



CLOSING REMARKS BY

THE HON. CHIEF JUSTICE & CHAIRPERSON

JLOS LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

AT THE 20TH JOINT GOU - DEVELOPMENT

PARTNERS' JLOS ANNUAL REVIEW

HELD AT

SPEKE RESORT AND COUNTRY CLUB

MUNYONYO, KAMPALA

ON THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2015

Honourable Ministers,

My Lord the Deputy Chief Justice,

My Lord the Principal Judge,

Your Excellency, the Chair of the Development
Partners Group,

Members of the JLOS Leadership Committee,

Your Excellences,

My Lords,

Members of the JLOS Steering and Technical
Committees,

Your Worships,

Invited Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I take this opportunity on behalf of the leadership of the Justice, Law and Order Sector and on my own behalf, to first and foremost extend my gratitude and appreciation to each and every one for your contributions towards the realisation of such a successful 20th JLOS Annual Review.

We have had very fruitful day, deliberating about our shared successes, reflecting on the challenges before us and we have noted critical recommendations arising from the discussions.

The Sector's, goal of justice for all as part of Uganda's drive for sustainable development is a shared commitment that requires sustained efforts to ensure that our services reach all people of Uganda, especially the vulnerable who are often marginalised.

Today's discussions remind us that as we celebrate the gains and successes of the third year of our Strategic Investment Plan, we should be mindful of the challenges that lie ahead, but also remember most importantly, the aspirations that we pursue that

are embodied in the JLOS SIP III, the NDP II, the Uganda Vision 2040, and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Our strategy is premised on the principle of the 3Cs: Cooperation, Communication and Coordination. Therefore, the role and contribution of non-State actors in their thematic diversities and numerical strength cannot be over emphasised.

We welcome the candid remarks of the Development Partners and the Civil Society Organisations. These shall form part of our frame of reference in sharpening our strategies, extending our reach in service delivery, and ensuring that no stone is left unturned.

I extend my gratitude to the Hon. Ministers, Heads of Missions, and distinguished persons for their presentations and submissions, chairing of sessions and their wise counsel. This has shaped the course and depth of deliberations throughout this event. I have no doubt that we have all learnt one or two new things that will positively contribute to our pursuit of justice for all.

I salute all persons that have received awards today for their exemplary performance in their mandates. This is an inspiration to all of us to put our best foot forward. I therefore implore JLOS staff, JLOS institutions and our partners in development to strive for the next year's JLOS Awards. These awards also demonstrate that as part of our Sector accountability schemes, we not only condemn and punish the errant, but also acknowledge those who excel.

I congratulate all Sector institutions for the achievements and successes presented to us today. We are thankful to the Development Partners and Government of Uganda that provided the resources that enabled us achieve these results. Notwithstanding various challenges and limitations, our shared resolve to serve the people of Uganda is evident in our performance presented in the past year.

We recognise and appreciate the technical backstopping that Development Partners and Civil Society Organisations play in contributing to the successes of the Sector, through various structures such as the thematic Working Groups. In the spirit of

partnership, we shall continue to work with all stakeholders to advance the cause of justice for all people in Uganda, especially the poor and vulnerable.

In the same vein, I call upon all JLOS Sector institutions to take time and reflect on the rich deliberations that we have had today in line with the theme; *A Pro People Justice System: Profiling*

Vulnerability. Let us study this Annual Report as a whole, revisit the remarks and discussions held today, and draw lessons that will inform and shape our innovation, planning and implementation of our mandates in the coming years.

I must also emphasise that for us to improve the quality of our services, increase public confidence and trust in Sector institutions, we must maintain discipline and integrity. Our resolve to fight corruption must always be unfettered and consistent. I appeal to all heads of JLOS institutions and heads of departments to institutionalise and implement the JLOS Anti-Corruption Strategy. The fight against corruption in all its manifestations has a direct

correlation to ensuring access to justice for vulnerable people such as the poor, elderly, women and children. We must not only take action against the corrupt, but we must also demonstrate to the public the results of our actions. It is such public accountability that will erode perceptions of corruption in the Sector and improve our public image.

I recommend to all JLOS institutions to put in place easily accessible public communication avenues through which users of JLOS services can contact us and receive prompt feedback. These mechanisms bring justice closer to the people and instil trust and confidence in our institutions. Through innovation and use of modern technology, we shall continue to craft more effective, efficient, transparent and prompt mechanisms of serving the users of our services.

I thank the team that prepared the 2014/2015 JLOS Annual Report for a job well done. Similarly, I extend my appreciation to the JLOS Secretariat for effectively playing a central pivotal role in the implementation of the JLOS SIP III, and for successfully

organising the 20th Joint Government of Uganda and Development Partners JLOS Annual Review.

Lastly, I reiterate my gratitude to our Development Partners, heads of JLOS institutions and Departments, JLOS staff in all our Stations country wide, Civil Society Organisations, participants in this event for your contributions towards the Sector achievements.

With those remarks it is therefore my Honour to declare the 20th JLOS Annual Review closed.

Thank you for your attention.

For God and My Country.

Bart M. Katureebe

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CHAIRPERSON OF THE JLOS LEADERSHIP
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