

**CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH DURING THE INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED SECRETARIES 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DINNER HELD ON FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2022 AT THE SAROVA PANAFRIC HOTEL, NAIROBI, AT 7.00 P.M.**

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**Our Chief Guest, Hon. Justice William Ouko, CBS, EBS  
Justice of the Supreme Court of Kenya  
Our Keynote Speaker, FCS Prof. P. L. O. Lumumba,  
Members of the ICS Council,  
The Chief Executive Officer, FCS Jeremiah Karanja,  
Members of ICS,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I take this opportunity to welcome and thank you all for finding time to attend the 27<sup>th</sup> Institute of Certified Secretaries Annual Dinner.

It gives me great pleasure to see us gather here tonight as the outbreak of the Covid pandemic inhibited the holding of the previous two years dinners. We are indeed grateful that we get to network tonight and share in the recognition of our deserving members.

Invited guests and my fellow members of the Institute, please join me in registering our most profound gratitude to our Chief Guest, Hon. Justice William Ouko, CBS, EBS Justice of the Supreme Court of Kenya and Our Keynote Speaker, FCS Prof. P. L. O. Lumumba FCS Prof. P. L. O. Lumumba for availing themselves to grace this auspicious occasion.

The Institute has undertaken a number of initiatives geared towards promoting good governance. Key among them include:

1. Internationally, the Institute is a member of the Corporate Secretaries International Association (CSIA), an Association that acts as a global umbrella organization for corporate/company secretaries' worldwide.

2. The Institute has continued to promote governance through strategic collaborations.
3. The Institute remains passionate about sharing expertise on good governance at the devolved level of government aimed at safeguarding the fruits of devolution.
4. We have published various governance manuals and materials aimed at equipping our members and the nation with the right tools in the journey towards better governance.
5. We continue to implement our Champions of Governance Award that recognizes organizations and individuals that exhibit the highest standards of good governance.
6. The Council established the Certified Secretaries' Profession Mentorship Program to provide a mentorship platform for CS students and young Certified Secretaries. This program is aimed at developing and nurturing upcoming leaders and CS champions and is in consonance with our commitment to grow, develop and sustain the pipeline of the CS profession in Kenya.

We continue with our endeavour to make the Institute the Profession of choice.

I wish to take this opportunity to urge all of us to continue supporting our professional development programmes. Most importantly, I request that we all plan to attend the forthcoming Regional Governance Summit to be held on November 14-18, 2022 in Kigali, Rwanda during which we seek to launch a professional association in Rwanda.

Our Chief Guest, as I wind up my speech, please allow me to introduce my fellow Council members who are present here tonight. I wish to acknowledge the support of all the Council

Members. I also wish to register my appreciation to our members and the Secretariat who have continued to support the Institute in achieving its mandate and keeping the Institute's flag flying high.

I congratulate all of you receiving Fellowship and Commendation Awards this evening. I sincerely thank you for your outstanding performance, support and contribution to the Nation, the Institute and the CS profession at large.

Our Chief Guest, it is now my pleasure to invite FCS Prof. P. L. O. Lumumba to address us.

Thank you.

**CS DIANA SAWE TANUI**  
**CHAIRMAN**