

SPEECH BY HON. JUSTICE BART M. KATUREEBE, CHIEF JUSTICE OF UGANDA, AT THE COMMISSIONING OF THE LDC AUDITORIUM, FRIDAY 11TH AUGUST 2017

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The Hon. Attorney General

Hon. Justices and Judges of the Courts of Judicature

The Chief Registrar

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Invited Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

I am pleased to have been invited to officiate at the commissioning ceremony of this magnificent auditorium at the Law Development Centre, an institution that is so dear to the hearts of most of us here. I believe most, if not everyone here, are aware of the transformative role that this institution plays in the lives of the people that go through it. I am therefore most pleased that we are now seeing meaningful infrastructural advancement at this institution.

Let me take the opportunity to thank the Government of Uganda, and the JLOS partnership in particular for the support rendered to the Law Development Centre since May 2012 when this project started. This is a clear manifestation of Government's commitment towards the improvement of legal education, training and professionalism in Uganda. In the same vein, I thank the Law Development Centre administration for coming up with this innovation and for setting aside funds amidst the well-known budgetary constraints. This development, no doubt, is going to provide the students with an improved, modern and state of the art studying environment. This is a commendable trend and I hope it sets the stage for more developments to come and for further improvement in the management of legal training at the Centre and the entire Country.

Modern and well planned structures such as this are not common in our institutions of higher learning. When well done, such as this one, they have the capacity to improve quality and productivity of the services rendered. The first positive impact is the solving of the problem of space that the centre has been grappling with. This will be coupled with the opportunity for the students to study in a more conducive environment. I am certain that other JLOS institutions will also make use of this facility whenever occasion demands.

I am also informed that the Centre is using this occasion to launch Law Reports for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012. Law reporting is a

very important function of the Law Development Centre. I would therefore like to thank Law Development Centre under the Department of Law Reporting, Research and Law Reform, for being the lead publisher of authorized Uganda Law Reports and High Court Bulletins since the year 2007. LDC has been at the forefront of providing an enduring record of significant decisions of the Courts of Judicature which is essential to the development of jurisprudence in Uganda. I commend LDC for a job well done.

I however urge you to ensure high quality standards for the reports. You should also make use of modern ICT to provide high quality online services. I believe LDC has this capacity if it is not yet done.

With these remarks, I now have the honour and privilege to officially commission the Law Development Centre Auditorium and to launch the 2010, 2011 and 2012 Uganda Law Reports.

Thank you so much for listening to me.

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