

His Excellency Mohamed Bazoum the
President of the Republic of Niger

His Excellency President Goodluck

Jonathan

The Right Honorable Prime Ministers

Their Excellencies the Members of the
Diplomatic Corps

The Honorable Ministers and Members of
Parliament Present

Honorable Members of the Judiciary
Present

His Excellency the President of the AFBA

His Excellency the President of the Niger
Bar Association

Their Excellencies the Past and Present
Presidents of Bar Associations Present
and their past and present Council
Members

Our host the Head of the Conference
Bureaux of Niger,

Members of the Bar Present,

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

Goodmorning! I bring you greetings from the Uganda Bar Association or the Uganda Law Society as we like to call it.

I would like to appreciate His Excellency the President of the Republic of Niger and his government for graciously hosting us in their beautiful country. Indeed, I would like to Congratulate HE on your recent election.

Today's theme of "Accountable Governance as a panacea for the unending conflicts in Africa" could not be more relevant today.

The Corvid 19 pandemic has changed our lives for ever and I would like to congratulate the AFBA on being able to hold an event of this magnitude at this

time. I would like to request that we remember those that we have lost in a moment of silence.

This is an exciting and timely Conference in the wake of the CFTA which promises to fulfil the dream of President Kwame Nkurumah of a united Africa.

As advocates, our main role on the continent is to ensure the respect for rule of law, good governance, professionalism and increase access to Justice. I do hope that today we shall choose to be the change that we want to see. That we shall be the voices for the voiceless and work to make the African Court of Justice a reality. Today we call upon our Attorneys General to ensure that the mutual recognition protocols for legal services are signed to allow for free movement of legal services

across the continent. This is the only way we shall empower our people to understand the trade protocols, benefit from them, comply with international standard, qualify for finance and make them competitive on the international market.

Africa is currently the bread basket of the world, the mineral source of the world and the Energy source of the world. Let's work towards making it the good governance and peace source of the world.

Let us as advocates choose to be the change we want to see by being faithful to our mandate to protect the Rule of Law, Available to our governments and people and teachable in our reputation.

I do welcome you to Uganda and I do hope

we can host the AFBA soon so that we
revenge for the wonderful hospitality we
have experienced here.

For God and My Country.