

**CLOSING REMARKS BY THE AG. CHIEF
JUSTICE & CHAIRPERSON JLOS LEADERSHIP
COMMITTEE AT THE 19TH JOINT GOU
DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS' JLOS ANNUAL
REVIEW**



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**SPEKE RESORT AND COUNTRY CLUB
MUNYONYO, KAMPALA**

ON

Justice for All

THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2014

Honourable Ministers,

My Lord the Principal Judge,

Your Excellency, the Chair of the Development
Partners Group,

Members of the JLOS Leadership Committee,

Your Excellences,

My Lords,

Members of the JLOS Steering and Technical
Committees,

Chairpersons of selected districts,

Your Worships,

Invited Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the leadership of the Justice, Law and Order Sector and on my own behalf, I thank each and every one of you for participating in this year's review. Thank you for spending the entire day with us and for putting tremendous thought and effort in reflecting on and evaluating the Sector's performance in the second year of reporting under the Third Strategic Investment Plan. We appreciate the diverse perspectives and advice shared which we shall consider for promotion of national development, enhancing the rule of law, transparency and accountability in Uganda.

I am thankful to the Honourable Ministers, development partner representatives, all speakers and session chairpersons for their valuable presentations. I am also grateful to the staff from JLOS institutions for the hard work, and development partners and Government of Uganda who provided resources to the Sector. I appreciate the team that prepared the Annual Performance Report 2013/2014 and JLOS Secretariat for organizing the excellent review.

I congratulate all Sector institutions for the achievements presented to us in the Annual Performance Report. I commend you all for your valuable continuous commitment and efforts which are evident through the registered achievements in the three outcome areas thus; strengthening policy and legislative framework, enhancing access to JLOS services for vulnerable groups and promotion of observance of human rights and accountability during the year under review. We shall continue building on our achievements and innovations to enhance effective and efficient service delivery to our clients, especially the vulnerable groups. I recognize the fact that the journey has not always been smooth but we hope to jointly find solutions to the outstanding challenges. The Sector will continue pursuing institutional reform in order to further enhance efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and professionalism in service delivery. I encourage you to commit extra effort and time to study in depth the Annual Performance Report 2013/14.

The Sector is committed to addressing systemic impediments to the administration of justice and maintenance of law and order by enhancing cooperation, coordination and communication amongst stakeholders in a bid to improve service delivery. The JLOS Chain-linked Committees Operating Guidelines 2013, which I launched this morning govern the management and operations of the Chain Linked Advisory Board, Regional Chain Linked Committees (RCC) and District Chain Linked Committees (DCC). I call upon the Chain Linked Advisory Board and Committees to work together towards realizing the overall goal of improving safety of person, security of property, observance of human rights and access to justice to promote economic development and benefit the poor and vulnerable people in society.

I wish to assure the Country of the Sector's commitment to fighting acts of corruption through the ongoing implementation of the Sectors Anti-Corruption Strategy. I remind all institutional leaders to ensure zero tolerance of corruption, reformation of mind-sets and promotion of

customer service oriented attitudes in the dispensation of justice.

In line with the theme of the review ‘Building public trust in JLOS service delivery’ we shall continue cultivating effectiveness, efficiency, consistency, transparency, integrity and professionalism which are paramount in building and maintaining public trust in JLOS service delivery. I do remind all Sector institutions that the unique position of power and authority we hold demands that we exhibit and uphold high ethical standards and accountability to the citizenry. I therefore call upon all Sector institutions to consistently deliver quality services to all which will yield the desired public trust.

I am grateful to our development partners for supporting the sector with resources which made it possible for us to pursue our overall goal of promotion of rule of law in Uganda. I reiterate what other speakers have said and call upon your continued support to the Sector.

Once more, I thank our development partners, heads of JLOS institutions, members of other institutions, representatives of civil society organizations and participants for the worthwhile discussions and recommendations. I look forward to your continued strategic partnership, participation, support and commitment in the coming year.

With those few remarks it is therefore my Honour to declare the Annual Performance Review closed.

Thank you for your attention.

For God and My Country.

Steven B.K. Kavuma

**AG. CHIEF JUSTICE AND
CHAIR OF THE JLOS
LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**