



Pacific Islands Law Officers' Network

2009 Work Plan

Secretariat

1. Begin work to establish a database of model legislation accessible for members.
2. Work with the Forum Secretariat and other potential partners to develop an arrangement to transition to a permanent Secretariat by the 28th meeting.
3. Report to the 2009 Forum Regional Security Committee and the 28th meeting on progress made in harmonising extradition legislation.
4. Continue to develop the PILON website.
5. Conduct a stock-take of current legal training, secondment, exchange and attachment activities relevant to members.
6. Develop a proposal for the Secretariat to become a coordination point in the region on professional development for Pacific island country law officers (including those who work in state funded law offices).
7. Work with New Zealand and other donors to assist with support for the PILON Litigation Skills Programme.
8. Work with Samoa and Australia and other donors to support an initial Pacific prosecutors' conference.
9. Assess country reports presented at the 27th meeting in consultation with members to identify common themes and challenges for discussion at the 28th meeting, and in the context of developing a Strategic Plan.
10. Work with Samoa to identify suitable dates to hold the 28th meeting and seek to provide members with early advice on when it will be held.

11. Work with the Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police Secretariat, the South Pacific Community, the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and other relevant bodies to consider the legislative implications of the Pacific Patrol Boat Project for Pacific island countries.
12. Contact SOPAC to ascertain assistance available for capacity building in relation to the legal aspects of maritime boundary negotiations and report back at the 28th meeting or earlier if possible.
13. Working with members to identify topics for the 2009 agenda taking into account issues raised in the 27th meeting and the desire of members to be updated on key legal issues.

Executive Committee

14. Should funding become available, the Executive Committee will consider and may approve an arrangement for the permanent Secretariat.