



**38th Pacific Island Legal
Officers' Network, (PILON)
Annual Meeting,

APIA, SAMOA**

Hosted by the Samoan Attorney General's Office

Statement by Outgoing Chair of PILON



“It was an absolute pleasure for the Cook Islands to last year host the 37th Pacific Island Law Officers Network (PILON) Annual Meeting in Rarotonga, and we were delighted to be able to do so.

Since becoming Chair of the Executive Committee of PILON last December (when I became Solicitor-General of the Cook Islands), I have had the privilege of being directly involved in the great work PILON does, and the Network is something that we should all be very proud to be a part of. The ongoing work of the Working Groups is particularly impressive, and I would like to acknowledge all the work that is done by the many people who make sure that the Network is able to assist on the issues of importance that these Working Groups deal with. I would also like to thank the Secretariat for all the hard work that they do.

I know that the 38th Annual Meeting in Apia, Samoa will be an informative and rewarding week for all of us, and I wish Lemalu Retzlaff all the very best for what will no doubt be a successful year for PILON under his Chairmanship.”

- *Stuart Baker, Solicitor General, Cooks Islands*

Statement by Incoming Chair of PILON



“Talofa lava and welcome to beautiful Samoa for the 38th Pacific Islands Law Officers’ Network (PILON) annual meeting. The Attorney General’s Office of Samoa are excited to have our PILON family here with us in Apia for what I am sure will be a productive and fruitful meeting.

I would like to thank Stuart Baker for his leadership, hard work and commitment to progressing the PILON agenda over the past year as Chair. The input and support for PILON from the Cook Islands was greatly valued by the Executive Committee and we all had a fantastic time at the PILON meeting in Rarotonga.

I would also like to thank the PILON Secretariat and all my staff for their hard work in bringing us all together here in Samoa. Your attendance at this meeting demonstrates the value of PILON and provides us with a wonderful opportunity to collaborate and share our experiences as senior law officers of the Pacific.

I look forward to working with you over the next year as Chair of PILON and hope you will all enjoy our Samoan hospitality.”

- *Lemalu Hermann Retzlaff, Attorney General, Samoa*

PRE-MEETING ACTIVITIES

Sunday 3rd November 2019

9:15 – 10:30

Church

The Immaculate Conception of Mary Cathedral is located in the centre of the capital city of Apia, Samoa.

Everyone is invited to attend. Please let the PILON Secretariat know if you need transportation.

10:30 - onward

Free

PILON WORKING GROUPS PRE-MEETING TAUMEASINA ISLAND RESORT

Monday 4 November 2019

9:00 - 11:00

Corruption Working Group meeting

A/g Chair: **Ms Kerry Kwan**, Republic of Nauru

Member Countries:

Australia, Cook Islands, Federated State of Micronesia, Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Solomon Islands.

11:00 - 11:30 Morning Tea

11:30 - 13:30

Sexual and Gender Based Violence Working Group meeting

Chair: **Mr Lemalu Hermann Retzlaff**, Attorney General, Samoa

Member Countries:

Australia, Cook Islands, Federated State of Micronesia, Kiribati, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.

13:30 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 16:30

Cybercrime Working Group meeting

Chair: **Linda Folaumoetu'i SC**, Attorney General, Tonga

Member Countries:

Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Nauru, New Zealand, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu.

16:30 - 17:00 Afternoon Tea

17:00 - 18:00

Pacific Prosecutors Association Meeting

Chair: **Josaia Naigulevu**, DPP, Vanuatu

Executive Committee Members:

Republic of the Marshall Islands (Micronesia Country Representative), Papua New Guinea (Melanesia Country Representative), Samoa (Polynesia Country Representative), Republic of Nauru (outgoing Chair).

FREE EVENING

PILON ANNUAL MEETING - DAY ONE

Tuesday 5 November 2019

8.30 - 9.15 Arrival and registration of participants

9:15 - 10.30

Session One: Opening formalities and Welcome

Samoan Greeting

Mr Lemalu Hermann Retzlaff, Attorney General of Samoa

Opening prayer

Pastor Va'a Teueli

Keynote address

Hon. Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister of Samoa

Address - Outgoing Chair

Stuart Baker, Solicitor General, Cook Islands

Welcome - Incoming Chair

Lemalu Hermann Retzlaff, Attorney General, Samoa

Official photograph

10:30 - 10:45

Morning Tea

10:45 – 10:50

Welcome and administrative matters

Lemalu Hermann Retzlaff, Chair

10:50-12:45

Session Two: Cybercrime

10:50 -11:40 New Zealand response to Christchurch attack – Operation Dean

Damian Rapira-Davies, Te Tari Taiwhenua, Department of Internal Affairs

11:40 - 12:15 Facebook

Rob Abrams, Trust and Safety Manager, APAC Facebook Singapore

12:15 – 12:45 Report from the Working Group Chair

Linda Folaumoetu'i SC, Attorney General Tonga

12:45 - 13:45

Lunch

13:45-14:30

Session Three: Updates on Regional Initiatives (15 mins each)

