

JUDICIAL STUDIES INSTITUTE / REGISTRY OF RESEARCH AND TRAINING

A BRIEF REPORT ON ACTIVITIES AND THE NUFFIC/JSI PROJECT

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Introduction

This report covers the outstanding activities conducted at the Judicial Studies Institute since the month of April, 2012 to date.

Activities

Between the month of April and May, we piloted the following Courses on the Curriculum being developed by the Task Force:-

- I. Judgment Writing-conducted at Masaka - from 11th – 13th April, 2012.

This Course is being developed by Hon. Justice Lawrence Gidudu, who piloted it among participants drawn from Chief Magistrates and senior ranking Magistrates Grade One.

- II. Land Justice and ICT- conducted at Ridar Hotel, Mukono - from 16th – 21st April, 2012.

The course on Land Justice is being developed by Hon. Justice Masalu Musene.

The piloting was facilitated by Justice Masalu Musene and Justice Moses Mukiibi,

The course on ICT was facilitated by Mr Emmanuel Yeka, the Systems Administrator at JSI.

III. Criminal Procedure, Ethics and Integrity

These two Courses were piloted one after the other in a workshop held at Collin hotel, Mukono from the 14th to 19th May, 2012

The Course on Criminal Procedure is being developed by H/W Henrietta Wolayo, whereas that on Ethics and Integrity is being developed by H/W Jane Elizabeth Alvidza.

Besides the Course Developer, the Course on Criminal Procedure was facilitated by Justices Andrew Bashaijja and Byabakama Mugenyi.

The Course on Ethics and Integrity was facilitated by the Course Developer and host of guest speakers, prominent among whom included the IGG and the President, Uganda Law Society.

IV. Workshop on Community Service - from 21st – 22nd May 2012.

This workshop was organized under the Community Service Program. It was held at Metropole Hotel, Kampala, with participants comprising of mainly Grade two Magistrates drawn from all over the country.

V. Training for the Equal Opportunities Commission.

This activity was conducted at Ridar Hotel, Mukono from 11th – 15 June, 2012.

The funding for this activity was solely provided by the Equal Opportunities Commission.

VI. Court Interpreters' Training - from 9th to 12 July, 2012.

This training was conducted which involved court interpreters from the central region was conducted at the Judicial Studies Institute It was facilitated by Dr. Katja and H/W Immaculate Busingye among others.

At the moment we are engaged with the Uganda Human Rights Commission who have requested us to design a training program for their new Commissioners.

Report on the winding up of the JSI/ Nuffic project

The project, which started in 2009, wound up on 30th June, 2012. The project objective was to strengthen the Institute's capacity to deliver practical training. The following Key Result Areas have been implementation:-

- i) Formalizing the legal status of JSI and enhancing the planning and its Management capacity.
- ii) Enhancing the Capacity of JSI staff and Faculty Members to deliver practical training.
- iii) Curriculum Development and Review.
- iv) Improving Law Reporting and Judicial Based Research and Documentation.
- v) Investment in Teaching Infrastructure and Equipment.

1.1 Project Achievements

The following achievements have been made:-

(A) JSI Planning & Management Capacity:

In preparation for the formalization of JSI Legal status, the Institute with the assistance of various consultancies has formulated an Investment Plan and the following policies have been drafted as we await for formalizing the legal status:-

- i) JSI Organizational Development Plan.
- ii) JSI Human Resource Development Policy.

iii) JSI Research Policy.

(B) Staff and Faculty Development:

Out of the planned 8 Masters Programmes, and 2 PhDs, implementation has been as follows:

- i) Hon. Justice D.K. Wangutusi finalized his Master of Laws and Research at Keel University,U.K., in September, 2011
- ii) H/W Jessica Chemeri also finalized her Master of Laws and ICT at Stockholm University, Sweden, in October, 2011
- iii) Hon. Justice Amos Twinomujuni started a sandwich programme for a Master of Laws at Nelson Mandela University, South Africa in January 2011. It is a two year programme because he only attends for two weeks every after three months. He is, however, currently indisposed.
- iv) H/W Elizabeth Jane Alividza started her PhD in Law in April, 2011 at Leiden University, Netherlands. It is also a sandwich programme whereby she attends at intervals and returns to work.
- v) Hon. Justice Lawrence Gidudu and Mrs. Dorcas Okalany started their MBA Programmes at EASAMI in May, 2011. They will complete in the year 2012.
- vi) Mr. Yeka Emmanuel finalized a Postgraduate diploma in IT in June, 2011 from Makerere University
- vii) H/W. Tom Chemutai is pursuing a Master of Laws at Makerere University. He will complete in 2013.

(C) Investment in Infrastructure and Equipment: The following procurements have been supported by the project but with counter-part funding from the Judiciary:

- i) A 30 seater minibus for the institute has been secured and delivered to the Institute.
- ii) Construction of the JSI home at Nakawa has commenced with site clearance done and the foundation. This has been greatly funded by JLOS with a tune of 400 million.
- iii) Furniture and training equipment for the Institute has been secured. This includes 38 computers, a variety of chairs and tables to the training capacity of 40 , library furniture and others
- iv) Computers and library Furniture are also already bought while the library books are in their last procurement phase.

(D) Law Reporting & Research :

The Law Reporting function has been strengthened through the provision of relevant training and acquisition of appropriate equipment viz; scanner, computers and furniture etc

(E)Curriculum Review and Development: 12 courses were identified as outlined below. Out of the 12 courses, 6 were piloted in the month of November, 2011 and May 2012-

- i) Case Management (Hon. Justice D.K. Wangutusi)- under progress
- ii) Judgment Writing (Hon. Justice Lawrence Gidudu)- piloted
- iii)Communication Skills (Dr. Namubiru Proscovia)- to be piloted
- iv)Evidence & Procedure (H/W Kabanda Elizabeth)- to be piloted

- v) Criminal Procedure (Ms Wolayo Henrietta)-piloted
- (vi) Jurisprudence of Equality (H/W. Batema N.D.A)- under progress
- (vii) Induction for Judicial Officers (H/W. Chemutai Tom)- under progress
- (vii) Induction for Non Judicial Officers (Mr. Badru Buyondo)- under progress
- (viii) ICT In The Administration of Justice (Mr. Yeka Emmanuel)- piloted
- (ix) Interpreters' Course (H/W Busingye Immaculate)- piloted
- (x) Judicial Ethics and Integrity (H/W Elizabeth J. Alividza)- piloted
- (xi) Financial Management for Non Finance Officers (Mrs. Dorcas W. Okalany)-
under progress

By way of validation, it has been agreed that the developed courses shall be presented to the honorable the Chief Justice and Key stake holders in the Judiciary for their input and adoption of the curriculum.

Conclusion:

We are grateful to the Chief Justice, The Chief Registrar and the Judiciary Administration for providing guidance and advice during the course of the implementation of the project.

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