



**OPENING REMARKS BY THE ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON, JLOS
STEERING COMMITTEE AT THE CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP ON
THIRD JLOS STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PLAN, SIPIII
IMPERIAL ROYALE HOTEL, KAMPALA; JAN 17, 2012**

Heads of Government Departments

Members of JLOS Technical Committee

Representatives of JLOS Development Partners Group

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I welcome you all to this internal stakeholder's workshop on the Third Justice Law and Order Sector (JLOS) Strategic Investment Plan, SIPIII.

As you are aware, JLOS will conclude implementation of SIPII in June 2012. The plan incorporated the JLOS common vision, policy framework, with unified objectives and plans for five years. The sector wide approach that JLOS adopted over 10 years ago is an ongoing process. This means that we have to develop SIPIII to bring continuity to what we have started as well as the implementation of the National Development Plan.

I take this opportunity to stress the importance of a concrete strategic plan in guiding a reform process such as JLOS. The process of developing such a plan requires sufficient time, finances, consultation and expertise in a range

of areas. In view of the importance of such a process, the sector set up a task force for SIPIII comprising members from the Technical Committee and the JLOS Development Partners Group.

The SIPIII development process has been largely in-house with occasional external expertise sought to facilitate and guide the taskforce and the sector secretariat. I wish therefore to congratulate the Technical Committee, the SIPIII taskforce and the sector secretariat for this achievement, which manifests growth in internal capacity and empowerment. Building internal capacity and empowerment is a very vital stage for the sector as we consolidate our gains and address new and emerging challenges.

The sector management structures considered the results framework and we are satisfied with the direction being proposed. We particularly need to strengthen the capacity of the institutions to implement their mandates and widen the scope of interventions. We need to deepen access to our services and promote the observance of human rights as well as ensure accountability to ourselves and our stakeholders.

The goal of the Sector under SIPII “**promoting the rule of law** “ is being proposed to rally all JLOS institutions to a common destiny as we serve the people of Uganda and strive to ensure that all people in Uganda live in safe and just society.

I would like to urge you to take keen interest in developing the SIPIII because strategic planning promotes strategic thinking acting and learning through dialogue among common actors; it improves decision making and

benefits society and the people involved and enhances organizational efficiency. However, just creating a strategic plan is not enough; the changes called for by the adopted strategies must be brought to life to create real value for the organizations and stakeholders.

Having laid the framework for the programmes, let me remind you that JLOS would like to have a strategic plan that is impact oriented and one that strikes a balance between institutional stabilization focusing on brick and mortar initiatives as well as innovative approaches to address the challenges within the administration of justice, maintenance of law and order as well as the promotion and observance of human rights.

I urge you to pay special attention to the expected results, milestones, responsibility centres, management processes, resources and monitoring and evaluation which are critical deliverables of any strategic plan. I am confident that by the end of this workshop, we shall have further input and enrichment of the draft SIPIII bearing in mind the concerns I have raised.

On behalf of the Justice Law and Order Sector, may I take this opportunity to thank our external facilitators especially Ms. Valentine Namakula and the SIPIII task force for producing a good working draft document on SIP III. I also thank you for responding positively to our invitation to this workshop.

I wish you frank and fruitful discussion.

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