

GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA



JUSTICE LAW AND ORDER SECTOR



**THE 15TH ANNUAL JLOS JOINT GOVERNMENT OF
UGANDA/DEVELOPMENT PARTNER REVIEW**

OCTOBER 4-5, 2010

**THEME: 'CONSOLIDATING THE GAINS: MOVING TOWARDS THE
THIRD SECTOR INVESTMENT PLAN'**

**REMARKS BY THE HONOURABLE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND
MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS**

The Hon. Chief Justice of Uganda,

The Hon. Deputy Chief Justice of Uganda

Honourable Justices and Judges of the Courts of Judicature

Honourable Ministers Present

Honourable Members of Parliament

Your Excellencies, Members of the Diplomatic Corps

Members of the JLOS Leadership, Steering and Technical Committees

Development Partners

Members of the JLOS Institutions

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my honour and pleasure to welcome you to the 15th Justice Law and Order Sector Joint Government of Uganda-Development Partner Review where we gather once again to acknowledge our successes of the previous year and consider the challenges that remain to be met.

This year as we conclude the implementation of the second strategic investment plan we focus on consolidating our gains and setting out strategies for the coming five years.

As a country and a sector there are pertinent issues that we need to consider in our efforts to achieve our objective of justice for all. Over the next two days we shall dwell on some of these concerns and it is my sincere hope that the outcome of this review will be the clear prioritization of measures to address these issues.

As was reflected in the mid-term evaluation of our sector strategic investment plan it is important that we look beyond the 'brick and mortar' reforms and look at institutional strengthening and improved service delivery. The general reforms in the public sector geared towards results based management pose new challenges for the sector in terms of capacity building and improvement of processes. This review will offer us the opportunity to reflect on how best to improve the manner in which we deliver services to our stakeholders.

Uganda is a member of a larger community and the introduction of the East African Common Market broadens our obligations as the Justice Sector. Our institutions need to be fully prepared to meet the new challenges that will arise out of the increased population, expanded market and free movement of people and goods. This is the time for us to consider and prepare ourselves to meet these challenges effectively.

Over the course of the last year and as you will note from the report, the Sector has been able to address the key challenge of case backlog. We can safely say that we have achieved some progress in this regard. However, the sister problem of congestion in our prisons remains. As a justice sector we recognize that certain issues are leading indicators of the effectiveness and efficiency of the system. The criminal justice system the courts and the prisons are ever visible evidence of our performance. In addition, as the sector responsible for upholding justice, ensuring the protection of basic rights of the individual, including those in custody is a task that we continue to work towards achieving. We need to begin to consider a more holistic solution to this persistent problem of congestion. I believe that this forum will be the starting point of

discussion geared towards the development of an effective solution to the question of prison congestion.

On behalf of the Government of Uganda and the Justice Law and Order Sector in particular, I wish to thank our development partners whose continued support has enabled us to make great strides in fulfilling our goals. As we move into the development and implementation of our 3rd Sector investment plan, we look forward to renewed and strengthened partnership with you.

I once again welcome you all to this Annual Review and wish you fruitful deliberations.

It is now my singular pleasure to invite my Lord, the Hon Chief Justice of Uganda to address us.

FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY

Hon. E. Khiddu Makubuya, MP

**The Attorney General and Minister of Justice and
Constitutional Affairs**

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