



THE JUDICIARY

27th ANNUAL JUDGES' CONFERENCE

Theme: Judicial Wellness: A Tool for Effective Case Management



2nd - 4th FEBRUARY, 2026

Speke Resort Munyonyo



PROGRAMME

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Ag. CHIEF REGISTRAR – HER WORSHIP LAMUNU PAMELLA OCAYA



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PROGRAMME

DAY ONE: SUNDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE UNIT
03:00pm	CHEK - IN AT SPEKE RESORT MUNYONYO	

DAY TWO: MONDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE UNIT
8:30 - 8:55am	Registration of Participants & Guests	• JTI—Secretariat
SESSION CHAIR	THE HON. THE ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF JUSTICE	
9:00 - 10:00am	OPENING CEREMONY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthems • Opening Prayer • Remarks by the Executive Director, JTI, Hon. Justice Prof Andrew Khaukha • Remarks by the Chairperson of the Governing Council of JTI, Hon. Justice Mike Chibita • Remarks by the Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Hon. Norbert Mao • Remarks by the Hon. the Chief Justice, Hon. Justice Dr Flavian Zeija: The State of the Courts of Record as at February 2026 • Official Opening by President of the Republic of Uganda- HE Yoweri Kaguta Museveni Tibuhaburwa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HW Lamunu Pamella Ocaya, Ag Chief Registrar • His Worship Ereemye James Jumire Mawanda, Public Relations Officer, Judiciary

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE UNIT
10:00 - 10:30am	HEALTH BREAK/GROUP PHOTOS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ag Chief Registrar/PRO
10:30 - 11:00am	Keynote Address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hon. Justice Dr Mumba Malila, <i>The Chief Justice of Zambia</i>
11:00 - 11:15am	Plenary discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants
11:15 - 11:25am	High Court Performance Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Lady Justice Jane Frances Abodo, <i>Principal Judge</i>
11:25 - 11:35am	Court of Appeal Performance Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Justice Geoffrey Kiryabwire, <i>Court Administrator, Court of Appeal</i>
11:35 - 11:45am	Supreme Court Performance Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Lady Justice Dr Lillian Tibatemwa - Ekirikubinza, <i>Court Administrator, Supreme Court</i>
11:45 - 12:00pm	Joint Plenary discussion	
SESSION CHAIR: HON. JUSTICE MUZAMIRU M KIBEEDI, JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT		
12:00 - 12:45pm	Topic: Unpacking Judicial Wellness—G1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Justice Oscar Kihika, <i>Justice of the Court of Appeal</i> Hon. Lady Justice Elizabeth Jane Alividza, <i>Judge, Land Division</i> Hon. Lady Justice Olive Kazarwe Mukwaya, <i>Judge, Land Division</i> Hon. Justice Emokor Samuel, <i>Judge, Land Division</i> HW Godfrey Kaweesa, <i>Deputy Registrar, ADR</i> Ms Suzan Tashobya – <i>Judiciary Counselor</i> HW Lillian Bucyana, <i>Ag Registrar, In Charge, JTI</i>
12:45 - 01:00pm	Plenary discussion	All
1:00 - 2:00pm	LUNCH BREAK	
SESSION CHAIR: HON. LADY JUSTICE JANE FRANCES ABODO, PRINCIPAL JUDGE		

