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IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon the Chief Justice by article 133(1)(b) of [the Constitution](#), these Practice Directions are issued this 24th day of February, 2026.

1. Citation

These Practice Directions may be cited as [the Constitution](#) (Operation of Mobile Courts) (Practice) Directions, 2026.

2. Application

These Practice Directions apply to Magistrates Courts and the High Court.

3. Objective

The objectives of these Practice Directions are—

- (a) to improve access to justice by taking judicial services to every part of Uganda;
- (b) to provide easy access to justice to refugee camps and refugee host communities;
- (c) to enable the operation and stationing of mobile court vehicles by the Judiciary, in any place in Uganda; and
- (d) to strengthen the existing processes of administration of justice to facilitate speedy delivery of justice.

4. Interpretation

In these Practice Directions, unless the context otherwise requires—

“**court**” means Magistrates Courts and the High Court;

“**facility**” means any building, vehicle or vessel used for mobile court proceedings;

“**mobile court**” means a court that conducts proceedings in a location or facility, other than court premises, for a specified period of time.

5. Operation of mobile courts

- (1) Subject to section 5 of the Trial on Indictments Act and section 7 of [the Magistrates Courts Act](#), a court may conduct court proceedings in any place or facility in Uganda.
- (2) A judge or magistrate in a mobile court shall hear both civil and criminal matters.

- (3) The Chief Justice shall assign a judge or magistrate to conduct a mobile court in a particular place or facility for a specific period of time.

6. Constitution of mobile courts

A mobile court shall be deemed to be duly constituted when it is presided over by a judge or magistrate assigned by the Chief Justice under paragraph 5(3) to adjudicate in the court.

7. Validity of proceedings of mobile courts

The proceedings of a mobile court shall be as valid in every respect as if they had been held in court premises.

8. Rules of Procedure

A judge or magistrate presiding over a mobile court shall apply the Rules of Procedure applicable in civil and criminal proceedings.