

THE JUDICIARY

WELCOME REMARKS

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My Lord the Hon The Chief Justice,
My Lord The Hon the Deputy Chief Justice,
My Lord The Hon the Principal Judge,
My Lord the Justices of the Supreme Court,
My Lord the Justices of the Court of Appeal,
My Lord the Judges of the High Court,
Your Worship the Chief Registrar,
The Secretary to the Judiciary,
Your Worships the Registrars,
Distinguished Invited Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

First and foremost, I take this opportunity to warmly welcome you all to this 18th Annual Judges Conference. Before I proceed further with my remarks as the new calendar year has just began I would wish to take this opportunity wish each and every one of you all a Happy New Year, 2016.

The theme of this conference is **“Promoting the Rule of law through judicial Accountability and Excellence”** which we hope to achieve through the four objectives as set out in the programme document by the end of the conference.

This conference begins today and ends on the 21st day, of January, 2016. On the 22nd day of January, 2016, the ceremony for the opening of the New Law year will take place at the High Court

Grounds in Kampala and will be presided over by His Lordship the Hon. The Chief Justice of Uganda. You are all cordially invited to attend it.

On this first day of the conference there will be an opening ceremony with speeches from selected personalities to be crowned by that of the Guest of Honour. There will also be a group photograph after the speeches as well as health breaks which will intersperse various presentations throughout the conference. A Judges meeting is also scheduled to place on this very first day to be attended to by Judges only.

This conference is organized by the Judiciary administration in conjunction with the Judicial Studies Institute and from the letter which was sent to you by my predecessor who unfortunately is not able to attend this conference due to ill health on the 17th of December, 2015, clear instructions were given thus should guide the smooth process of you enjoying the conference

Of note, however, is the fact that this conference offers a wide selection of topics ranging from issues relating to ranging the

performance of the courts, the role of the Judiciary in achieving the goals of national development, the art of decision making, the role of the inspectorate of courts to such other pertinent topics like judicial reforms, international framework for court excellence and judicial operations.

At the end of it all we expect to come up with a well considered conference resolution which should guide the functioning and the operations of the Judiciary during this year.

As many of you may be aware, I have but barely but assumed the office of the Executive Director of the Judicial Studies Institute after being appointed to that office by the Hon. The Chief Justice and I am yet to take full control of the assignment and therefore if your expectations of me short changed at this stage, I wish tender in advance my apologies and pray that you bear with me for I am still in transit and observing. Please, therefore, do not therefore not expect too much out of me at this stage. However, my promise to you is that next time over I will certainly meet and even exceed your expectations.

Lastly and in conclusion I thank all those persons and organizations in their various capacities who have enabled the holding this conference at this time of the year and my appeal to each and every one of us participating that we each take personal interest in the conference activities and to contribute positively towards its success.

With those few remarks, I thank you all sincerely for your kind attention and with that it is now my singular duty and honour to invite the Chairperson of the Judicial Training Committee to give her welcome remarks.

I wish you all an endearing and a memorable conference.

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