



### Resolutions at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Judges' Conference 2018

- (1) The Judiciary should prioritize disposal of cases that destabilize societies, such as: homicides, sexual related cases, commercial cases, and land matters.
- (2) The Sentencing Guidelines should be reviewed, in order to address any gaps and inconsistencies with the law, including Plea Bargaining Rules, the mandate and interests of the key stakeholders in the criminal justice system.
- (3) The law reporting function should be institutionalised in the Judiciary through the issuance of a Practice Direction from the Chief Justice.
- (4) All newly appointed judges of the High Court should be immediately inducted, and duly deployed to specific High Court Divisions, such as the criminal, civil, land and commercial divisions, to timely clear backlog, particularly taking into account the courts/ circuits that have high case backlog.
- (5) All newly appointed Judicial Officers should be inducted.
- (6) Courts should prepare and submit their costed work plans with specific timelines to the committee, and copied to the Chairperson before the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018, in order to ably inform and allow proper planning and allocation of human and financial resources in Judiciary's financial year budget.
- (7) The Courts should agree on the standards to apply during court proceedings and devise a policy on appointment of advocates on state briefs.
- (8) Judicial Officers should fast track cases of the marginalized groups.
- (9) The Judiciary should prepare and avail court Users' Guides that are specific for court divisions and levels, in simple English and local languages, including the signage to court users.
- (10) All the Judiciary's ICT reforms should include training and orientation of all the Human resource and other stake holders.