



## BRIEF ON THE JLOS HOUSE COMPLEX

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### 1 Introduction

The Justice Law and Order Sector (JLOS) of Uganda brings together seventeen government institutions responsible for the administration of justice, maintenance of law and order and ensuring respect for human rights and accountability. JLOS is comprised of the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs as the lead institution, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development, the Ministry of Local Government, the Judiciary, the Directorate of Public Prosecutions, the Uganda Police Force, the Uganda Prison Services, the Judicial Service Commission, the Uganda Human Rights Commission, the Uganda Law Reform Commission, Directorate of Citizenship and Immigration Control, the Uganda Registration Service Bureau, the Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution, the Tax Appeals Tribunal, the Law Development Centre and the Uganda Law Society.

JLOS's overarching objective is to promote the rule of law through three strategic objectives, namely; strengthening policy and regulatory framework of all its institutions; increasing public access to all its services and strengthening the observance of human rights and accountability.

### 2 The JLOS House Complex

Central to the reforms being carried out by JLOS is the need to provide decent accommodation to all the JLOS institutions through one stop centre offices. Consequently, JLOS has embarked on the construction of premises at Naguru, Kampala and on Plot 1, the Square to provide accommodation to government ministries, institutions and specifically the Judiciary, to house the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, Constitutional Court and the Criminal, Anti-Corruption and International Criminal Divisions of the High Court. On completion the entire JLOS House project will provide 80,000 square meters of office space and save

Government five million dollars which it spends annually on renting office premises for JLOS institutions.

The JLOS House project (one stop centre) will support and give impetus to ongoing reforms in the public sector aimed at improving the productivity of the public service through integration of services and sharing of common services such as ICT conference facilities and asset management and facilitating the growth of the private sector through the provision of timely public services.

Furthermore, the JLOS House project will introduce modern concepts of office management and incorporate environmental concepts of green and intelligent technology in the design and construction of public buildings. Ultimately, the savings generated by the one stop centre will free resources to revamp the legal sector while the benefits of delivering competitive public services will enhance Uganda's competitiveness as it transforms into a modern progressive country.

### **3 Components of the JLOS House Complex**

The JLOS House will have four components, namely the JLOS House, the Criminal Court House, the Appellate Courts and the headquarters of the Uganda Police Force. The **JLOS House** will provide office accommodation through a green and intelligent building for JLOS institutions as a one stop centre to facilitate and improve service delivery and increase access to JLOS services.

The **Criminal Court House** will provide office accommodation to the Criminal Division, Anti-Corruption and the International Criminal Division of the High Court to foster the safety of the person, security of property, accountability and good governance.

The **Police Headquarters** will provide a green and intelligent building that will increase police productivity and improve the quality of policing services.

The **Appellate Courts** will provide a custom built Supreme Court, Constitutional Court and Court of Appeal to promote the independence of the Judiciary and access to judicial services.

### **4 Assumptions**

The JLOS House project is designed around the following assumptions, namely that:

1. The project will be completed on time.
2. JLOS institutions and stakeholders are in agreement with the innovation.

3. Funding for the project will be secured in time and at affordable rates.
4. Technological installations will be implemented as proposed.
5. Government commitment to the project.

## 5 Space

The JLOS House Complex will provide 80,000 square meters of office space as indicated in the table below.

Institution	Police Headquarters (allocated space in sq. metres)	Appellate Courts (allocated space in sq. metres)	JLOS House (allocated space in sq. metres)
Appellate Courts		17,370	
Criminal Court House			6,750
Ministry of Justice			6,480
Ministry of Internal Affairs			2,700
Police Headquarters	18,270		
Uganda Prisons Services			4,860
Uganda Registration Service Bureau			3,060
Directorate of Public Prosecutions			2,700
Uganda Law Reform Commission			1,170
CADER			270
Tax Appeals Tribunal			540
Judicial Service Commission			720
Common Services			810

Parking			10,000
TOTAL	18,270		

It should be noted that the Directorate of Citizenship and Immigration Control will remain at the current headquarters of Ministry of Internal Affairs. The Uganda Law Society will not be part of the JLOS Complex. JLOS is separately funding the Uganda Law Society to put up a training centre for its members. The Ministry of Local Government and Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development will not be in the JLOS house because most of their mandate are outside the JLOS Sector although provision will be made for inclusion of the Industrial Court in the complex.

## **6 Governance structure for the JLOS House Complex**

The JLOS House Complex is managed by a three tier structure. The JLOS Leadership Committee comprised of the line Ministers and heads of the JLOS institutions will provide strategic leadership and articulate the vision and the goals of the project in Cabinet and government. While the Steering Committee, comprised of all Permanent Secretaries will provide policy guidance and oversight of the project. The JLOS Construction Committee comprised of technical officers from the institutions is directly responsible for supervising the project and the staff working thereunder. The JLOS construction Committee is resourced by Dr. Eng. Christopher Ebal, as the Project Manager. The Project Manager is responsible for among other things supervising the consultants and contractor, who will be engaged to carry out the project.

## **7 Progress on the JLOS House Complex**

The following milestones have been achieved under the JLOS House complex:-

1. Acquisition of certificate of title for the JLOS land
2. Clearing of police officers off the JLOS land
3. Relocation of police officers, who were previously on the JLOS land.
4. Fencing of the land for the Headquarters of the Uganda Police Force.
5. Engagement of consultants to draw detailed designs for the Headquarters of the Uganda Police Force and the Appellate Courts.
6. Appropriation of 12.6 billion shillings for the JLOS House complex.

## 8 Conclusion

The JLOS House Complex is an ambitious project both in size and cost with the potential to change the way Government conducts its business and relates with the public. The project stands out to introduce modern concepts of office management , open government , environmental conservation and rationalized use of time, space and other scarce resources, which if properly implemented could reduce the cost of public administration. The noble objectives of this project can only be realized if the JLOS leadership can engage the government to provide resources and commitments to transform the project into a living reality for generations present and yet to come.

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