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## Isabel holds Provincial Convention to review 2011 Draft

Isabel Constitutional Congress team is currently holding its Provincial Convention with its participants at the Provincial headquarters in the Diocese of Isabel Conference room at Jejevo, Isabel province.

Isabel provincial nominees Mr. Dennis Carlos Lulei (team leader), Mrs. Jane Tozaka, and CRU Officials Mr. Reginald Teutao (Consultant Lawyer) and Permanent Secretary/CRU Mr. Ronald Unusi were present for the first week of the convention.

During the opening remarks PS/CRU Mr. Unusi thanked participating community leaders which included, Members of the Provincial Assembly, chief representatives, women representatives, school headmasters and principals, and church representatives for the commitment and seriousness they have shown towards the process of developing the new Federal Constitution of Solomon Islands.

He said that every Constitution envisages a political community and the basis in which that community is identified is very important because it has a decisive bearing on the political framework of a country, the terms of a constitution, its performance and efficacy.

"I am confident your selection which reflects a broad cross section of community representatives and leaders of Isabel province in modern and traditional civic capacities has carefully taken this into account," Mr. Unusi said during his remarks.

Consultant Lawyer Mr. Teutao will be guiding discussions on the 2011 Draft Federal Constitution for the two weeks of the convention, which is attended by about fifty (50) participants.

The convention, which commenced on April 16, is going according to schedule of the Constitutional Reform 2012/2013 Work-Plan. Constitutional Reform Unit understands that this convention will last for nine (9) days, and should be complete by April 26<sup>th</sup>.

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