



42nd Pacific Island Law Officers' Network (PILON) Annual Meeting

**Civic Centre,
Republic of NAURU**

30 October – 3 November 2023

Zoom details

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Hosted by the Ministry of Justice and Border Control of Nauru



Statement by outgoing Chair of PILON



It has been a real privilege to take on the role of Chair of PILON for the last two years. Despite the global pandemic that affected us all, PILON delivered great work.

Our Working Groups and Committees within PILON continued to engage virtually and achieve outcomes when the world was in lockdown during COVID19. These were unprecedented challenging times! It is a real testament to our members' tenacity and tireless hard work that we were able to finalise the Regional Guidelines to support vulnerable witnesses across the Pacific as well provide ongoing training opportunities for our members through a number of online webinars and in-person workshops.

I would like to specially thank the Chairs and members of each of the Working Groups, Committees and our Secretariat for their extraordinary contribution to PILON's achievements. Your enthusiasm and commitment in working together to strengthen justice and the rule of law across the Pacific, enables PILON to actively contribute to a more peaceful, secure and prosperous region.

I look forward to meeting in person for the 42nd PILON Annual Meeting. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve as Chair of PILON and I wish our new Chair, the Secretary for Justice of Nauru, Mr Jay Udit, the very best. I am confident PILON will continue its success as a fundamental representative body for the Pacific within the law and justice space under his great leadership.

- Su'a Hellelani Wallwork, Attorney General, Samoa



Statement by incoming Chair of PILON

“Ekamawir Omo”

We are pleased to finally welcome you to the Pleasant Island, the Republic of Nauru for the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Pacific Islands Law Officers' Network (PILON). The Republic of Nauru and its people, as a Nation look forward to hosting the PILON Annual General Meeting for the first time. The Government through the Department of Justice and Border Control has the pleasure of providing the hospitality and the goodwill of our people during the stay of all members of PILON. Also, those who could not join us, we welcome you when you join in through audio-visual link. Indeed, it is also an important occasion in that the PILON is meeting in person for the first time since 2019 after the disruption caused by the pandemic. Our collective presence for the meeting presents to us an opportunity for more considered deliberation and active participation of all our representatives to conclude the meeting with important outcomes for the future. This will be done in our pacific spirit and we must cherish and celebrate the moment of togetherness after a 3-year break.



I would like to thank Attorney General Su'a Hellene Wallwork for her strong leadership as Chair on behalf of Samoa over the past few challenging years. Her continued hard work and commitment to progressing PILON's Agenda, particularly through a time of uncertainty, ensured that PILON was able to maintain its position as a peak representative body for the Pacific within the Law and Justice Sector. I would also like to thank the PILON Secretariat and members of Nauru's Department of Justice and Border Control for their work to bring us all together for this meeting. Your attendance not only demonstrates your commitment to PILON, but the value PILON has as a regional network.

We hope you enjoy your time in Nauru and I look forward to working with you all as the incoming Chair of PILON.”