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE UNIT
2:00 - 2:30pm	Topic: ADR/AJS as a pillar of Accessible Justice: ADR in the Administration of Criminal Justice—G2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Justice David Matovu, <i>Head of the Criminal Division</i> • Hon. Lady Justice Jane Okuo Kajuga, <i>Deputy Head, High Court Anti - Corruption Division</i> • Hon. Justice Tadeo Asimwe, <i>Resident Judge, Mubende</i> • Hon. Justice Tweyanze Lawrence, <i>Resident Judge, High Court Kasese</i> • Hon. Justice Allan Paul Nshimiye, <i>Senior Resident Judge, High Court, Mbarara</i> • Mr Lino Anguzo, <i>Director Public Prosecutions</i> • Ms Margaret Nakigudde, <i>Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions</i> • Ms Susan Sylvia Wakabala, <i>Advocate</i> • HW Esther Nasambu, <i>Chief Magistrate, JTI</i>
2:30 - 2:45pm	Plenary discussion	All
SESSION CHAIR: HON. JUSTICE CHEBORION BARISHAKI, JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL		
2:45 - 3:15pm	ADR: The Perspectives from the BAR and the Private Sector—G3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Justice Bart Katureebe, <i>Chief Justice Emeritus</i> • Hon. Mr Kiwanuka Kiryowa, <i>The Hon. Attorney General</i> • Mr Perry Pius Biribonwoha, <i>Solicitor General/JTI Governing Council</i> • Mr Francis Gimara, <i>Team Leader, Alp Advocates</i> • Ms Barbara Kilei, <i>Country Director, IDLO</i>
3:15 - 3:30pm	Plenary discussion	All

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE UNIT
SESSION CHAIR: HON. LADY JUSTICE HELLEN OBURA, JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL		
3:30 - 4:00pm	ADR in Commercial Justice Administration—G4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Lady Justice Ann B Mugenyi, <i>Head of the High Court Commercial Division</i> • Hon. Lady Justice Linda Lillian Mugisha, <i>Head, Industrial Court</i> • Hon. Lady Justice Susan Abinyo, <i>Deputy Head Commercial Division</i> • Hon. Justice Ocaya Thomas Ojele, <i>Judge, Commercial Division</i> • Hon. Lady Justice Patience Rubagumya, <i>Judge, Commercial Division</i> • Hon. Lady Justice Mutesi Patricia, <i>Judge, Commercial Division</i> • HW Jessica Chemeri, <i>Deputy Registrar, Commercial Court</i>
4:00 - 4:15pm	Plenary discussion	All
SESSION CHAIR: Hon. LADY JUSTICE IRENE MULYAGONJA, JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL		
4:15 - 4:45pm	ADR in the Administration of Land Justice—G5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Lady Justice Damalie Lwanga, <i>Head, High Court Land Division</i> • Hon. Lady Justice Basaza Patricia Wasswa, <i>Judge, Land Division</i> • Hon. Lady Justice Flavia Nassuna Matovu, <i>Judge, Land Division</i> • Hon. Lady Justice Christine Kaahwa, <i>Judge, Land Division</i> • Hon. Lady Justice Ida Nakiganda, <i>Land Division</i> • HW Ronald Kayizzi, <i>Deputy Registrar, Land Division</i>
4:45 - 5:00pm	Plenary discussion	All
8:30 - 8:55am	Registration of Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JTI—Secretariat

DAY THREE: **TUESDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY 2026**

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE UNIT
SESSION CHAIR: HON. LADY JUSTICE CATHERINE BAMUGEMEREIRE, JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT		
9:00 - 9:30am	ADR in the Administration of Family Justice—G6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Justice John Eudes Keitirima, <i>Head Family Division</i> • Hon. Lady Justice Immaculate Busingye, <i>Deputy Head Family Division</i> • Hon. Lady Justice Nagawa Celia, <i>Judge, Family Division</i> • HW Komugisa Juliet, <i>Assistant Registrar, Family Division</i>
9:30 - 9:45am	Plenary Discussion	All
SESSION CHAIR: HON. JUSTICE DUNCAN GASWAGA, JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT - ICD		
9:45 - 10:15am	Topic: Repositioning AJS to Enhance Access to access—G7	Panel Discussants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Justice Vincent Emmy Mugabo, <i>Senior Resident Judge, Fort Portal</i> • Hon. Justice Phillip Odoki, <i>Senior Resident Judge Gulu</i> • Hon. Justice George Okello, <i>Resident Judge, Patong</i> • Hon. Justice Phillip Mwaka, <i>Resident Judge, Kitgum</i> • Hon. Lady Justice Lillian Alum Omara, <i>Resident Judge Gulu</i> • Dr Pamela Tibihikirra - Kalyegira, <i>Director LDC/Governing Council JTI</i> • HW Justine Atukwasa, <i>Registrar, ADR</i>
10:15 - 10:45am	Perspectives From Kenya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Justice Joel Ngugi, <i>Justice of the Court of Appeal of Kenya</i>
10:45 - 11:00am	Plenary	All
11:00 - 11:30am	HEALTH BREAK	

