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## PRESS RELEASES



### EU TRAINS DIRECTORS OF PARLIAMENT ON MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The European Union's Support to the Governance Sector in Sierra Leone on Thursday 02/11/2023 continued its support to the Parliament of Sierra Leone by organizing three-day training programs for Directors and Deputy Directors of Parliament on monitoring and evolution process in the conference Hall at Atlantic Hotel Lumely/Aberdeen Beach in Freetown. The program is supported by the EU Support to the Governance in Sierra Leone.

The purpose of the Program according to an M&E Officer in Parliament, Jacob Gegbeh is to educate directors on the work of the M&E in the promotion of effective accountability in public offices.

In his statement, Madam Director General of Parliament, Mrs. Finda F. Fraser said the training would enhance knowledge on monitoring and evaluation for directors and deputy Directors. The Directors General outlined the support of the EU to the Parliament of Sierra Leone and went on to underline the structural development of the work of the Parliament of Sierra Leone.

"Throughout the training, we have tackled diverse topics, ranging from the fundamental principles of M&E to the application of analytical frameworks and data-driven decisions. We have also had the opportunity of sharing our invaluable experiences and best practices in M&E implementation within parliamentary settings". She said

The Director General spoke on the objectives of the working relationship of the EU with the Parliament of Sierra Leone and other outstanding project implementation on the work of the Parliament of Sierra Leone and went on to request more support from the Legislative Arm of Government.

"Our Parliament has made tremendous strides in the past years. Passing effective laws is the core function of any Parliament, and the Parliament of Sierra is no exception. However, initiating legislation remains exclusively from the executive in Sierra Leone. To address this and make Parliament more effective in the legislative process requires the development of the institutional capacity of Parliament. Parliament has made steps towards this in the recently passed legislation (The Parliament Act)" " she concluded.

In his Statement, European Union Delegation Representative, Mr. N'fa Kargbo said he is delighted with the program for the training of directors and their deputies on capacity building on M&E. He said the work of Parliament is critical to the development of the State and went on to highlight the importance of the M&E training, relative to accountability, transparency, and performance improvement. He commended the administration of Parliament for considering the training of directors of Parliament and their Deputies.

He said the EU recognized the support and establishment of the office of the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Budget Office and the Center for Strategic Parliamentary Studies (CSPS). He promised the EU continued Support to the Parliament of Sierra Leone.

The Deputy Director of Parliamentary and Public Relations in the Parliament of Sierra Leone Mary Koroma moderated the training program.

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