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## THE SIERRA LEONE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE ACT, 2023.

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SIGNED this 2nd day of October, 2023.

DR. JULIUS MAADA BIO,  
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**THE SIERRA LEONE AGRICULTURAL  
RESEARCH INSTITUTE ACT, 2023.**

Short title.

Being an Act to repeal and replace the Sierra Leone Agricultural Research Institute Act 2007 (Act No. 25 of 2007), to provide for stronger governance of agricultural research, management, community outreach, innovation, business development and commercialisation functions of the Institute and to provide for other related matters.

[ ] Date of commencement.

## PART I - PRELIMINARY

Interpretation.

1. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires -

"agriculture" means the practice of cultivating the soil, growing crops, or raising livestock for human use, including the production of food, feed, fibre, fuel, or other useful products;

"Appointments, Promotions and Performance Committee" means the Appointments, Promotions and Performance Committee referred to in Section 13;

"Commercialisation and Business Development Committee" means Commercialization and Business Development Committee referred to in Section 16;

"Council" means the policy making authority of the Institute referred to in Section 5;

"Director-General" means the Director-General of the Institute appointed under section 20;

"Finance and Compliance Committee" means Finance and Compliance Committee referred to in Section 14;

"Institute" means the Sierra Leone Agricultural Research Institute referred to in section 2;

"Knowledge and Innovations Committee" means the Knowledge and Innovations Committee referred to under Section 15;

"Management" the management of the Institute referred to in section 29;

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for agriculture;

"National Council of Science and Technology"/  
Directorate of Science, Technology and Innovation  
means the National Council of Science and  
Technology established

"research" means the furtherance, accumulation and  
improvement of knowledge in the agricultural and  
related sciences through original and other investi-  
gations and methods of a scientific nature with  
the advancement of agriculture as its object;

"Staff Disciplinary Committee" means the Staff  
Disciplinary Committee referred to in Section 17;

"Scientific and Technical Committee" means the  
Scientific and Technical Committee referred to in  
section 12.

## PART II—THE SIERRALEONE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

2. (1) There is hereby continued in existence the body which immediately before the commencement of this Act was known as Sierra Leone Agricultural Research Institute as one of the national research institutes dealing with Science and Technology whose activities shall be coordinated by the National Council of Science and Technology.

Continuation  
of Institute.

(2) The Institute shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and capable of acquiring, purchasing, holding and disposing of property, whether movable or immovable and of suing and being sued in its corporate name and subject to this Act, of performing all such acts as bodies corporate may by law perform.