

The Minister of Education Valentine Uwamariya attended this Thursday 19th January 2023 the 10th graduation ceremony of the Institute of Legal Practice and Development (ILPD) at Nyanza campus, Southern Province.

Minister Valentine Uwamariya who stands as the Chancellor of ILDP graced its 10th graduation ceremony and conferred postgraduate diplomas in legal practice upon 758 graduates who satisfied all the requirements at ILDP.

These graduates come from 10 countries: Rwanda, Cameroon, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Malawi, Sierra Leone, South Sudan and Uganda.

A Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (commonly referred to as DLP) is a 9 months course designed to equip in service Advocates, prosecutors, judges, fresh law graduates and even court registrars with the necessary practical legal skills.

The establishment of ILDP was part of the implementation of the judicial reforms that the Government of Rwanda embarked on in 2004. To meet the demand for a legal workforce with enhanced skills, ILPD was assigned the task of providing the relevant training.

The Institute is located in Kigali and Nyanza District, Southern Province. ILPD is more than nine years old, with many hundreds of lawyers, judges and prosecutors having attended its courses. It runs two major postgraduate Diplomas; on Legal practice (DLP) for judges, prosecutors and lawyers, and on Legislative Drafting (DLD) for government lawyers and others responsible for drafting.

ILPD is now attracting African continent attention with its innovative approaches to training and reputation for effective, high quality courses. Students from other countries are now discovering and attending its courses and ILPD aspires to meet the needs of legal professionals throughout Africa.

ILPD's objective is to become an "IHURIRO", i.e. a meeting place for legal professionals from Rwanda, the region, and Africa, as well as the rest of the world. ILPD is active in organizations that link the East African judicial training institutes.

It is also a member of the International Organization for Judicial Training (IOJT), a global body linking judicial training institutes around the world. ILPD is also a meeting place where different branches of the legal profession, different legal traditions (Common law, Civilian and traditional) can meet and learn from each

other.