

Justice Defenders - Professional

Justice Defenders' Judicial Fellowship brings together senior judges and justice leaders from Kenya and Uganda for an intensive programme of professional development. Through engagement with courts, prisons, universities and justice sector practitioners, Fellows explore practical approaches to judicial leadership, prison oversight, alternatives to incarceration, human rights, and the administration of fair and effective justice systems.

The Fellowship is designed to strengthen the capacity of leaders who are already positioned to influence policy, practice and institutional culture. Fellows return equipped with new tools, international networks and concrete reform plans that can be applied within their courts, prisons and justice institutions. The programme aims to improve access to justice, strengthen the rule of law, promote rights-based approaches to criminal justice, and support reforms that benefit thousands of people interacting with justice systems across the region.

Eligibility

Applicants must be senior judicial and justice-sector leaders from Kenya and Uganda who are currently serving in positions with the authority to influence policy, practice, or institutional reform.

Eligible applicants may include High Court Judges, appellate judges, heads of judicial training institutions, senior prison and correctional leaders, senior probation leaders, and other equivalent justice-sector officials. Applicants must demonstrate a strong record of professional excellence and a commitment to strengthening access to justice, the rule of law, and effective justice administration.

The Fellowship is open only to citizens and residents of Kenya and Uganda who are employed within the justice sector.

Proposed Programme Dates: 09/03/2027 to 16/04/2027

Priority Theme: Strengthening peace, security and governance

Recruiting from an established network: Yes

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