

## STATEMENT ON THE 53RD VIRTUAL/ONLINE GRADUATION CEREMONY, PART II

Dear Parents, Graduands and Other Stakeholders,

The Law Development Centre wishes to inform you that the **53rd Graduation Ceremony, Part II**, under the theme “**Empowered to Build a Justice-Centred Uganda through Law, Technology, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Alternative Justice Systems,**” will be held virtually on **Friday, 19 June 2026, starting at 8:30 a.m.**

The Centre sought clearance from the Ministry of Health to hold a physical ceremony. However, due to the widespread Ebola outbreak and the need to safeguard public health and safety, clearance was not granted. The Management Committee therefore resolved that the ceremony be conducted virtually and broadcast on television, radio and LDC’s social media platforms.

Physical attendance will be limited strictly to the **best-performing Bar Course students, each accompanied by one parent or guardian, and designated members of staff.** All other graduands, parents and stakeholders are requested to follow the ceremony through the designated broadcast platforms.

Academic documents will be available for collection after the ceremony as follows:

- **AY 2024/2025:** Monday, 22 June 2026
- **AY 2023/2024:** Tuesday, 23 June 2026
- **AY 2022/2023 and previous years:** Wednesday, 24 June 2026

**Collection time:** 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

**Graduands have not paid UGX 400,000 as a graduation fee.** The graduation fee is UGX 200,000; the other UGX 200,000 is for the diploma certificate and transcript to which every graduate is entitled. **The UGX 200,000 graduation fee is not a ‘physical graduation fee’:** it pays for the graduation service, whether a graduand attends physically or virtually. It is paid to the Uganda Revenue Authority as Non-Tax Revenue, and LDC derives no direct financial benefit from it.

The ceremony is funded from monies appropriated by Parliament and released by the Ministry of Finance. Despite budget constraints, a virtual ceremony is not cheap or cost-free, as it still involves venue preparation, arrangements for limited physical attendance and substantial live-streaming costs.

We congratulate all graduands and appreciate your understanding and cooperation.



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**ACADEMIC REGISTRAR**

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