

**OPENING REMARKS DELIVERED BY HON. DR. PAUL F. KIHWELO,
JUSTICE OF APPEAL AND PRINCIPAL OF THE INSTITUTE OF
JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION LUSHOTO, DURING THE OPENING
CEREMONY OF THE TRAINING ON THE BANGALORE
PRINCIPLES AND THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEASURES THAT
DERIVE FROM THESE PRINCIPLES HELD IN MWANZA ON 21ST
JUNE, 2024.**

Hon. Dr. Mathilda Rachel Twomey, Academic Director, Judicial Institute for Africa and facilitator of this training,

Hon. Dr. Ntemi Nihilwa Kilekamajenga, Judge in Charge Mwanza,

Hon. Judges in charge present,

Hon. Judges of the High Court (T) and participants of this training,

Hon. Fiona Atupele Mwale, Judge of the High Court Malawi and facilitator of this training,

Hon. Resident Magistrates and secretariat of this Training,

Ms. Neema Ndemno, representative of the GIZ Regional Project.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

GOOD MORNING

JAMHURI YA MUUNGANO WA TANZANIA

Response: Kazi iendelee

MAHAKAMA YA TANZANIA

Response: Uadilifu, Weledi na Uwajibikaji,

Distinguished Participants,

It is an honour and great privilege for me to address this distinguished gathering that brings together our esteemed facilitators and Judges of the High Court of Tanzania who are also participants.

I thank the almighty God, for blessing us with the Gift of life and good health such that we have been able to attend this pivotal training program organized by the Institute of Judicial Administration Lushoto, in collaboration with the GIZ Regional Project “Promotion of Rule of Law and Judiciary in Africa which is implemented in Ivory Coast, Ghana, Senegal and Tanzania and partly seeks to make court structures more transparent and independent and capacity building on ethics and code of conduct for judicial officers is part of it.

Distinguished Participants,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Judiciary of Tanzania under the leadership of His Lordship Prof. Ibrahim Hamis Juma, the Chief Justice, for allowing the training to take place and also giving permission to the Honourable Judges to attend the training.

I also wish to express my profound appreciation to the German Government through GIZ for supporting this invaluable initiative through GIZ Regional Project “Promotion of Rule of Law and Judiciary in Africa.

I equally would like to express a token of appreciation to the facilitators for their willingness to share with us their vast knowledge and experience in this body of knowledge.

Distinguished Participants,

Today, we gather with a shared commitment to strengthening the integrity and efficacy of our judicial system through a deep dive into the Bangalore Principles and the Organizational Measures that derive from these principles. You will all agree with me that judicial ethics and conduct is a cornerstone for independence of judiciary a necessary pillar for rule of law in any democratic society worthy a name.

Distinguished Participants,

This two-day training program is not just an opportunity for professional development, it is a crucial step towards reinforcing the bedrock values that underpin our judiciary. The Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct, established in 2002, are foundational to promoting judicial integrity and accountability.

They provide a comprehensive framework that articulates the core values essential for judicial officers including; independence, impartiality, integrity, propriety, equality, competence, and diligence. The principles serve as a vital framework guiding the ethical conduct of judicial officers, ensuring that justice is administered with the highest standards of fairness and transparency.

Distinguished Participants,

The importance of this training cannot be overstated. In an era where judicial independence is constantly being challenged, it is imperative that we, as custodians of justice, remain steadfast in our adherence to ethical conduct and professional excellence. The public's trust in our judicial system hinges on our commitment to these values. By upholding the Bangalore Principles, we reaffirm our dedication to justice and the rule of law.

Distinguished Participants,

Our collaboration with the GIZ Regional Project underscores the importance of international cooperation in advancing judicial standards. We are also in the process of developing a Handbook on Addressing Gender Stereotypes in Court. GIZ's dedication to promoting the rule of law and judicial integrity in Africa is instrumental in fostering environments where justice can thrive. We are grateful for their unwavering support and collaboration in making this training and other project possible.

Distinguished Participants,

We are privileged to have with us experts bringing a wealth of knowledge, experience, and insight in the field of judicial conduct and the rule of law. They have not only excelled in their respective professional roles but have also been instrumental in shaping and

disseminating best practices within the judiciaries of their respective countries.

I therefore encourage each of you to make the most of this training program. Engage actively in the sessions, share your experiences, and learn from each other. Your diverse perspectives and collective wisdom are invaluable assets in our quest to elevate judicial standards.

Let us use this platform to forge stronger connections, exchange best practices, and develop strategies that can be implemented in our respective jurisdictions.

Thank you, and I wish you all a productive and enlightening training session.