



Pacific Islands Law Officers' Network

2010 Work Plan

Secretariat

1. Work with Samoa, the Executive Committee, PILON members and observers to transition to an independent PILON Secretariat based in Samoa by the 29th PILON meeting, including:
 - a. cooperate with PILON members, observers and donors to identify sources of funding over the longer term, including through possible donor and member contributions and prepare a discussion paper for the 29th meeting
 - b. investigate options for the funding of additional staff for the PILON Secretariat, including opportunities for international volunteer placements with the Secretariat
 - c. to work with staff of the independent Secretariat to facilitate the transition of functions.
2. Work with members to prepare an update on how PILON member countries have made efforts to further harmonise evidential requirements to extradition.
3. To collate information on secondment and exchange initiatives provided by members and observers and draft a stock-take of activities; and to keep the stock-take updated and distribute to members on request.
4. Work with New Zealand Crown Law to organize for a PILON Secretariat representative to attend the next Litigation Skills Program (LSP) in order to understand the program and discuss future collaboration with LSP.
5. Work with relevant partners to develop a discussion paper focused on the legal implications of climate change; particularly key legal areas where a regional approach to both mitigation and adaptation would be worthwhile to members.
6. Work with the Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT) and other relevant members and observers to provide an update on PILON member countries'

adoption of legislative measures to tackle gender based violence at the 29th PILON meeting.

7. Liaise with the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency throughout 2010 to: inform PILON members of approaches to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activity; to discuss capacity building opportunities with the FFA; and to collaborate in the strengthening of national legislative frameworks and prosecution support.
8. Work with those members who require assistance in becoming a party to one or more Hague family conventions to identify possible sources of funding.
9. Work with the ICRC to provide an update on issues relating to private military security companies and the Montreux document at the 29th PILON meeting.
10. Work with Vanuatu to progress PIMLA's recommendation to establish a Pacific Islands Legislative Drafters Forum, either online or by meeting, by the 29th PILON meeting.
11. Coordinate a discussion paper, drawing upon previous work, on the implications of a regional human rights instrument to be presented at the 29th PILON meeting.
12. Coordinate nominations for a PILON member country representative to represent PILON on the PacLII Advisory Board.
13. Assess country reports from the 28th PILON meeting in consultation with members to identify common themes and challenges for discussion at the 29th meeting.
14. Work with the Executive Committee and Members to identify a host and suitable dates to hold the 29th meeting and seek to provide members with early advice on when it is to be held.
15. Work with members to identify topics for the 2010 agenda taking into account issues identified at the 28th meeting including the consideration of international instruments which might promote stronger action against transnational crime, terrorism and corruption in the region.

Executive Committee

16. Work with the PILON Secretariat to transition to an independent PILON Secretariat by the 29th PILON meeting:
 - a. review the location and structure of the PILON Secretariat after two years and provide updates at annual meetings with the intention of transitioning to a permanent Secretariat co-located with the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
 - b. investigate the most effective structure for the employment of staff of the PILON Secretariat

- c. the Executive Committee to be authorized to approve the arrangements for this transition over the coming year
- d. if there is a need to alter the legal status of the PILON Secretariat the Executive Committee must seek authority from a majority of PILON member countries.