

## **THE 36TH UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE COUNCIL MEETING SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDES AT LUZIRA PRISONS COMPLEX YOUTH CENTRE, KAMPALA EXTRA REGION.**



While addressing council members, the Chairperson, Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, the Commissioner General of Prisons, welcomed officers who had just participated in the recent General Pass-Out Ceremony of 1,238 Recruit Warders and Wardresses. The ceremony was officiated by Jessica Alupo, the Vice President of the Republic of Uganda.

He congratulated the organizing committee for successfully planning and delivering such an important event, noting that it reflected the professionalism and teamwork within the Service.

Dr. Byabashaija also emphasized the need for the fast implementation of the parole system in the Uganda Prisons Service. He explained that this would help reduce congestion in prisons, improve inmate management and promote discipline and their social order.

The Council, which is the second-highest decision-making body of the Uganda Prisons Service after the Prisons Authority, plays a central role in guiding the Service. Its functions include making appointments and promoting prison officers up to the rank of Principal Officer, as well as exercising disciplinary control over officers within its mandate.

The Council also advises the Prisons Authority on the rank structure of the Service and formulates terms and conditions of service for staff, subject to approval. In addition, it sets standards for recruitment and training, determines the types and quality of equipment and supplies to be procured, and formulates policies for the Service while ensuring their effective implementation.

Furthermore, the Council is responsible for ensuring the efficient organization and administration of the Service and promoting a national character and balanced composition within its workforce. It may also appoint committees from among its members to support the execution of its duties.

Among its key outcomes, the 36th Prisons Council confirmed the promotion of junior officers, recognizing their hard work, dedication and commitment to service.

The meeting emphasized the Uganda Prisons Service's commitment to professionalism, strong administration and continuous improvement in fulfilling its mandate of safe custody and rehabilitation of offenders.

