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ODPP Hosts National Cybercrime Conference and e-Evidence for Prosecutors

13 June 2024 (Nadi, Fiji) - Some 100 participants including officers from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP), police officers/investigators, Legal Aid Commission and Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption (FICAC) officers are converging in Nadi for the National Cybercrime Conference and e-evidence for Prosecutors organised by the ODPP in collaboration with and co-funded by the Global Action on Cybercrime Enhanced (GLACY-e) joint project of the European Union (EU) and Council of Europe and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

The two-day conference serves as an opportunity for increasing the mutual understanding on the needs and challenges for criminal justice authorities in Fiji when dealing with cybercrime cases and electronic evidence.

In his keynote speech, the Hon. Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources, Mr Filimoni Vosarogo highlighted that, “this conference is a significant step towards enhancing our collective capacity to combat cybercrime. Let us use this platform to engage in meaningful dialogue, share insights, and strengthen our resolve to protect our digital future.”

The Hon. Minister reinforced that, “It is incumbent on us in our great pacific ocean to walk this together and to chart our way forward and to ensure that we preserve the vast Pacific Ocean we call our home. No one has walked this way before!”

The Hon. Minister expressed sincere gratitude towards the Council of Europe, the EU and the UNODC for their generous funding as well as their expertise and commitment in delivering this conference.

In welcoming address, the European Union Ambassador to the Pacific, H.E. Ms. Barbara Plinkert underlined the EU’s investment in international cyber cooperation to promote a global, open, stable and secure cyberspace, grounded in the rule of law, human rights and democratic values.

“One of the priority areas of the European Union’s strategy for cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region is to foster cooperation for a safe and secure digital space with our partners. This includes strengthening capacity-building for partners to tackle cybercrime, which is of growing concern in the European Union and in the Pacific, through the use of existing standards, cooperation mechanisms and tools available under the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime. The European Union is therefore glad



to support the National Conference on Cybercrime which will empower the participants to build cooperation mechanisms, trust and skills to share data for investigation, prosecution and ultimately, reduction of cybercrimes”.

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Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources, Mr. Filimoni Vosarogo addressing the participants during the opening ceremony of the first ODPP National Conference on Cybercrime and e-evidence in Nadi today (13.6.24).



European Union Ambassador H.E Ms. Barbara Plinkert delivering her opening remarks at the ODPP National Conference on Cybercrime and e-evidence for prosecutors in Nadi today (13.6.24)



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