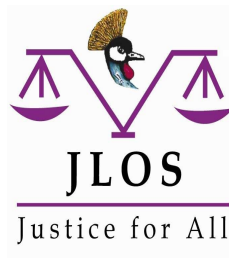


# THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA



## JUSTICE LAW AND ORDER SECTOR



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**My Lord, The Chief Justice**

**Honourable Ministers present**

**My Lord the Resident Judge**

**Members of the JLOS Leadership Committee**

**Members of the JLOS Steering Committee**

**Registrar General, Uganda Registration Services Bureau**

**Resident District Commissioner**

**Chairman L.C. V**

**Your Worships Registrars and Magistrates present**

**Members of the Mitooma District Chain-linked Committee**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

It is my honour and pleasure to welcome you to this important event as we prepare for the construction of a home for the Justice Law and Order Sector in Mitooma. This is an important event for us because it marks another milestone in our journey to extend the JLOS services to all parts of this country.

These Justice Centres are a demonstration of the commitment of the Government to ensuring Justice for all and to providing quality services that are accessible to those

who require them the most. This commitment will be further strengthened through the deployment and tooling of adequate staff to man these offices and through strengthened observance of standards in customer care and service delivery.

The Sector is working towards strengthening customer care and delivering of results. This is will be through the development and delivery of demand driven programmes that address key challenges and needs of the community. We will also continue with the development of Client Charters that state our pledge to the public and through performance management mechanisms aimed at ensuring consistent delivery of quality services.

We urge the public therefore to make good use of these premises and the services that are offered and be vigilant in guarding your rights to access to quality and timely justice. Above all we call on you to support us in our efforts to fight all forms of corruption by not engaging in or encouraging our staff to engage in malpractices and further by reporting any cases. Promoting the Rule of Law and ensuring the maintenance of law and order is a shared responsibility and, while we commit to providing better access and quality of justice services, we call on you to participate in these justice processes at all levels and support us in achieving greater access to justice.

As a sector we are working towards the de-concentration of additional services such as advisory services, registration service and immigration services. We are further working towards the development of structures for the provision of legal aid services. These are intended to provide service points for the provision of legal advice and representation to those who cannot afford legal representation. We believe that this system would go a great way in addressing the challenges and bottlenecks that the most vulnerable members of society face in fulfilling their rights and creating an environment for economic development.

These processes are further supported by national justice programmes such as Community Service Programme, plea bargaining and small claims procedure which are part of the larger initiative to address case backlog, community policing and legal aid programmes. These programmes will be strengthened throughout the Country and particularly here in Mitooma through the presence of this new Justice Centre.

I call on you all to make full use of the services offered. Take a keen interest in the work of the institutions present and do not fear to demand for services or to engage with our offices either directly or through the District Chain-linked committees. It is through this healthy engagement that we can learn how best to serve you and meet your needs. We thank you, the people of Mitooma, for providing us with the land to build this centre and we in turn commit to constructing infrastructure that is to the best standard possible.

Allow me, to take this opportunity to thank our development partners, whose commitment and support to the Sector has ensured that we are able to continue with this drive to bring services nearer to the people. We give them and the people of Uganda the assurance that the funds provided to the Sector will make a valuable contribution to access to justice in Mitooma and in Uganda as a whole.

To the staff of the Justice Law and Order Sector here in Mitooma and other members of District Chain Linked Committee, thank you for the hard work that you have put in to preparing this function. I ask that your efforts be continued once the centre is complete and that we put the centre to good use for the benefit of the community that we are here to serve.

I thank you all for your attention.

It is now my honour privilege to invite the Honourable the Chief Justice to address you.

Hon Maj. Gen. Kahinda Otafiire (Rtd.)

**MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS**