

Kabale High Court holds pre-session meeting ahead of Criminal Sessions

Kabale High Court on Wednesday held a pre-session meeting with key justice stakeholders ahead of two upcoming criminal sessions. The meeting was presided over by the visiting judge, Justice Allan Nshimye Mbabazi from Mbarara High Court, alongside the Kabale Resident Judge, Justice Karoli Lwanga Ssemogerere.



The session brought together stakeholders from across the Kigezi region, including representatives from the Uganda Police Force, Uganda Prisons Service, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, advocates handling both state and private briefs, probation and welfare officers, Resident District Commissioners, and religious leaders.

In his address, Justice Nshimye underscored the Judiciary's responsibility to account to the public by ensuring

that resources allocated for court sessions are efficiently used. He emphasized the need for collaboration with the police and other justice actors, noting that the success of court proceedings hinges on their active participation. He further appealed to civil and political leaders to mobilize communities to support the judicial process by encouraging witnesses to attend and testify in the scheduled cases.

Resident Judge Justice Ssemogerere echoed the call for collaboration, highlighting teamwork and stakeholder coordination as critical to the smooth execution of the upcoming sessions.

Following the main meeting, Justice Nshimye also held a separate engagement with accused persons listed for the sessions, alongside their legal representatives and prosecutors, to streamline preparations. The meetings were moderated by the Court's Assistant Registrar, **HW Tumwebaze Kenneth**.