



**PILON CYBERCRIME WORKING GROUP (CWG)  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Friday 7 May 2021 – 1.00pm Tonga time**

**MINUTES**

- 1. Welcome: Linda Folaumoetu'i** – Chair, PILON Cybercrime Working Group, (WG), Attorney General, Tonga.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the 2<sup>nd</sup> virtual CWG meeting for this year, 2021. The last meeting was on 27 January 2021.

**2. Present:**

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| i.   | Jo Mildenhall     | - | Senior Crown Law Officer, New Zealand            |
| ii.  | Rachel Olutimayin | - | Director Public Prosecutor, Solomon Islands      |
| iii. | Josephine Pitmur  | - | Deputy Secretary for Justice Administration, PNG |
| iv.  | Lisa Williams     | - | Crown Counsel, Cook Islands                      |
| v.   | Laura Hughes      | - | Legal Officer, AGD                               |
| vi.  | Sasae Walter      | - | Coordinator, PILON                               |
| vii. | Rosy Fogatia      | - | Assistant Coordinator, PILON                     |

**Apologies:**

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| viii. | Kerryn Kwan | - | Principal Government Lawyer, Nauru |
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**3. Matters for Discussion:**

- i. Minutes of 27 January 2021 approved – motion moved by Chair and seconded by New Zealand.
- ii. Update on the Zyber Course scholarships - Sasae Walter.  
SW updated members on the progress of the Zyber Course scholarship.

She informed members that the course is intended for lawyers, judges and public prosecutors in order to help them understand the basics of digital forensic investigations and related challenges. The course covers legal aspects of the evidence seizure, in-lab processing together with an explanation of different types of evidence, data that can be extracted from them and most importantly time and effort involved.

The course ends with generating reports from different tools, an overview of options available in report generation and exporting evidence to be presented in the court. Participants will also learn how to participate in the court testimonies and what are the right questions to ask.

The course is by Zyber Global and Insig2 and fortnightly discussion groups with guest speakers are facilitated by the Australian Attorney-General's Department. The course is divided into 10 training modules. So far, the cohort has completed already.

Speakers:

1. Damian Rapira-Davies - NZ Department of International Affairs
2. Nathan Whiteman - Australian Department of Home Affairs

There are 15 Participants from 11 PILON countries and upcoming speakers have been sourced from the Australian Federal Police Digital Forensics team and Fiji Police. It would be helpful if WG members could contact PILON Sec/AGD if they know anyone who may be a good speaker.

Members noted:

- Rachel Olutimayin asked whether the course would be held again later in the year and whether more participants would be able to attend. Laura Hugh explained that the current course is a pilot and depending on feedback, it could be rolled out in the second half of the year and scaled up
- Attorney General Linda Folaumoetu'i shared that Tonga's Zyber nominee was enjoying the course and in particular, the presentations from guest speakers. She asked whether it would be possible to include recordings of the guest speaker discussion groups on the PILON website Members Zone; this idea was seconded by Jo Mildenhall. Laura Hugh explained that consent would have to be sought from Zyber participants and guest speakers to be recorded and that if they agreed, it would be possible to make the recordings available on the PILON website under the Members Zone.

**Action:**

The PILON Secretariat will continue to update the WG members on the progress of this course, which is scheduled to be completed by early August

- iii. Update on the Cyberbullying webinar and the upcoming webinar on CSAM - 4 June 2021 – LH informed members that the Cyberbullying webinar was well-received. We are now scoping speakers for the upcoming webinar on Cybercrime and Children in a Covid-19 World Part 2: Addressing Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) and asked WG members if there were any prosecutors who have had any involvement and prior experience with similar cases who would be willing to speak about the challenges that occurred in these cases.

JM of NZ informed members that the NZ Department of Internal Affairs Digital Safety Group focuses on enforcement of objectionable publications depicting child sexual abuse material. The other agency in NZ suggested was the Crown Solicitor's Office and agencies such as Netsafe which is an independent non-profit organisation with a focus on online safety. LF of Tonga informed the working group that unfortunately Tonga did not yet have experience in prosecuting such cases.

RO of the Solomon Islands (SI) informed the working group that the SI does not have a cybercrime legislation yet, but there are sections in the Penal Code (Amendment) Sexual offences Act 2016 that are used to charge for a cyber-related offence and that they can share with members their experiences.

iv. Rolling over of Cyber Cooperation Program grant for annual workshop

AGD informed members that the A\$200,000 provided by the Australian Government under an arrangement between the Government of Australia (GoA) and Samoan Government to host the fourth annual PILON Cybercrime Workshop in 2020 has been rolled over for next year 2022. This workshop was originally scheduled to be held in May 2020 in Fiji, however, it was indefinitely postponed due to travel restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Chair on behalf of the WG thanked DFAT and the Australian Government for their continued support.

**4. Meeting Closed – 2.00pm Tonga time**

***Minutes approved by the Cybercrime WG members – 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021***