

DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

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President appoints New Deputy Director for the Directorate of Public Prosecutions.

Mr. Charles Elem Ogwal, a highly skilled and experienced prosecutor has been appointed by the President, His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni on recommendation of the Public Service Commission as Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions. The appointment took effect this month.

This position of Second Deputy Director fell vacant in 2013 with the appointment of the then office holder, Ms. Damalie N. Lwanga (now Lady Justice Damalie Lwanga) to the Judiciary as a High Court Judge.

The structure of the Directorate provides for two Deputies. He joins Mr. Amos Ngolobe who is currently the Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions in Charge of Management Support Services.

Prior to his appointment, Charles Elem Ogwal was serving as Assistant DPP (International Affairs and Field Operations). His duties involved overall management of all DPP field offices in the country and International criminal matters.

He is expected to improve performance management to ensure that the prosecution function is executed efficiently and effectively at the Headquarters in Kampala and across the whole country.

He was born in 1961. He holds a Bachelor of Laws Degree from Makerere University and a post graduate diploma in legal practice from LDC. He holds a Masters in Business Administration from ESAMI in addition to numerous other qualifications including Project management, fraud and crime prevention, patent law and practice and other intellectual property rights.

He joined the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs as a State Attorney in 1985 and rose through the ranks, effectively joining the Directorate as a Principal

State Attorney in 1995, when the office of the DPP ceased to be a part of the ministry of Justice.

He also previously worked with the United Nations office on Drug and Crime as a Terrorism Prevention expert from 2007– 2009 and concurrently managed two international regional projects involving 19 countries in Southern and Eastern Africa. These projects were “Judicial system training in drug related casework in Southern and Eastern Africa” and “countermeasures against illicit drug trafficking and cross border crime along Southern and Eastern African Land Borders.

He takes over the mantle at a time when there is increased prosecution workload due to escalation of existing crimes, new types of complex criminal cases e.g. money laundering, cybercrime and other cross border crimes.