

Justice Karoli holds a stakeholder meeting at the Kabale ODPP offices

Kabale Resident Judge, Justice Ssemogerere Karoli Lwanga on Thursday convened a stakeholder meeting at the Regional Offices of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), following his earlier RCC meeting for the region on April 9.



The session was attended by the Chief State Attorney/Regional Officer, the Assistant Registrar, State Attorneys from Kabale, and the Justice for Children (J4C) Coordinator for the Kigezi Region.

Justice Karoli that is the emphasized the importance of innovation and the use of available technology to enhance access to justice. He encouraged stakeholders to embrace video conferencing, reducing the need for long-

distance travel between courts such as from Kisoro to Kabale.

Justice Karoli reaffirmed his commitment to holding regular stakeholder meetings aimed at strengthening collaboration, enhancing decision-making through fact-finding, and improving the criminal justice system.

Key concerns raised included the need for a dedicated access road and an interaction room for DPP staff within the High Court premises. The Judge pledged to coordinate with the Assistant Registrar to provide a provisional room and initiate discussions on the road access.

He also highlighted the upcoming criminal sessions, urging the ODPP and J4C departments to finalize cause lists and committals to ensure timely justice delivery. Special attention was drawn to the need for addressing cases for the vulnerable and pending bail applications.

He also expressed openness to partnerships with institutions such as Kabale University and retired legal professionals to support initiatives like Plea Bargaining, which he believes can help reduce case backlog.

The meeting concluded with the Assistant Registrar thanking all parties. He committed to implement agreed action points within existing resources.

A temporary arrangement for ODPP to utilize space in the upper court was also confirmed.