



**MINISTRY OF JUSTICE**



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

**Between**

**Ministry of Justice (MINIJUST)**

**And**

**Collectif des Ligues et Associations de Défense des Droits  
de l'Homme au Rwanda (CLADHO)**

## **PREAMBLE**

WHEREAS the Ministry of Justice (MINIJUST) has a mandate of organizing and overseeing the promotion of the rule of law, law enforcement and justice for all; and

WHEREAS Collectif des Ligues et Associations de Défense des Droits de l'Homme au Rwanda (CLADHO) is the umbrella of Human Rights Organization in Rwanda established in 1993 with the aim of promoting, protecting and defending human rights in Rwanda;

WHEREAS the parties intend to establish a framework of cooperation in the area of access to justice and human rights promotion;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the parties have agreed as follows:

### **Article One : Objectives**

The objectives of this MOU is to foster cooperation in the following areas:

1. Legal aid to victims of child sexual violence;
2. Public awareness on domestic laws, regional and international legal instruments within the community;
3. Research in the field of human rights;
4. Advocacy on access to justice with the particular focus on justice for children

### **Article 2: Commitment of the Parties**

#### **2.1. CLADHO**

CLADHO undertakes to:

- a. Conduct public awareness on the children's rights to compensation in case of sexual abuse;
- b. Provide legal representation and assistance to children's victims of child sexual violence in courts and claiming for compensation;
- c. Conducts research in the areas of human rights and access to justice;
- d. Conduct education and awareness raising sessions of the population on domestic laws, access to justice and human rights in general;
- e. Provide training on the laws and policies related to human rights in general and specifically on child rights;

- f. Strengthening the capacity of stakeholders in the implementation of UN treaty bodies and UPR recommendations related to children's rights;
- g. Engage in the advocacy on legal and policy formulation processes;
- h. Provide the Ministry with an annual plan of action and budget estimate of its activities, describing the details of the volume and location of the activities
- i. Consult the Ministry of Justice on any new type of activity not listed in the action plan hereto that it intends to implement within the context of the present MoU and shall inform the Ministry of any additional funding not stated in the plan of Action;
- j. Share with the Ministry of Justice relevant information collected in the process of implementation of its activities, and during relevant thematic Working Group meetings and research;
- k. Submit quarterly and annual reports to MINIJUST on the implementation of activities under this MoU

## **2.2. MINIJUST**

MINIJUST undertakes to

- a. Facilitate the implementation of the activities planned by CLADHO annexed hereto;
- b. Participate whenever it is possible in trainings, study tours and other professional events in the field of human rights in general organized by CLADHO under this MoU;

### **Article 3: Communication mechanism**

The parties shall keep each other informed of all relevant activities regarding this memorandum of understanding and shall hold consultations on regular basis as a means of monitoring and evaluating the progress in the implementation of the MOU,

### **Article 4: Duration of the MOU**

This MOU shall be valid for a period of five (5) years which may be renewed by mutual agreement of both parties through writing.

**Article 5: Amendment of the MOU**

This MOU may be reviewed or amended on the initiative of either party by submitting a proposed written addendum to other party and upon written acceptance of the other party.

**Article 6: Meetings**

For the purposes of implementation of this MoU, Parties agree to hold joint meetings on a regular basis.

**Article 7: Nature of the MoU**

The parties acknowledge that this MoU is a non-binding agreement, and can be subject to, inter alia, the passage of legislation, regulatory approvals, and unless and until definitive legal agreements have been negotiated, approved by the necessary management levels of each Party and executed and delivered by the authorized representatives of each Party. The parties agree to work cooperatively to implement the terms and intent of this MoU.

**Article 8: Confidentiality**

Except to the extent set out in this article or where disclosure is expressly permitted elsewhere in this MOU, each party shall not disclose any confidential information belonging to the other party to any other person without the prior written consent of the other party, except to such persons and to such extent as may be necessary for the performance of the MOU or except where disclosure is otherwise expressly permitted by the provisions of the MOU.

**Article 9: Dispute resolution**

In the event of dispute, relating to this MOU, both parties shall use their best efforts to settle the matter through direct negotiations. In the event that any dispute cannot be settled, either party shall be at liberty to terminate this MOU.

**Article 10: Termination**

Either party may terminate this MoU at any time, in whole or in part, upon written notice to the other party.

This MoU may also be terminated at any time in whole or in part by mutual written consent of the parties.

Early termination or expiration of this MOU will not affect ongoing activities. The parties will cooperate and coordinate in the accomplishment of any ongoing activity.

**Article 12: Entry into force**

This MoU shall become effective on the date of its signature by the parties.

In witness hereof, the parties hereto have signed this MOU in two (2) original copies in English.  
Done at Kigali, this day... 04 ..... of... Feb ..... Month of ..... in the year 2018

**For the Ministry of Justice (MINIJUST)**

Signature

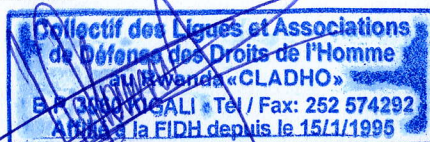



The seal of the Ministry of Justice of Rwanda features a central shield with a scale of justice, a book, and a sun. The text around the seal includes 'MINISTRY OF JUSTICE', 'RÉPUBLIQUE RWANDAISE', and 'MINISTÈRE UBUKURUZA'.

**MUKESHIMANA Béata**  
Permanent Secretary/Solicitor General

**For CLADHO**

Signature



The stamp is rectangular and contains the following text: 'Collectif des Ligues et Associations de Défense des Droits de l'Homme', 'Mouvement «CLADHO»', 'B.P. 388 KIGALI • Tel / Fax: 252 574292', and 'Affilié à la FIDH depuis le 15/1/1995'.

**SEKANYANGE Jean Léonard**  
Chairperson