

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



SUPREME COURT

**VIRTUAL SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)
AND MEMORANDUM OF GUIDANCE (MoG) AS TO ENFORCEMENT
OF MONEY JUDGMENTS**

BETWEEN

**THE SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA
AND**

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

**REMARKS BY: THE HON. CHIEF JUSTICE Dr. Faustin NTEZILYAYO
Kigali, the 19th of April 2021**

The Honorable Chief Justice of Singapore, Justice Sundaresh Menon.

The Honorable Deputy Chief Justice,

Your Excellency, the High Commissioner of Rwanda to Singapore,

The Honorable Justice Steven Chong,

The Honorable Justice KARIMUNDA Muyoboke Aimé,

All Guests present,

Ladies and gentlemen

A good afternoon to those in Singapore and good morning to us here

I want to first and foremost extend a warm welcome to all of you present here today both physically and virtually to witness the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding and Memorandum of Guidance between the Supreme Court of Rwanda and the Supreme Court of Singapore.

The Memorandum of Understanding and Memorandum of Guidance we are to sign in a short while marks the beginning of what we anticipate to be a long-term partnership which will strengthen our working cooperation between the two sister Judiciaries in pursuit of enhancing timely and quality Justice. As the common saying goes that no man is an island, the same saying similarly applies to institutions, thus backing the reason why cooperation like the one we are about to assent to as being very much needed especially in times like these where the world has transitioned to one global village in most aspects.

Hon. Justices, your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Republic of Singapore and the Republic of Rwanda have always had an excellent cooperation in various fields which include Trade and Business, Education to name but a few; we look forward with excitement and optimism to the cooperation in judicial matters we are entering into today, which among others affirms the vision and mission the two sister institutions share, that is to be trusted Judiciaries that deliver a world class justice.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The signing of this Memorandum of Understanding and the Memorandum of Guidance is a big stride to both The Judiciary of Rwanda and The Judiciary of Singapore as it aims to strengthen our collaboration mainly in the areas of:

- ✓ Electronic case management system and administration;
- ✓ Court-annexed mediation and out-of-court mediation;
- ✓ Small claims procedures;
- ✓ Capacity building through online and face-to-face training, experiential learning and exchange programmes.

And as it is stipulated in the Memorandum of Guidance, matters of common interest, after being agreed upon may also be included in this cooperation, meaning that the abovementioned list is not exhaustive.

These two documents we are signing today have been thoroughly worked on by a team from Rwanda and Singapore; it is worth stressing, however, that MoU and MoG are only frameworks which need to be implemented.

On behalf of the Supreme Court of Rwanda and the Judiciary at large, I can ensure you that we will do what it takes so that the MoU signed today transitions to the expectations of both Judiciaries, but more so to the citizens of our sister countries.

Before ending my remarks, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Honorable the Chief Justice **Sundaresh Menon** who graciously accepted the thought of an MoU; His excellency the High Commissioner, Jean de Dieu Uwihanganye who was very pivotal in linking our two sister institutions; the Rwanda and Singapore team that drafted the two documents and then see to it that the signing of this MoU comes to fruition, and all of you that turned up to grace this memorable occasion.

Thank you for your attention