REPUBULIKA Y'URWANDA

N° 76.4.6.8.77TJP/JSCS



MINISITERI Y'UBUTABERA P.O. BOX 160 KIGALI

MEMO

TO : Honorable Chief Justice

From : Minister of Justice/Attorney General

Date : 29 March 2018

Subject: Transmission of the final 7th Justice Sector Peer Review Retreat Resolutions.

Honorable Chief Justice,

I have the honor of sharing with you herewith attached Resolutions of the Justice, Reconciliation, Law and Order Sector (JRLOS) 7th Peer Review Retreat held from 21st to 24th March 2018 in Lake Kivu Serena Hotel, Rubavu.

Thank you for your commitment to contribute effectively towards the implementation of these

resolutions

Sincerely,

BUSING VE Johnston

Minister of Justice/Attorney General

REPUBULIKA Y'U RWANDA



MINISITERI Y'UBUTABERA P.O. BOX 160 KIGALI

THE 7th JUSTICE, RECONCILIATION, LAW AND ORDER SECTOR PEER REVIEW RETREAT RESOLUTIONS

Between the 21st to 24th March 2018, the 7th JRLOS Peer Review Retreat took place in Lake Kivu Serena Hotel – Rubavu. The theme was "The Rwanda we want: Reengineering our Justice System to address emerging issues that undermine the national development". The following Institutions attended the Retreat: MINIJUST, MINECOFIN, Prime Minister's Office, MIGEPROF, JUDICIARY, NPPA, RNP, ILPD, CNLG, NHRC, NURC, RGB, RIB, RFL, RCS, Military Tribunal, Military High Court, Military Prosecution, Ombudsman Office, Civil Society Organizations, Development Partners and Private Sector.

At the end, the following resolutions were adopted for implementation:

 Corruption, drug trafficking, drug use, cybercrime and gender based crimes are a threat to the economy, national security and to Rwandans' way of life. They must be prevented, repressed and punished with the aim of eradicating them. The human and material capacity of investigators and prosecutors will be strengthened and enhanced in order for this aim to be realized;

- Raise public awareness, cooperate with key stakeholders, including the Media, Financial institutions and educate the population on emerging crimes to increase their involvement in prevention and detection of those crimes;
- Scale MAJ services up to Sector level and strengthen its capacity and competence to deliver a robust access to justice service;
- Streamline justice sector communication strategies to avoid duplication and enhance public awareness and coordination;
- Enhance the quality of legislative drafting by holding public consultation, agreeing policies to inform laws and put in place guiding tools to harmonize statutory interpretation;
- Put in place effective control mechanisms to ensure compliance with law in judgement execution;
- Put in place one law to coordinate and harmonize the procedure for carrying out public auctions ordered by Institutions legally authorized to so order;
- Coordinate legal aid programs and activities of public institutions and civil society organizations in order to streamline and monitor delivery of legal aid;
- Sustain meetings and workshops between key players in the Justice Sector to foster common understanding on legal issues and judicial decisions.
- 10. Strengthen the JRLOS Secretariat and put in place a self-evaluation mechanism within the Justice Sector institutions;
- 11. Set up, strengthen and activate internal self-evaluation mechanisms for holding officials accountable for misconduct and institute measures to

prevent the recruitment of persons proven to be lacking integrity within the Justice Sector;

- 12. Activate and strengthen the mechanisms to trace and arrest Genocide fugitives who have not been brought to justice or did not serve their sentences;
- 13. Put in place regulations on IECMS related costs and monitor their enforcement;
- 14. Ensure that Policies formulated are research-based and emphasize consultations with stakeholders and citizen participation;
- 15. Ensure that the existing policies are updated and have clear monitoring and evaluation framework;
- Establish policies and legal framework aimed at prevention of juvenile delinquency and ensure family responsibility;
- 17. Strengthen measures for effective public asset recovery and to fight corruption and injustice within the Justice Sector