

**OPENING REMARKS BY THE HON. DR PAUL F. KIHWELO,  
PRINCIPAL IJA DURING THE OCASSION OF THE TRAINING OF  
MAGISTRATES WITH EXTENDED JURISDICTION HELD AT MAGADU  
HALL IN MOROGORO FROM 14<sup>TH</sup> TO 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019.**

Hon. Lady Justice Eusebia Munuo, Justice of Appeal retired, facilitator and Training Director for this training,

Hon. Deputy Registrars,

Hon. Directors and Deputy Directors,

Hon. Resident Magistrates,

Members of the Secretariat from IJA and the Judiciary of Tanzania,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning,

I stand here today humbled by the task before us, grateful for the commitment you have all demonstrated and mindful of your thirsty to learn during this inaugural training for Magistrates with Extended Jurisdiction which is being held for the first time in rent years if not for the first time if my recollections are right. First of all, I wish to thank the Almighty God for his Blessings and the Gift of life he has granted us which has enabled all of us gathered here today travel from different parts of this country in order to come here in Morogoro and attend this training.

With profound gratitude and great humility, I wish to express my token of appreciation on behalf of the Judiciary of Tanzania and the Institute of Judicial Administration Lushoto (IJA) to all facilitators for agreeing our request to come and share with you their vast knowledge and experience in the respective areas we have requested them to come and facilitate. Particularly, I am personally indebted to Hon. Lady Justice Eusebia Munuo a retired Justice of Appeal but not tired who has always been at our disposal whenever, her services have been required. To us she has always been a source of inspiration as a first female Magistrate in Tanzania and a first Lady Justice of Appeal in Tanzania.

**Dear participants,**

This training has been prepared as part and parcel of the implementation of the Judiciary of Tanzania's Five Years Strategic Plan (2015/16-2019/20) particularly Pillar No. 1 Key Result Area (KRA) 2 which focuses on enhancement of Jurisprudence and Skills of Judicial and Non-Judicial Officers as one of its Strategic Objectives. The main focus being to sharpen skills and enhance knowledge of judiciary personnel and therefore improve service delivery as one of its service delivery target (SDT) which will ultimately serve to improve public image of the Judiciary of Tanzania and raise public trust of the ordinary citizens against the Judiciary of Tanzania. The training also seeks to enhance jurisprudence of judicial officers when discharging their judicial functions.

Let me point out at the outset that I have no purpose, directly or indirectly, to delve in great detail about the JSP. I believe I have no legal or moral

obligation to do so during this forum which is not meant to exhaust that area which requires a different forum of its own and I have no any inclination to do that.

**Dear participants,**

You are all aware that early last year the Minister of Constitutional and Legal Affairs granted an order, extending jurisdiction to 195 Resident Magistrates to perform functions or duties exercisable by judges of the High Court of Tanzania. *The Criminal Procedure (Extension of Jurisdiction) Order, 2018*, which states that:

“Consequent upon investing of extended jurisdiction, the persons referred to in sub-paragraph (1) shall exercise the powers ordinarily exercisable by the Judge of the High Court”.

It was incumbent therefore to prepare this tailor-made training as an induction to sharpen further your knowledge and skills as you assume the role of Resident Magistrates with Extended Jurisdiction. The main objective being to enhance your skills and abilities as you will be performing functions or duties exercisable by Judges of the High Court of Tanzania.

**Dear participants,**

I wish to assure you that the choice of topics and facilitators were strategically done to ensure that you get the most out of the five days of the training. You will be taken through Criminal as well as Civil Practice and Procedures in as far as Magistrates with Extended Jurisdiction are concerned, Judgment Writing, Sentencing, Fundamental Issues in Land Dispute

Settlement Mechanism and Judicial Mentorship in line with JK Circular No. 2 of 2019. During the training you will also get an opportunity to know how to summarize judgments and upload them in the system for public consumption. The facilitators lined up will be able to share with you first-hand information based upon their vast experience. I hope they will also play the mentorship role beside being mere facilitators. I am aware that Lady Justice Munuo JA (rtd) and Hon. Justice Rutakangwa JA (rtd) served in that capacity before they were appointed Judges of the High Court as such you will be able to greatly benefit from them.

You will notice further that the programme has been designed to allow more interactive engagement than *mere talk and chalk*. I will therefore urge you to be more active, fully participate during Group Activities and engage facilitators and your peers during plenary sessions because it is through engagement that further clarifications and elaborations will be enhanced. I also believe that while doing so you will observe the rule of respecting each other views because when it comes to *Adult Learning* there is nothing like *One Size Fits All*.

**Dear participants,**

In order to ease your leaning process, IJA has prepared a *Compilation of Training Manual* in which you will be able to get hold of various cases which complements *The Guiding Principles and Procedures in The Exercise of the Powers of Extended Jurisdiction*. I believe this Training Manual will be useful to you not only for learning purposes here in Morogoro but also as a working tool when you go back to your respective duty stations.

Allow me at this juncture to wish you all the best of luck as you start this five-day long training programme and having said that I now wish to declare this training formally open.

Thank you for listening and May God Bless you as always.