- Jay Udit, Secretary for Justice and Border Control, Republic of Nauru



PILON Working Groups and Committees Pre-Meeting

Monday 30 October 2023

Menen Hotel



Time	Event Description	Members
8:30am	Sexual and Gender Based Violence Working Group meeting Chair: <i>Ms Su'a Hellene Wallwork, Attorney General, Samoa</i>	Member Countries and Territories: American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu
10:00am	Morning Tea Break Morning tea catered by <i>Menen Hotel</i>	
10:30am	Cybercrime Working Group meeting Chair: <i>Mrs Linda Folaumoetu'i, Attorney General, Kingdom of Tonga</i>	Member Countries and Territories: American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Nauru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu
12:00pm	Lunch Lunch catered by <i>Menen Hotel</i>	
1:00pm	Corruption Working Group meeting Chair: <i>Ms Andie Driu, Director of Public Prosecutions, Republic of Nauru</i>	Member Countries and Territories: American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands
2:30pm	Afternoon Tea Break Afternoon tea catered by <i>Menen Hotel</i>	
3:00pm	Pacific Prosecutors Association Meeting <i>Mr Tristan Karae, Assistant Public Prosecutor, Vanuatu</i>	Executive Committee Members: Republic of the Marshall Islands (Micronesia Country Representative), Papua New Guinea (Melanesia Country Representative), Samoa (Polynesia Country Representative) and Republic of Nauru
4:00pm	PILON Legislative Drafters Steering Committee Chair: <i>Ms Su'a Hellene Wallwork, Attorney General, Samoa</i>	Steering Committee Member Countries and Territories: Australia, Fiji, Nauru, New Zealand, Samoa and Vanuatu
5:00pm	Meetings close	

FREE EVENING

You are invited



PILON ANNUAL MEETING 2023

PILON DELEGATE EVENT

TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2023

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

THE PATIO, MENEN HOTEL



PILON Annual Meeting - Day One

Wednesday 1 November 2023



Time	Event Description
8:00am	Arrival and registration of participants
8:30am	Participants all take seats
	Session One: Opening Ceremony Guest of Honour arrives National Anthem Opening prayer Keynote address Closing prayer (& Blessing of refreshments) Official photograph
10:30am	Morning Tea
10:45am	Address by Outgoing and Incoming Chairs Address – Outgoing Chair (<i>Ms Su’a Hellene Wallwork, Attorney General, Samoa</i>) Address – Incoming Chair (<i>Mr Jay Udit, Secretary for Justice and Border Control, Republic of Nauru</i>)
10:55am	Session Two: Sexual and Gender Based Violence 10:55am – 11:15am Why we need Regional Guidelines for Prosecutors and Witness Support Officers to support vulnerable witnesses in SGBV cases (<i>Ms Margaret Suifa’asia, Chief Legal Officer, Solomon Islands</i>) 11:15am – 11:35am Report from the Working Group Chair (<i>Ms Su’a Hellene Wallwork, Attorney General, Samoa</i>)
11:40am	Session Three: Cybercrime 11:40am – 12:00pm Working for a Digital World Designed to Protect Children from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (<i>Ms Eleanor Munif, Chief Operating Officer, WeProtect Global Alliance</i>) 12:00pm – 12:20pm Report from the Working Group Chair (<i>Mrs Linda Folaumoetu’i, Attorney General, Kingdom of Tonga</i>)



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12:30pm	Lunch Buffet lunch at The Bay restaurant
1:50pm	Session Four: Updates on Regional Initiatives (10 minutes per update) Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) priorities and Boe Declaration implementation (Mr Calvy Aonima , Legal Advisor, PIFS) Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police (PICP) (Mr Julian Bianco , Executive Coordinator, PICP Secretariat) Pacific Transnational Crime Coordination Centre (PTCCC) (Mr Adam Moore , AFP Adviser, PTCCC) Pacific Fusion Centre (PFC) (Mr James Movick , Director, PFC) Australia Pacific Security College (APSC) (Professor Dave Peebles , Director, APSC)
2:50pm	Session Five: PILON Legislative Drafting Committee Report from the PLDC Steering Committee Chair (Ms Su'a Hellene Wallwork , Attorney General, Samoa)
3:20pm	Afternoon Tea
3:50pm	Session Six: Pacific Prosecutors Association Report from the PPA (Mr Tristan Karae , Assistant Public Prosecutor, Vanuatu)
4:20pm	Session Seven: Country reports (10 minutes per Member) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nauru• New Zealand• Niue• Palau• Papua New Guinea
5:30pm	Board transport to Menen Hotel



