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INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON INTEGRATED CYBERCRIME AND ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE INTO JUDICIAL CURRICULA.

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Members of the media are invited to the opening session of the three day *International workshop on integrated cybercrime and electronic evidence into judicial curricula*, which will be held from 11-13 April 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Rosebank. The workshop is hosted by the European Union and the Council of Europe in association with the South African Judicial Education Institute (SAJEI).

Held under the auspices of GLACY (Global Action on Cybercrime), which is a joint Project of the European Union and the Council of Europe, the project is aimed at supporting countries worldwide in the implementation of the Budapest Convention which was established in November 2013; of which South Africa is a signatory of. The GLACY project is expected to conclude end October 2016.

This international workshop is being held for the first time on the African continent.

Deputy Judge President of the Gauteng Division of the High Court, Judge Aubrey Ledwaba; will give a keynote address; whilst representatives from the European Union; the Council of European; and the CEO of SAJEI; Dr Gomolemo Moshoeu, will also make provide opening remarks as the stakeholders of the workshop. South Africa ranks among the top ten countries that are hard hit by cybercrime. The cost of cybercrime on the global economy is estimated at billion dollars and trillion rands. Cybercrime has far reaching impact on the world at large. It adversely affects amongst others economic growth, national security, trade opportunities and competitiveness, it is further linked to other crimes like human trafficking, money laundering and drug trafficking.

During the conference presentations will be made by various representatives of the 18 countries that participate in the GLACY project. They will discuss the integration of Judicial curricula on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence gathering. Ensuring that judiciary is empowered with information to effectively adjudicate over cybercrime cases in their courtrooms.

Media are invited to attend as follows:

Date: 11 April 2016Time: 08h30 for 09h00; Media briefing to follow after.Venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dalasi Conference Hall, Rosebank

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