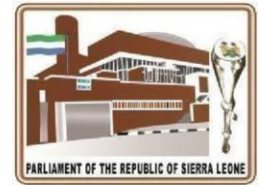




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PRESS RELEASE

**PARLIAMENT TRAINS SELECT STAFF TO STRENGTH CORPORATE GOVERNANCE OF
PARLIAMENT**

The European Union has funded a training of trainers programme for selected Staff of Parliament on a newly prepared Parliament's Corporate Governance Manual.

With the support of DAI Technical Assistance Team, the training of trainers activity is facilitated by Professor Nyokabi Kamau from the Kenya Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training in collaboration with the Sierra Leone Center for Strategy and Parliamentary Studies, headed by Mr. Mohamed A. Jalloh.

The training runs from the 10th to 13th January 2023, and commenced in Freetown with joint review of the Manual and will end in Makeni City at the end of this week.

The overall objective of the workshop is to equip participants with adults learning and training methodologies to effectively facilitate the corporate governance manual of Parliament for Members of Parliament, Staff and other interested persons from the general public. At the end of workshop, participants should be able to do the following:

1. Apply the basic principles of adults learning, training methodologies and facilitation skills;
2. Demonstrate effective facilitation skills;

3. Plan and manage adults learning and training events broadly and specifically on corporate governance; and

4. Adapt the various training methodologies for use in different contexts

Welcoming participants at the Royal Hotel in Makeni City on Thursday 12/01/2023, Director General of Parliament, Mrs Finda Findosia Fraser spoke about institutional strengthening through capacity building, development of a Strategic Plan, Communication Strategy, and the creation of new departments to accommodate reforms aimed at advancing the corporate agenda of Parliament. She also said that the Center for Strategy and Parliamentary Studies will be enhanced to deliver trainings for MPs, Staff and interested members of the public. Furthermore, she spoke on the review and feedback on the contents of the manual and called on participants to pay keen attention during the course of the training sessions.

Technical Expert to the EU Governance Support Programme to Parliament, Adams Fusheini acknowledged the timely convening of the workshop on the corporate governance manual and called on Staff to take advantage of the training aimed at enhancing their capacities for an effective Parliament. Speaking on sustainability, he said Parliament was central in a democracy and that Staff of Parliament were not divorced from that reality aimed at strengthening democracy in the country. He said with knowledge and the provision of resources will enable Parliament to effectively hold the Executive to account. Thanking the Leadership and Staff of Parliament, he recognized their support in the development of four manuals including public financial management, gender and legislative scrutiny aimed at ensuring that Bills passed by Parliament will stand the test of time.

Clerk of Parliament, Hon. Paran Umar Tarawally officially welcomed Professor Nyokabi Kamau on behalf of the Leadership of Parliament and recalled when he became Clerk of Parliament in 2018, he had to set up a committee which examined the strengths and weaknesses of the Parliamentary Service, headed by the Clerk of Parliament. The Report prepared by the committee was submitted to the Parliamentary Service Commission, chaired by the Speaker of Parliament directed an overhaul of the Parliamentary Service that resulted in study tours to Kenya and other places that culminated to some of the reforms in Parliament today. He said the Center for Strategy and Parliamentary Studies was established following the Kenya model mainly for capacity building for Members of Parliament, Staff and

other persons interested from the general public. He appreciated the EU for supporting Parliament and in particular the training manuals being developed and the preparation of trainers to help MPs and staff contribute to the achievement of parliament's corporate ambitions. Given trial and error approach of previous parliaments and the lessons of the current parliament, the Clerk of Parliament said the key lessons learnt are opportunity to strengthen the next 6th Parliament. Speaking on attrition and an evaluation of the corporate aspiration of Parliament, he said it was part of the collective resolve of Staff to ensure they encourage MPs to appreciate the corporate agenda of Parliament, given that Parliaments are traditional institutions in the world. He ended by thanking the Director General of Parliament, Mrs Finda Findosia Fraser for advancing agenda of Parliament through measurement and evaluation of the the Strategic Plan of the Parliament of Sierra Leone.

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