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OUR PARLIAMENT



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OUR PARLIAMENT

Composition as at April 23rd 2022

- a) 58 MPs- ruling Sierra Leones Peoples Party
- b) 58 MPs- Opposition party- All Peoples Congress
- c) 8 MPs- Coalition 4 Change
- d) 4 MPs- National Grand Coalition
- e) 14 indirectly elected Paramount Chiefs
- f) 3 Independents MPs
- g) 1 Vacant Seat
- h) 18 female MPs- 12% female representation



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OUR AMBITION



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OUR AMBITION

OUR VISION:

An independent and autonomous state institution providing effective legislative and representative support through MPs to the people of Sierra Leone

OUR MISSION:

Making Government work for the people by giving voice to the voiceless through law making, transparency and accountability and equitable distribution of wealth

OUR VALUES:

1. Accountability
2. Inclusiveness
3. Gender Mainstreaming
4. Transparency
5. Integrity
6. Impartiality
7. Professionalism
8. Respect



OUR AMBITION



**STRATEGIC
GOALS
(2021-2005)**

Strengthened Institutional Capacity

Enhanced Legislative Capacity

Strengthened Oversight Capacity

Strengthened Representations &
Relationship with Citizens

Resource Mobilisation



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Goal 1: Strengthened Institutional Capacity

Strategies:

Independence
of our PSC

Streamline
Office of the
Clerk

Strong
Administrative
Framework

Enhance our
ICT
Infrastructure

Gender
Mainstreaming

Revise
Standing
Orders



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Goal 2: Strengthened Legislative Capacity

Strategies:

Eliminate legal & admin constraints in the Law Making Process

Capacity Building of MPs & Staffers

Establish Office of Legal Counsel



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Goal 3: Strengthened Oversight Capacity

Strategies:

Strengthen
Committee
Secretariat

Establish SOP's
for Oversight

Strengthen Research
Capacity

Functional Parliamentary
Budget Office



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Goal 4: Strengthened Representations & Relationship with Citizens

Strategies:

Set up MP's Offices in Parliament

Set up constituency offices

Constituency Facilitation Fund

Streamline Media Set up in Parliament

Advancing Civic Participation

Building Linkages with Media & CSO



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Goal 5: Resource Mobilisation

Strategies:

Articulate
the Case
for Support

Deliver &
Demonstrate
Results

Performance Evaluation
Plan

Cultivate & Leverage New
Partnerships



OUR CORPORATE JOURNEY & SOME EXCITING UPDATE



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SOME OF OUR EXCITING NEWS

Instituting Cooperate Governance with a parliamentary lens for effective stewardship

1. New strategic plan in place
2. Strategic planning introduced(Operational & Departmental)
3. PSC Act at an advanced stage
4. Standing Orders review commenced
5. Director General Recruited
6. Additional specialised departments established(PBO, CSPA, PPRD)
7. Internal Audit systems improved & Audit recommendations implemented
8. Increased PSC meetings with follow up on recommendations for implementation



SOME OF OUR EXCITING NEWS

Instituting Cooperate Governance with a parliamentary lens for effective stewardship

8. Revitalising management meetings(Board of Directors & Management)
9. Steps for ensuring role clarity taken- JD's for staff
10. Participatory & in-depth annual appraisal process commenced
- 11 Capacity building on leadership & cooperate governance for Senior & Middle Management
12. Development of our corporate brand guidelines

We still have areas to improve: The structure, development & implementation of our Risk Management Plan but we have a strong appetite for this.



SOME OF OUR EXCITING NEWS

New Initiatives on Oversight, Legislation, Representation & Relationships

1. Being adaptive with adjustment to continue sittings irrespective of COVID-19 at it peak.
2. New appropriation tool developed to support MPs & and timely submission of appropriation report
3. More committees conducting field oversight
4. Recognition for effective participation at international parliamentary conferences
5. Improved cooperative relationship with CSO
6. More engagement and capacity support to enhance effective press gallery reporting
7. Increased engagements with the private sector
8. Excellent performance on our OGP Commitments



SOME OF OUR EXCITING NEWS

Infrastructural development & enhancement of our digital capability

1. Refurbished our building & toilet system
2. Overhauled the ICT System
3. Now leveraging ICT in our work
4. MPs with screens & Ipads thereby improving information dissemination
5. Digital platform available for citizens participation(interactive website/parliapp)

