

The 4th Magistrates' Conference

Preamble

We, the participants assembled here this 23rd Day of August, 2013 are desirous of adopting best practices in managing a modern and responsive Judiciary .

NO	RESOLUTIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS	
1	The judiciary should ensure that the salary for the lower bench is enhanced as well from the 30% increment.	SJ/CR
2	All judicial officers should include in their monthly reports statistics of pending Judgements and rulings and should be given feedback	All Judicial Officers and CR
3	Judicial officers should embrace and apply the new reforms in the Judiciary to improve service delivery.	All Judicial officers

RESOLUTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

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The Judiciary should develop clear guidelines to support PWD; and also create accessible court environments in terms of information, physical access, flexibility in court scheduling, to adapt to the needs of disabled/vulnerable persons.

SJ

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Judicial officers should, in the execution of their work, guard against major trouble spots such as grant of ex parte orders, issuance of production warrants, absenteeism and laziness.

All
judicial
officers

RESOLUTIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS

6	Recommendations made at previous Conferences should be reviewed at subsequent fora (conferences) for monitoring and evaluation purposes.	Sec to the conference organizing committee
7	Judicial officers should embrace and observe provisions of The Uganda Code of Judicial conduct as a way of redeeming public trust, respect and confidence in the Judiciary.	All judicial officers
8	The judiciary administration and JSI should ensure that judicial officers are trained in the new judiciary reforms and all new and developing laws including cyber laws to effectively handle e-related disputes.	Judiciary administration and JSI

RESOLUTIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS

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| 9 | Child related applications should be handled with careful scrutiny bearing in mind that each case presents peculiar facts and being wary of rampant cases of child trafficking. |
| 10 | Judicial officers should submit honest and prudent accountabilities to minimize audit queries. |
| 11 | The Judiciary administration should equally and equitably distribute the resource envelop between the upper bench and the lower bench, giving priority to inputs that directly affect the core functions of the Judiciary. |

RESOLUTIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS

12. To avoid disparity and discrimination across the bench, The Salaries & Allowances (specified Officers) Act CAP 291 should be amended to include magistrates.

13. For transparency purposes, the deliberations of the finance committee should be published on the intranet.