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HONOURABLE SPEAKER DECLARES THREE DAYS WORKSHOP OPEN

The Right Hon. Speaker of Parliament, Sheku Badara Basiru Dumbuya has declared three days workshop on effective committee oversight and the constitutional review in Committee Room One in Parliament open on Monday 15th February, 2016.

The three days workshop is organized for MPs and staff by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK, on experience sharing and best practices, particularly in holding the executive to account. Its five-member delegation is headed by the Right Hon. Baroness Hayman, who was the first elected Lord Speaker of the House of Lords from 2006 to 2011.

The Right Hon. Speaker, before declaring the workshop open, described it as “a most- welcome continuity of our Parliament’s productive, partnership with Westminster”. He averred saying that “now, we are pleased to welcome the Westminster well-spring of parliamentary knowledge up at Tower Hill at a time when our Members have their teeth well into salient objectives and practice of the parliamentary committee system and are therefore well-placed for a refining-refresher and to quickly assimilate further developmental knowledge”.



The High Table During the Formal Opening of the Workshop

Head of CPA-UK's delegation said among other things that they are willing to learn during the course of the workshop and share experience about effectively holding the executive to account, that the CPA had a training programme for Sierra Leone Parliament which was halted by the ebola outbreak, and recalled her recognition in the Chamber last year by the Rt. Hon. Speaker of the Parliament of Sierra Leone.

The workshop aims to promote a broader understanding of the key features and functions of parliamentary committees in holding the executive to account, exploring the role, responsibilities and relationships of Chairmen, Members, and Clerks for the operation of effective committees, how to conduct an inquiry and gathering evidence amongst others.