

**DRAFT SPEECH OF THE HON THE AG. CHIEF JUSTICE AT THE  
OFFICIAL HANDOVER OF THE JLOS LAND BY THE INSPECTOR  
GENERAL OF POLICE AT NAGURU**

My Lord the Principal Judge

Honourable Ministers

Members of the Leadership Committee

Members of the Steering Committee

Members of the Technical Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen.

The handing over of the JLOS land by the Inspector General of Police marks yet another milestone in the life of the Justice Law and Order Sector where the sector is gradually moving from a dream of building customised premises to the commencement of a long journey to build customised premises for its institutions. Like the Chinese say, a long journey begins with one step and this important step of taking possession of the land is the beginning of a great journey that will transform Naguru Hill into a one stop centre point for delivering judicial, legal and rule of law services. Naguru will also be transformed into a modern progressive suburb as the new infrastructure will attract

new businesses. Needless to mention, that the proposed construction of the JLOS house epitomises the spirit of the sector wide, where unity in diversity driven by a common vision has been responsible for achieving so much in such a short period of time.

Today we are watching history unfold as we celebrate the handing over of the construction site by the Uganda Police Force. I would like to thank the Inspector General of Police and the Ministry of Internal Affairs for donating five acres of prime land to the sector. This gift of land reflects the magnanimity, selflessness and commitment of the police force to uphold the rule of law in these challenging times. The Uganda Police could have given the land to blue chips investors but they chose the sector, purposely to ensure the safety of the person and security of property. This relocation has had consequences on the lives of the 500 families who had to leave the land. In solidarity with these families, JLOS commits to support the Uganda Police Force to build decent accommodation and office space to boost the productivity of the forces.

The immediate purpose of the JLOS House One Stop Centre is to provide customised accommodation for JLOS institutions while saving the tax payer 18 billion shillings spent on rent annually. The JLOS house enable Government to provide public services in a cost effective and responsive manner. For example, a person following up a criminal complaint should be able to interact with the police, the Directorate of Public Prosecutions and the Court within the same complex. Our goal in JLOS is reduce the cost of accessing public services through cutting

public costs of accessing our services. We would like to see Government services being provided as service for the people by the people.

Related and interconnected services of the 17 JLOS institution will be provided in one central location thus reducing on the time, cost, stress and inconvenience of accessing public services. Services such as registration of companies, court services, law enforcement and payment of fees will be provided at the convenience of the public rather than Government.

We shall align the JLOS house to the business processes of JLOS. JLOS exists to promote the rule of law. The rule of law from a JLOS perspective can only be achieved if three conditions are met. These are having institutions with strong, policy and regulatory frameworks to enable institutions to articulate and execute their mandates.

Institutions that are capable of providing services at the least cost right time and in the right quantity.

Institutions that are pillars of good governance and that respect human rights of all and are accountable to the people and the law. Thus the JLOS house will be built around the three strategic objectives to promote the common good of all.

Ladies and gentlemen, the JLOS house will add 80,000 square metres of office space. Additional space will support the public service /civil service modernisation programme of enhancing the capacity of the public sector through institution building and making government

offices smart, user friendly and customised to serving the public. We shall provide flexible offices, common facilities such as conference rooms, adequate parking space for the public and staff as well as top of the range ICT services to deepen E Governance. The traditional office cubicle will give way to horizontal offices that promote open government, transparency, maximises office space utilisation. Horizontal offices will make it easy for management to supervise staff and weed out opportunistic corruption perpetuated in closed offices.

Last but not least, I want to commend JLOS institutions for having agreed to sacrifice resources to put up this shared and integrated public infrastructure. Your sacrifices echo the strength of the sector wide approach in the provision of public services. The setorwide approach makes it possible for government to maximise synergies of communication, cooperation and coordination and the system approach to confronting the enormous task of revolutionising the provision of public services. As a sector, JLOS will continue to support the wider government efforts of facilitating the growth of the economy by providing critical rule of law services at the most competitive costs and time.

It is therefore my honour to officially receive the JLOS house land.

For God and my country.

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