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE UNIT
SESSION CHAIR: HON. JUSTICE, SSEKAANA MUSA, JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL		
11:30 - 12:00am	Topic: Effective Case Management in Election Petitions—G8	Panel Discussants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Justice Andrew Bashaija, <i>Head, Inter Crimes Division</i> • Hon. Justice Henry Isabirye Kaweesa, <i>Judge, High Court, Tororo Circuit</i> • Hon. Justice Paul Gadenya Wolimbwa, <i>Judge, Criminal Division</i> • Hon. Lady Justice Joyce Kavuma, <i>Head Civil Division</i> • Hon. Justice Simon Peter Kinobe Mutegeki, <i>Judge Civil Division</i> • His Worship Simon Zirintusa, <i>Registrar, High Court, Civil Division</i>
12:00 - 12:15pm	Plenary Discussion	All
SESSION CHAIR: HON. JUSTICE CHRISTOPHER GASHIRABAKE, JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL		
12:15 - 12:45pm	Topic: Judgement Writing in Election Petitions—G9	Panel Discussants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Lady Justice Monica Mugenyi, <i>Justice of the Supreme Court</i> • Hon. Lady Justice Winfred Nabisinde, <i>Resident Judge Lugazi</i> • Hon. Justice Stephen Mubiru, <i>Senior Resident Judge, High Court, Mukono</i> • Hon. Justice Boniface Wamala, <i>Resident Judge, Soroti</i> • Hon. Justice Isaac Teko Bonny, <i>Judge, Civil Division</i> • HW Esther Murungi, <i>Magistrate Grade One, JTI</i>
12:45 - 1:00pm	Perspectives from Kenya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Justice Smokin Wanjala, <i>Justice of the Supreme Court of Kenya</i>
1:00 - 1:15pm	Plenary discussion	All

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE UNIT
1:15 - 2:15pm	LUNCH BREAK	
SESSION CHAIR: HON. LADY JUSTICE EVA K LUSWATA, JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL		
2:15 - 2:45am	Topic: Adopting a Uniform and Consistent Approach to Sentencing in SGBV Cases—G10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel Discussants Hon. Lady Justice Eva K Luswata, Justice of the Court of Appeal Hon. Lady Justice Susan Okalany, Judge, International Crimes Division Hon. Justice David Bateema, Judge, Iganga HCT Circuit Hon. Justice Michael Elubu, Judge High Court, Anti - Corruption Hon. Lady Justice Margaret Mutonyi, Judge, High Court, Family Division Hon. Lady Justice Victoria Nakintu Katamba, Resident Judge, Masaka High Circuit Hon. Lady Justice Harriet Magala, Resident Judge, Arua HW Mallen Obizu, Magistrate Grade JTI
2:45 - 3:00pm	Plenary discussion	All
3:00 - 4:30pm	MEETINGS FOR JUSTICES & JUDGES	
	MEETING FOR REGISTRARS	
7:30pm	CHIEF JUSTICES DINNER - SUNSET RESTAURANT	