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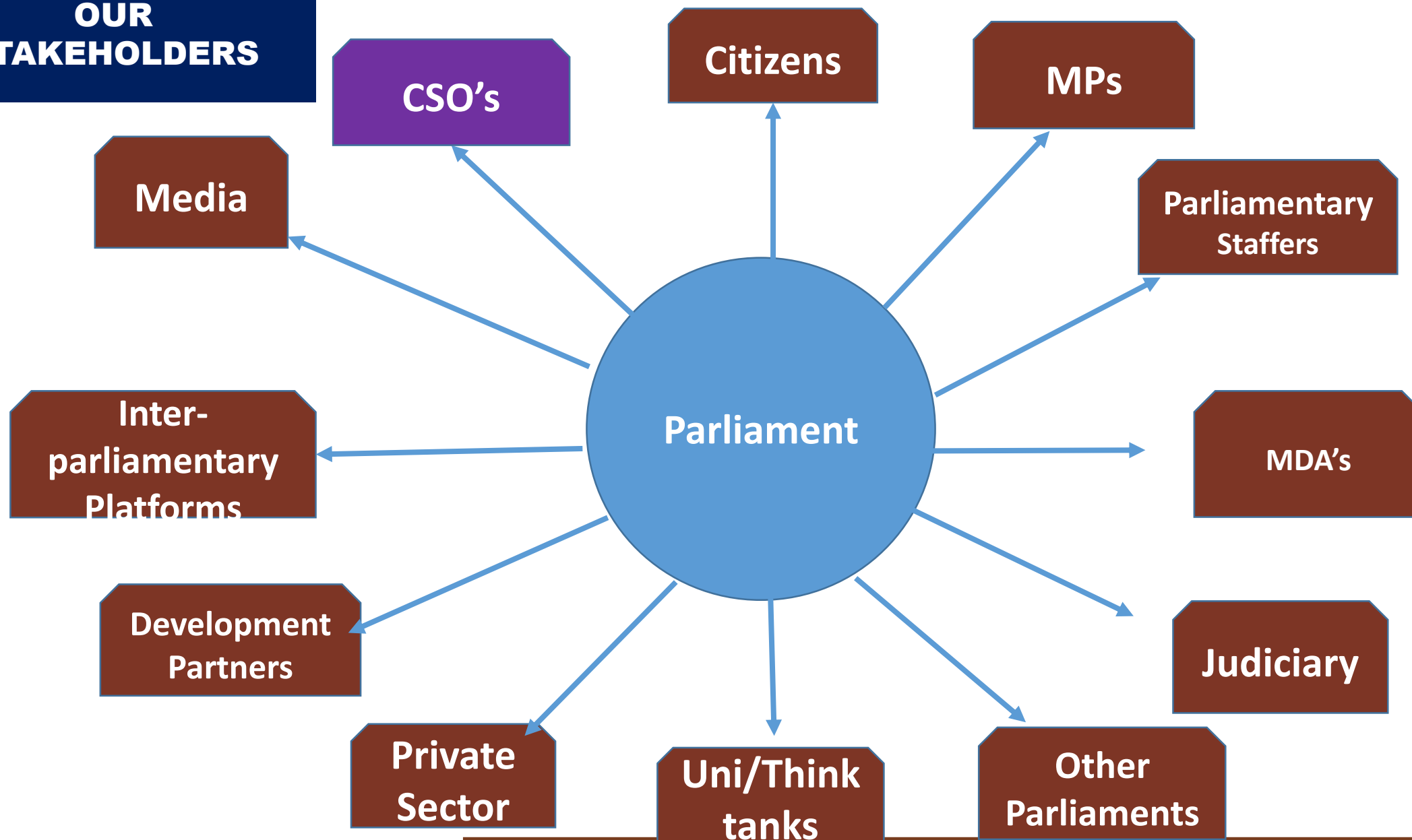
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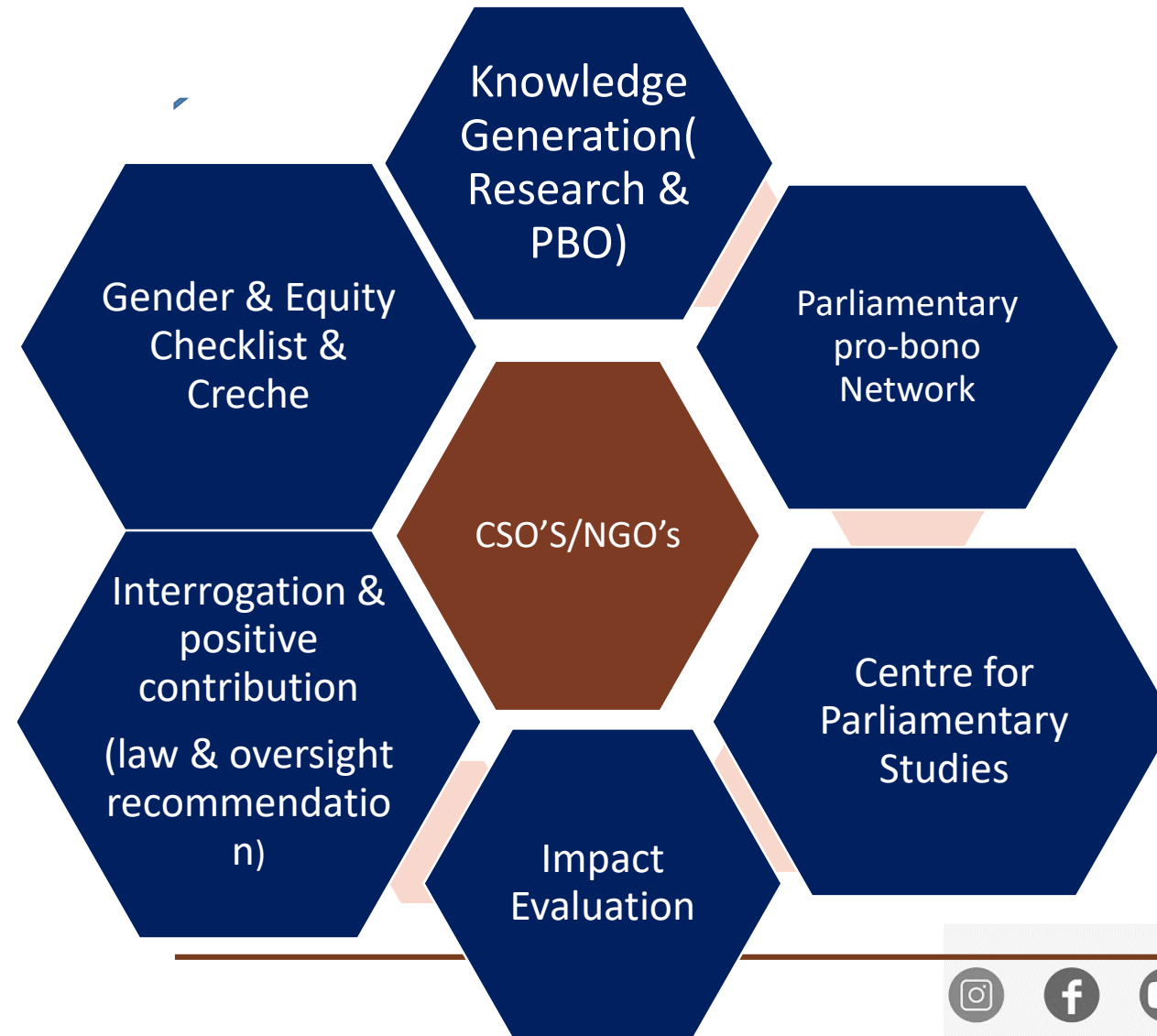
OUR COMMITMENTS FOR MUTUAL BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP, BETTER RESULTS IN GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY

1. The initiative is part of our 5 years strategic plan- it is therefore not an ad-hoc initiative
2. Dedicated departments providing the facilitation for the enhancement of the communique
3. Acknowledging the contributions of CSO in our work
4. Providing the space for continuous constructive engagement
5. Respecting our boundaries and space and respecting areas of disagreements
6. Supporting initiatives that will improve accountability from both ends
7. Monitoring & reporting on the implementation of the initiative



WHAT TO KEEP IN VIEW

PARLIAMENT & CSO COMMUNIQUE: A NOVELTY BUT TO KEEP IN VIEW:



**BUT WHAT ARE YOUR EXPECTATIONS BEYOND THE
PARLIAMENT & CSO COMMUNIQUE
IMPLEMENTATION?**

**WE ARE HAPPY TO HEAR FROM YOU & ALSO TO
STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOU REGARDING THE
AREAS TO KEEP IN VIEW**



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Thank You

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