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9h30-11h00

Workshop 8 – Regional workshop for the Pacific: Challenges in implementing cybercrime laws in small jurisdictions

Languages: EN

Purpose: Robust legal frameworks on cybercrime and electronic evidence are the cornerstone for successful investigations and criminal proceedings. International standards, such as the Budapest Convention, provide a framework for consistent definitions and criminalisation, standardised procedural powers and mechanisms for international cooperation. The absence of transposing such measures into national laws undermines a country's ability to investigate, prosecute and adjudicate cases involving electronic evidence and to engage in the global efforts to effectively respond to the emerging challenges presented by cybercrime.

Small jurisdictions, such as the Pacific Island States, may encounter additional challenges to adopting and adapting appropriate laws, considering their specific legal, administrative, and technical contexts. The workshop is aimed at mapping those challenges and possible solutions based on successful practices in the region.

Moderator: Linda Folaumoetu'i, Attorney General of Tonga and Chair of the PILON Cybercrime Working Group

Rapporteur: Jamie Crawford, Senior Crown Counsel, Crown Law Office of the Cook Islands, in representation of the Pacific Islands Law Officers Network (PILON)

Secretariat: GLACY+ project

► **Introduction and objective of the workshop [10 min]**

- Linda Folaumoetu'i, Attorney General of Tonga and Chair of the PILON Cybercrime Working Group [5 min]

► **What makes for an effective cybercrime legal framework, adapted to the needs of Pacific Island States and what challenges do they meet when working on their legislative reform? [35 min]**

- Glenys Andrews, Legal Principal & Officer (Drafting), Office of the Attorney General, Fiji [5 min]
- Andrew Ega Kelesi, Director of Public Prosecutions, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Solomon Islands [5 min]
- Moderated discussions by Noumea Loretta Afamasaga-Teueli, Head of Legislative Drafting, Department for Justice and Border Control, Nauru [20 min]

► **Pacific outlook on implementation: what are the key ingredients for effective enforcement? [40 min]**

- Domingo Kabunare, Digital Transformation Office, Ministry of Information, Communications and Transport, Kiribati [5 min]
- John Graham Jack, CIO Office of the Government, Prime Minister's Office Vanuatu [5 min]
- Moderated discussions by Matthew Blackwood, ICHIP, US Department of Justice [20-25 min]

► **Conclusions [5 min]** by the rapporteur, Jamie Crawford, Senior Crown Counsel, Crown Law Office of the Cook Islands, in representation of PILON [5 min]