



**THE 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL JUDGES CONFERENCE**

**28<sup>TH</sup> - 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY, 2019**

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**KAMPALA**

**WELCOME REMARKS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JUDICIAL TRAINING  
INSTITUTE AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL JUDGES  
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Your Excellency, The President of the Republic of Uganda

My Lord, The Hon. The Chief Justice of Uganda

My Lord, The Hon. The Deputy Chief Justice of Uganda

My Lord, The Hon. Principal Judge

The Hon. Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs

My Lords, Justices and Judges of the Courts of Judicature

My Lord, The Chairperson Judicial Service Commission

My Lords, The retired Justices and Judges of the Courts of Judicature

Heads of JLOS Institutions,

The Chairpersons of Constitutional bodies,

Your Excellencies, the Ambassadors and High Commissioners,

Distinguished Invited Guests in your various capacities,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

On behalf of the organizing committee of this conference and on my own behalf, I wish to warmly welcome each and every one of you to this 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Judges Conference.

In a special way, I wish to thank most abundantly His Excellency The President of the Republic of Uganda, for once again accepting to grace with his personal presence, the Annual Judges Conference as the Guest of Honour in spite of his busy schedule.

Your Excellency, the Judiciary highly appreciates and values your comradely and personal interest in matters relating to the administration of justice which in my view is the foundation for a peaceful and prosperous country.

Your Excellency and distinguished guests, this year's Annual Judges Conference is held under the theme, "**Judicial Ethics, Integrity and Accountability: A precondition for Improved Access to Justice and Sustainable Development**".

The theme for this year's Conference has been carefully crafted in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal Number 16 of the United Nations which was launched in 2015, which Goal 16 provides for the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development through access to justice for all and the building of effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

Indeed the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16 aims at having strong justice Institutions which are accountable to the people by maintaining high ethical behavior and upholding integrity as a bedrock for the administration of justice.

Consequently, the major objective of this year's conference is to enable the Judiciary as an arm of government to put in place deliberate procedures which will enable it effectively deliver the much cherished justice to the people of Uganda through improved individual and Institutional performance.

Your Excellency and distinguished invited guests, as has already been stated by the Master of Ceremonies, this four days' conference is



designed to purposely reflect on **Judicial Ethics, Integrity and Accountability** which are core values that must be reflected daily whenever justice is administered for without these values, all is in vain.

It is also planned that at the end of this year's conference, participants will be enabled to come up with resolutions reflecting the theme of the conference to guide the efficient and effective administration of justice in the country.

Your Excellency and distinguished guests, the concern of ensuring that the Judiciary is accountable is further to be strengthened through purposeful capacity building as indeed, the Judiciary of Uganda was selected in 2018 to be one of the pilot countries by the Judicial Global Integrity Group supported by the United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime,(UNODC) to deliver training activities on judicial ethics based on the **Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct** - which is an instrument of the United Nations and unto which Uganda is a signatory.

The training, using both online and face to face methods by the Judicial Training Institute to all judges and other officers of the Judiciary will be delivered in this year, 2019. The judicial training Institute requires further support to enable it deliver this very important capacity building activity.

Lastly, Your Excellency, distinguished guests and participants, I wish to, at this juncture, take the opportunity to thank each and every one of you for honoring our invitations to attend the conference, more especially, Your Excellency and the invited guests some of whom have travelled from very far. I am sure that your presence here will enrich the judges' conference immensely. Please, relish your time here.

To all those who have contributed variously to the successful holding of this conference, I wish to thank you individually for your sense of duty and I do still encourage you to keep this good drive until the last day of the conference and even thereafter.

To the management of this hotel, I thank you for providing us with this amiable environment and I hope that the good services so far rendered will continue to be provided to the last day of the conference.

Finally, I wish to thank each of you individually for your kind attention.

I wish you all fruitful deliberations and tremendous success during these four days' of the judges' conference and a fruitful year 2019.

For God and my Country.

Hon. Justice Dr. Henry Peter Adonyo

**JUDGE/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JUDICIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE**