



PILON CYBERCRIME WORKING GROUP VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

Friday 26 May 2023

1.00pm Tonga time

1. Welcome **Linda Folaumoetu'i** – Chair, PILON Cybercrime Working Group,
Attorney General, Tonga.

2. Present

i	Linda Folaumoetu'i - Chair	Attorney General - Tonga
ii	Jo Mildenhall	Senior Crown Law Officer – NZ
iii	Janelle Etelagi	Legal Officer, American Samoa
iv	Lauren Murray	Senior Legal Officer – Australia
vi	Sasae Walter	Coordinator – PILON
vii	Rosy Mario	Assistant Coordinator – PILON

Apologies:

Rachel Olutimayin - DPP, Solomon Islands

3. Matters for Discussion:

i. Approval of Minutes 28 November 2022, 30 November 2022 and March 2023.
Motion was moved by JE of American Samoa and seconded by LF of Tonga.

ii. Work Plan update

LM of Australia noted that planned activities for the second half of 2023 included Zyber digital forensics training (as requested by DPP Solomon Islands), a questionnaire on cybercrime training needs (which has been shifted back to the latter half of the year), and a dedicated cybercrime session at the PILON Annual Meeting (October 2023).

LM of Australia shared some thoughts on particular difficulties the prosecutors were experiencing with the Zyber Fundamentals digital forensics course held in 2022. AGD was looking for ways to increase the completion rate of the prosecutors enrolled in the course, which was much lower than police.

It was reported that about 12 prosecutors enrolled in the Fundamentals course last year. Three prosecutors from the Solomon Islands, Tonga and Fiji (*Rizzu-Hilly*

Tupou Vainikolo and Laite Bokini-Ratu) completed the course. The remaining prosecutors and legal officers from Kiribati, FSM, Nauru, Vanuatu, PNG, Samoa, Tokelau, Cook Islands and RMI have yet to complete.

Some issues that were raised include participants stopping logging on early in the course and at least 3 other prosecutors never logged on, and about half of the students started to 'drop out' around Chapter 6 onwards on the topic of Preservation.

Lastly, LM noted that the Cybercrime Working Group web page had a recent update and now has a greater range of resources to assist members.

Although no motion was passed on this item, the Chair and Members noted that there may be a need to think of ways to make the course more relevant to prosecutors. LM of Australia indicated she would appreciate any feedback to be sent to her on this point before the next Zyber session begins in the second half of 2023.

iii. Cybercrime Workshop Booklet Update.

PILON (with the support of AGD) collated booklets for each of the last three (4) workshops from 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2023. These first three (3) publications they're saved at the PILON website <https://pilonsec.org/digital-library/cybercrime-resources>.

The Cybercrime workshop in Nadi Fiji held in November 2023 was the final workshop below are some pages of the final booklet.



WG Members were very excited with the publication and commended and thanked PILON and the Lauren and Nick of AGD for compiling a very comprehensive, interesting and colourful portrayal of the workshop that was held in Fiji.

iv. UNODC Cryptocurrencies and Darknet Investigation Training Course Report – DPP - March 2023.

The PILON representatives, Mrs Rachel Olutimayin, Director of the Public Prosecutions Office, the Solomon Islands, and Aunoa Uele, a prosecutor from Samoa, attended a regional multi-agency 'Cryptocurrencies and Darknet Investigations Training' in Nadi, Fiji. The training was organised by UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to strengthen the national and international counternarcotic capacity of Member States. Both Rachel Olutimayin and Aunoa Uele were not available to present to the WG an update on the workshop they attended. However, a report was submitted to our office.

The five-day training was led by UNODC specialists, included a series of theoretical content and practical simulations of real-life scenarios to help participants understand the clearnet, darknet and cryptocurrencies in greater depth, as well as improve their expertise in detecting criminal activity on the darknet and conducting investigations using cryptocurrency tracing tools. The training focused on the rise of new technologies in the facilitation of trafficking of opioids and synthetic drugs over the internet.

One of the objectives of this training was to build capacity for criminal justice authorities to effectively investigate and prosecute cases of online trafficking of opioids and synthetic drugs via Darknet or Clearnet marketplaces.

The Chair and members accepted the Report and thanked both Rachel and Aunoa (in absentia) for representing the WG in this workshop. They also acknowledged UNODC for the funding that enabled PILON representatives to join this workshop.

v. RMI's request to join the Cybercrime Working Group
Members agreed and approved the request by RMI to join the Cybercrime WG.

The Secretariat is tasked to relay this decision to RMI. The Chair will also include this WG decision in her presentation at the AM in Nauru.

4. Next Meeting: Friday 8 September 2023 – 1.00pm Tonga Time

5. Meeting Closed. 2.10pm Tonga time