

Remarks by the Minister of State during the welcome cocktail in honour of the guests to the IECMS International Conference to be held in Kigali 12-13 June 2019

Honourable the Chief Justice of the Papua New Guinea
Honourable delegates here present,
Distinguished guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great honour for me to join you here, and I wish to welcome all the participants to the **International Conference on Role of Case Management System for Justice**, hoping that you are all enjoying your stay in Rwanda.

First of all I want to assure you that we are not going to have many speeches tonight as we have reserved this evening to honour our guests who have come from across the globe to attend the conference. I know we will have a busy day tomorrow and Thursday and so we want to be a little relaxed tonight so that we are ready for the big day. That said, I want to say that the Ministry of Justice in partnership with the Ministry of ICT and Innovation together with Synergy International Inc. decided to convene this conference with the view to sharing experience and best practice on the successful implementation of Rwanda Integrated Electronic Case Management System (IECMS).

Rwanda has been at the forefront of the digital revolution in Africa and this has presented a great opportunity for the Justice Sector and our country. One of these achievements is the Integrated Electronic Case Management System (IECMS), which was introduced in January 2016 to improve the provision of, and access to justice by reducing delays and transaction costs associated with judicial case processing and management through the whole justice chain from the inception of a case to its final adjudication and court decision execution.

This why we have convened this important conference so that we can share together best practices and challenges with the view to learn from each other for the betterment of our continent and the world. We also want to collect views and experiences from other countries to improve the IECMS and it is my hope that other countries can also learn from us.

I really look forward to the conference tomorrow and I know for sure that we will have enough time to share. Tonight I just wanted to welcome everyone and to thank you that you have all responded to our invitation. I wish you a pleasant stay in our beautiful country and I hope that you will take some time off to go out and see what Rwanda has to offer. Thank you so much and enjoy the rest of the evening.