

**REMARKS BY PRESIDENT OF AFRICAN
OMBUDSMAN AND MEDIATORS ASSOCIATION
(AOMA) AND CHIEF OMBUDSMAN OF
ETHIOPIA MRS FOZIA AMIN ON 2ND ANNUAL
REGIONAL QULLOQIUM OF AFRICAN
OMBUDSMAN**

AT SAFARI PARK HOTEL, NIROBI, KENYA

(19TH FEBURARY 2015)

- **Honorable President of East African Court of Justice**
Dr. Emmanuel Ugirashebuja
- **Your Excellency the General Secretary of AOMA and**
Chairperson of Commission on Administrative Justice,
Kenya, Dr. Otiende Amollo,
- **Distinguished Delegates,**
- **Invited Guests,**
- **Members of the Press,**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen**

I am grateful to be here among you on this 2nd Annual Regional Colloquium of African Ombudsman organized by Commission on Administrative Justice of Kenyan Ombudsman.

Honorable Dr. Emmanuel Ugirashebuja,

Distinguished Delegates

Ladies and Gentlemen

Please, allow me to express my sincere gratitude to the Commissioner Otiende Amollo, the Kenyan Ombudsman and his entire team for organizing and hosting this important meeting.

I am optimistic that this colloquium will enable us in strengthening the capacities of the members to prevent and combat maladministration aimed at improving the ability of the members to enforce their legal mandate more effectively in order to provide better service delivery so as to bring good governance in Africa.

This kind of conference is instrumental in the exchange of experiences, information and knowledge sharing among countries.

It is also important to note that AOMA and Representatives of African Union Commission gathered at the 1st AOMA-AU Bilateral Conference on 4th – 5th November 2014 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia have issued declaration that aimed at strengthening Ombudsman Institutions in member countries, institutionalize the AU shared values and Implement a joint Framework for Operationalization and Implementation of the Cooperation Agreement between the AUC and AOMA.

Honorable Dr. Emmanuel Ugirashebuja,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

AOMA has been striving to strengthen Ombudsman Institutions in Africa through sharing of knowledge and experience in order that these institutions will contribute their fair share in promoting good governance in public administration in the continent.

I hope such kind of capacity building trainings and experience sharing activities among member states serve as a guide to develop a concrete framework for action and change strategies for African Ombudsman and their institutions.

Therefore, I would like to thank again the initiative of Kenyan Ombudsman to organize such big and important Regional Colloquium of African Ombudsman with a theme “Securing the Ombudsman as an Instrument of governance in Africa”

Reminding you that this is one of the most pressing issue of our time that member states should uphold so that we should build a better and prosperous Africa, I wish a fruitful engagement in the course of our deliberation.

I thank you!