Boe Declaration Implementation, PIFS International Law work and Pacific Legislative Drafters' Technical Forum

Nola Faasau and Viliame Wikilagi, PIFS

Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police

David Macgregor, Secretariat

Australia Pacific Security College

Brenda Heather-Latu, Strategic Adviser, APSC

14:30 - 15:30

Session Four: Country reports (10 Minutes each)

- Samoa
- Solomon Islands
- Tonga
- Tuvalu
- Vanuatu
- American Samoa

15:30 – 16:30

Afternoon Tea

16:00-17:30

Session Five: Corruption

Panel Discussion (1 Hour)

- Whistleblowing Legislation
John Muria, Attorney General, Solomon Islands
- Kiribati - National Corruption Strategy
Conchitta Tatireta, Secretary Leadership Committee
- United Nations Pacific Regional Anti-Corruption (UNPRAC)
Lavenia Rokovucago, Programme Officer, UNDP

Report from the Working Group Chair (30 minutes)

Kerryn Kwan, A/g Chair

17:30

Close

FORMAL INVITATION

Opening Dinner

TANOA TUSITALA HOTEL

7.00 PM – 10.00PM

All delegates are invited- Fia Fia or Casual Dress

PILON ANNUAL MEETING – DAY TWO

Wednesday 6 November 2019

9:00 - 10:10

Session Six: Updates on regional initiatives (10 Minutes each)

United Nations Pacific Regional Anti-Corruption Project

Lavenia Rokovucago, UNPRAC

Pacific Immigration Directors Conference (PIDC)

Ioane Alama, PIDC

Oceania Customs Organisation (OCO)

Richard Brennan, OCO

Pacific Transnational Crime Coordination Centre (PTCCC)

Michel Oeke, PTCCC

Pacific Fusion Centre

Caroline Scott, DFAT, Australia

Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering

Shannon Rutherford, APGML

Pacific Prosecutor's Association

Josaia Naigalevu, Chair

10:10 - 10:30

Morning Tea

10:30 - 12:00

Session Seven: Sexual and Gender Based Violence (30 Minutes each)

Male Champions of Change

Chris Moraitis, Secretary, Attorney-General Department, Australia

Perspectives from the Bench – before and after the use of special measures in NZ

Judge Jane Farish, NZ District Court, New Zealand

Report from the Working Group Chair

Lemalu Hermann Retzlaff, Attorney General, Samoa

12:00 - 13:00

Lunch

13:00-14:10

Session Eight: Country reports (10 Minutes each)

- Australia
- Cook Islands
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Fiji
- Kiribati
- Nauru
- New Zealand

14:10 - 15:10

Session Nine: Updates on regional initiatives continued (10 minutes each)

South Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP)

Clarke PETERU, SPREP

Te Patui Program

Mark Nicholson, NZ Ministry of Primary Industries

Environmental Laws in the Pacific

Maria-Goreti Muavesi, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

International Federation of the Red Cross

Meiapo Faasau, IFRC

Pacific International Maritime Law Association

Fagaloa Fatu

15:10 - 15:30

Afternoon Tea

15:30 – 16:00

Session Ten: Updates on regional initiatives

Litigation Skills Program (5 mins)

Jo Mildenhall, Crown Law, New Zealand

Strengthening Pacific Legal Policy Capacity (5 mins)

Karen Moore, Attorney-General's Department, Australia

Advancing the Rule of Law (10 mins)

Myfanwy Wallwork, LexisNexis

Pacific Islands Legal Information Institute (PACLI) (10 mins)

Prof Eric Colvin, University of the South Pacific

16:00 - 17:00

Session Eleven: Country Reports (10 Minutes each)

- Niue
- Palau
- Papua New Guinea
- Pitcairn Islands
- Republic of the Marshall Islands

17:00

Close

FREE EVENING

PILON ANNUAL MEETING – DAY THREE
CLOSED SESSION – COUNTRY MEMBERS ONLY

Thursday 7 November 2019

9:00 – 9:30

Session Twelve: Secretariat Matters

Secretariat Report on PILON activities in 2019

Secretariat Work Plan for 2020

2018-19 PILON Financial reports

- a. PILON Activities Financial Report
- b. Secretariat Operational Financial Report

PILON Financial Budgets for 2019-20

- a. PILON Activities Budget
- b. Secretariat Operational Budget

9:30 – 10:45

Session Thirteen: PILON Governance

- PILON Charter Amendment (Chair/Nauru)
- PILON Strategic Priorities – PLDTF/ PICP Letter
- Arrangements for 2020 Annual Meeting (Chair)
- 2020 Executive Committee membership (Chair)

10:45 – 11:00

Morning Tea

11:00 - 12:30

Session Fourteen: Outcomes Report

Outcomes Report finalisation

12:30 – 1:30

Lunch

**OPTIONAL ACTIVITY: MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO VISIT THE SAMOA CULTURAL CENTRE
(ENTRY FEE COVERED BY SAMOAN AGO)
BUS DEPARTS FROM RECEPTION AT 1:30PM**

FORMAL INVITATION

Closing Dinner

TAUMEASINA ISLAND RESORT

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