify topics for the 2012 agenda taking into account issues identified at the 30th PILON Annual Meeting.


12. Represent PILON at key forums, meetings, conferences and working groups.