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ODPP successfully concludes the National Cybercrime Conference and e-Evidence for Prosecutors

14 June 2024 (Nadi, Fiji) – The National Conference on Cybercrime and e-evidence for prosecutors came to a close this afternoon in Nadi with a call to action proposal by the ODPP on the way forward by law enforcement agencies and prosecutors.

The two-day conference was 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. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) also co-funded the Conference through the support of the United States of America.

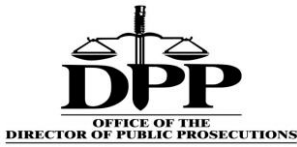
The first National Conference on Cybercrime and e-evidence for Prosecutors in Fiji offered the possibility to:

- Facilitate discussions on successful cross-border investigations and prosecutions, and identified difficulties and obstacles of legal or practical nature that will ease the cooperation between national prosecution authorities.
- Provide high-level contributions to prosecution-related issues and contributed to the development of informal or formal contacts, as appropriate, between prosecution authorities.
- Discuss the relevant regional and cross-regional trends of cybercrime and the appropriate investigative and prosecutorial measures to counter them and formulated common observations or opinions.
- Share experiences and good practices in judicial cooperation in criminal matters, and in the use of mutual legal assistance instruments and special investigation techniques for the investigation and prosecution of cybercrimes.

The Acting Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr John Rabuku, in his closing remarks acknowledged the intense training and expertise shared by the speakers during the two-day event.

“It was intended to be a Conference of intense introduction to Cybercrime and information sharing. But not only that, It was also envisaged that the conference would be an opportunity to collectively hone into the specific areas of training and capacity building that we need as a prosecution service,” Mr Rabuku said.

Following this conference, the Acting DPP expressed the further collaboration with the Council of Europe and the UNODC in terms of training on cybercrime and electronic evidence.



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“Trainings that are needs focused and trainings that are able to bridge the divide between us prosecutors and our investigators, whom without which we cannot have meaningful and successful prosecutions,” Mr Rabuku said.

“We will also be having a meaningful conversations with the Office of the Attorney of General so we have a better understanding behind the drafting of certain provisions in our Cybercrime Act. In addition we will also be exploring the need for accreditation of our investigation processes in order that they remain consistently at par with internationally accepted standards.”

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