

REMARKS BY

THE Ag. PRINCIPAL JUDGE HON. JUSTICE SSEKAANA MUSA

AT THE

BREAKFAST MEETING TO INTRODUCE THE ROAD SAFETY ADVOCACY COALITION- UGANDA TO KEY GOVERNMENT STAKEHOLDERS

HELD AT

SERENA HOTEL

APRIL 18, 2023

The Chief Guest, The Hon. Minister for Works & Transport,

The Director Public Prosecutions,

The State Minister for Works,

The State Minister for Transport,

Hon. Members of Parliament,

The Permanent Secretary for Works & Transport,

The Ag. Director Traffic & Road Safety,

The Commissioner Transport Regulation & Safety,

The Chairperson & Deputy Chairperson ROSACU,

The In-Country Coordinator GHAI,

Distinguished Ladies & Gentlemen.

Good morning to you all!

I am honored to make remarks at the Breakfast Meeting organized by ROSACU to introduce the Road Safety Advocacy Coalition- Uganda (ROSACU) to key Government Stakeholders. I thank the management of ROSACU for inviting me.

I commend the coalition for the persistent effort to involve different stakeholders and pressure groups in passionately advocating for road safety policies with a goal of massively reducing road carnage situation on Ugandan roads.

In August 2020, the UN General Assembly adopted resolution 74/299 "Improving global road safety", proclaiming the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030, with the ambitious target of preventing at least 50% of road traffic deaths and injuries by 2030. The global plan for the decade of action emphasizes the importance of a holistic approach to road safety.

This therefore means that there cannot be only one solution to the problem. There must be continued improvement in the design of roads and vehicles; enhancement of laws and law enforcement; provision of timely, life-saving emergency care for the injured; and widespread sensitization on road safety measures and the consequences of breach and a routine assessment of gaps within the existing legal and enforcement framework. With a more robust legal framework now in place, our pledge as the judiciary is to continue emphasing a deterrence approach for convicted offenders of road traffic laws.

I thank you all for listening to me.

For God and My Country

Hon. Ssekaana Musa

Ag. Principal Judge