DAY FOUR: **WEDNESDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY 2026**

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE UNIT
8:30 - 8:55am	Registration of Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JTI—Secretariat
SESSION CHAIR: HON. JUSTICE ANTHONY WABWIRE, JUDGE, INDUSTRIAL COURT		
9:00 - 9:40am	Topic: Integrating Artificial Intelligence in the Effective and Efficient Case Management—G11	<p>Panel Discussants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Justice Christopher Izama Madrama, <i>Justice of the Supreme Court</i> Hon. Justice Fredrick Egonda - Ntende, <i>Justice of the Court of Appeal</i> Hon. Justice Geoffrey Kiryabwire, <i>Justice of the Court of Appeal</i> Hon. Justice John Mike Musisi, <i>Justice of the Court of Appeal</i> Hon. Justice Richard Wejuli Wabwire, <i>Judge, International Crimes Division</i> Mr Robert Kirunda, <i>Advocate, Kirunda & Co Advocates</i> HW Joel Wegoye, <i>Senior Magistrate Grade One</i> HW Daniel Bwambale, <i>Senior Principal Magistrate Grade One</i>
9:40 - 10:00am	Perspectives from Kenya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Justice Isaac Lenaola, <i>Justice of the Supreme Court of Kenya</i>
10:00 - 10:30am	Plenary	All
10:30 - 11:00am	HEALTH BREAK	
SESSION CHAIR: HON. LADY JUSTICE ELIZABETH MUSOKE, JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT		
11:00 - 11:30am	Topic: The State of the Judiciary Resources in the Administration of Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Pius Bigirimana, <i>Permanent Secretary/ Secretary to the Judiciary</i>
11:30 - 11:45am	Plenary discussion	All

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE UNIT
SESSION CHAIR: HON. LADY JUSTICE LILLIAN TIBATEMWA EKIRIKUBINZA, JSC		
11:45 - 12:15am	Topic: Judicial Leadership and its impact on effective Case Management—G12	Panel Discussants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Justice Mike Chibita, <i>Justice of the Supreme Court</i> • Hon. Justice Emmanuel Baguma, <i>Deputy Head, Criminal Division</i> • Hon. Lady Justice Kania Rosette Comfort Kania, <i>Judge, Criminal Division</i> • Hon. Lady Justice Sarah Langa Siu, <i>Head, Wakiso High Court Circuit</i> • Hon. Justice Prof Andrew Khaukha, <i>Executive Director, JTI</i> • HW Kahunde Hadija, <i>Magistrate Grade 1, JTI</i>
12:15 - 12:30pm	Plenary Discussion	All participants
12:30 - 12:45pm	CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS	JTI SECRETARIATE
12:45 - 1:15pm	CLOSING CEREMONY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks by Hon. Justice Prof Andrew Khaukha, Executive Director – JTI • Remarks by Hon. Justice Mike Chibita, Chair, Governing Council JTI • Remarks by Hon. Justice Dr Flavian Zeija, The Hon. Chief Justice • Address by Hon. Anita Annet Among, Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda • Anthems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HW Lamunu Pamella Ocaya, <i>Ag Chief Registrar</i> • His Worship Ereemye James Jumire Mawanda, <i>Public Relations Officer</i>
1:15pm	LUNCH & DEPARTURE	



THE JUDICIARY

VISION: Justice for All

MISSION: To efficiently and effectively administer justice

CORE VALUES

INDEPENDENCE

The Judiciary commits to operate freely without interference or taking directives from, or being controlled by any person or authority.

IMPARTIALITY

The Judiciary commits to perform its mandate with respect and without fear, favour, affection or ill will, bias or prejudice.

TRANSPARENCY

The Judiciary commits to openness in all its activities in the administration and delivery of justice, and dissemination of information.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Judiciary commits to taking responsibility for its actions and will be answerable to the people of Uganda.

PROFESSIONALISM

The Judiciary commits to delivering its mandate efficiently, fairly and within reasonable time.

INTEGRITY

The Judiciary in carrying out its mandate, shall demonstrate the highest standards of honesty, transparency and impartiality.

EQUALITY

The Judiciary shall accord equal treatment to all persons who appear before the courts, without discrimination on the ground sex, race, colour, ethnic origin, tribe, birth, creed or religion, social or economic standing, political opinion or disability.