



NICTA Staff Speech
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Opening of ITU CIRT Assessment Training and One-on-One Consultation on CMM

Good Morning Everyone,

It is rather unconventional that I will MC plus say a few Opening remarks on behalf of my CEO, Mr. Charles Punaha, and my Director, Mr. Kila Gulo-Vui, but the circumstance is such that I must do so.

As we begin let me convey sincere apologies on behalf of both gentlemen who are not able to be here this morning. The CEO is on a duty travel returning only tomorrow, and Mr. Gulo-Vui is on a short leave. Nevertheless, I as the Acting Director for Economics, Consumer and International Affairs would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you our important participants who have kindly confirmed to attend the ITU CIRT Assessment Training this week, as well as participate in the Cyber Maturity Model consultation meetings.

We are privileged to have with us this morning our international guests and experts who will be conducting this valuable training and consultation meetings. They will tell us more about this shortly. From the ITU, we have –

Mr. Sameer Sharma, Programme Coordinator, ITU Regional office

Mr. Ben Rached Marwan, Cybersecurity Expert, ITU HQ

In partnership with the Oceania Cyber Security Centre, where we have –

Dr. James Boorman, Project Lead – CMM in the Pacific, Oceania Cyber Security Centre

Mr. Matthew William Griffin, CMM in the Pacific, Oceania Cyber Security Centre

Colleagues and Friends,

NICTA made a request to the ITU last year for this assistance as we sought to understand whether the measures we were taking as a country on Cybersecurity were adequate to meet the challenges of the modern times. It is fresh in our minds the hosting of APEC last year.

Whilst NICTA and the Department of Communications and Information understood that we needed to properly shape and develop our cybersecurity landscape, the need to host APEC was greater and therefore with it a number of initiatives were taken to ensure PNG was 'cybersecurity ready' to host APEC particularly the Leaders' Summit.

Let me refresh our memories with three notable initiatives –

- The Cybercrime Policy and Law were formulated and passed prior to 2018 but implementation somewhat lacking
- NICTA established and launched the PNG CERT in early 2018 to start work on monitoring the country's cyberspace
- The PNG Cybersecurity Operation Center or PNG CSOC was the latest initiative where it was operationalized and launched just before the leaders' summit in October last year. With this initiative I must acknowledge the Australian Government that generously provided funding and technical assistance to set this up and are committed to a program with PNG government over the next 3 years to ensure full operation and skilling of PNG nationals to takeover operations in the near future

Colleagues and Friends,

NICTA, as the implementer of the Governments ICT Policy and Plans, aims to use this program this week to –

- (1) Run the Cybersecurity Capacity Maturity Model (CMM) in order to understand whether we are on the right track and what we could improve, if we are not;
- (2) Continue to build the cybersecurity skills of our nationals to one of international or world accepted standards; particularly with CIRT Assessment

We ask that you make the most of this week to actively participate in the training and the CMM consultation.

Please join me again in welcoming our experts and friends to PNG, and we look forward to the interactions and exchanges this week.

Thank you and God bless!