



# Theoretical Foundations for Reducing Pre-Trial Detention in Uganda's Criminal Justice System

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## Abstract

In Uganda's criminal justice system, pre-trial detention is a significant issue, with many defendants spending prolonged periods in custody awaiting trial. The study employs critical analysis and synthesis of existing laws, court practices, and international best practices related to pre-trial detention. The theoretical framework identifies several legal and procedural areas where reform could be implemented to expedite pre-trial processes. Recommendations include revising detention policies, improving court efficiency, and enhancing public education on the rights of defendants during pre-trial stages.

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