PILON Annual Meeting – Day Two

Thursday 2 November 2023



Time	Event Description
9:00am	<p>Session Eight: Corruption</p> <p>9:00am – 9:20am Promoting good governance, integrity, ethics and accountability within public service agencies (Ms Tania Ott, Deputy Commissioner, and Ms Madeline Pears, Principal Adviser, Strengthening Governance, Public Service Fale)</p> <p>9:20am – 9:40am Report from the Working Group Chair (Ms Andie Driu, Director of Public Prosecutions, Republic of Nauru)</p>
9:50am	<p>Session Nine: Updates on Regional Initiatives (10 minutes per update)</p> <p>United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (Ms Marie Pegie Cauchois, Regional Anti-Corruption Adviser, UNODC)</p> <p>Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APGML) (Ms Henna Goodrick, APGML)</p> <p>Pacific Immigration Development Community (PIDC) (Mr Akuila Ratu, Head of Secretariat, PIDC)</p>
10:30am	Morning Tea
11:00am	<p>Session Ten: Country reports (10 minutes per Member)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Samoa• Solomon Islands• Tokelau• Tonga• Vanuatu
12:10pm	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Buffet lunch at Civic Centre catered by Somewhere Else in Nauru restaurant</p>
2:00pm	<p>Session Eleven: Updates on Regional Initiatives (10 minutes per update)</p> <p>International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) (Ms Megan Rock, Head of Regional Delegation in the Pacific)</p> <p>South Pacific Lawyers' Association (SPLA) (Dr Gordon Hughes, Executive Chair, SPLA)</p> <p>University of the South Pacific (USP) (Ms Kym Freriks, Managing Editor, University of the South Pacific)</p>



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Thursday 2 November 2023



Time	Event Description
2:00pm	<p>Session Eleven (continued): Updates on Regional Initiatives (10 minutes per update)</p> <p>Pacific Legal Information Institute (PacLII) (<i>Ms Liliviwa Baleimatuku, Hard Copy Judgements Editor, PacLII</i>)</p> <p>Advancing the Rule of Law (<i>Ms Hannah Lim, Head of Rule of Law and Emerging Markets, LexisNexis</i>)</p> <p>Litigation Skills Program (<i>Ms Jo Mildenhall, Crown Law, New Zealand</i>)</p> <p>Strengthening Pacific Legal Policy Capacity (<i>Ms Rebecca Vonthethoff, Attorney-General's Department, Australia</i>)</p>
3:20pm	Afternoon Tea
3:50pm	<p>Session Twelve: Country reports (10 minutes per Member)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Samoa• Australia• Cook Islands• Fiji• Kiribati
5:00pm	<p>Session Thirteen: Updates on Regional Initiatives (10 minutes per update)</p> <p>South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) (<i>Mr Everett Sioa, Legal Officer, SPREP</i>)</p>
5:30pm	Close
5:40pm	Board transport to Menen Hotel

PILON ANNUAL MEETING

CLOSING CEREMONY

7:00pm - midnight

All delegates invited (invitation over page)

You are invited



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CLOSING CEREMONY



THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2023

7:00 PM - MIDNIGHT

THE RESTAURANT, MENEN HOTEL



PILON Annual Meeting - Day Three

Friday 3 November 2023

CLOSED SESSION - COUNTRY MEMBERS ONLY



Time	Event Description
8:30am	Session Fourteen: New PILON Strategic Plan 2024-26 PILON Secretariat
9:15am	Session Fifteen: PILON Governance Arrangements for 2024 Annual Meeting (Chair) 2024 Executive Committee membership (Chair)
9:45am	Morning Tea
10:00am	Session Sixteen: Secretariat Matters Secretariat Report on PILON activities in 2022/23 Secretariat Work Plan for 2024 2022-23 PILON Financial Reports a. PILON Activities Financial Report b. Secretariat Operational Financial Report PILON Financial Budgets for 2023-24 a. PILON Activities Budget b. Secretariat Operational Budget
10:30am	Session Seventeen: Outcomes Report Chair and PILON Secretariat
12:00pm	Lunch Provided by the Republic of Nauru
13:30	Close