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**PRESS RELEASE**

**PARLIAMENT TRAINS STAFF ON PROTOCOL SERVICES FOR THE 52ND CPA AFRICA REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

The Parliament of Sierra Leone has supported the Directorate, Center for Strategy and Parliamentary Studies headed by Mr Mohamed Alpha Jalloh to train 201 Staff of Parliament and Foreign Affairs on the provision of effective and efficient protocol services for the purposes of the 52nd CPA Africa Regional Conference, for a period of four days, commencing today 26/05/2022 in Committee Room One, Parliament Building.

The Conference is themed: "The role of African Parliaments in building inclusive society to counter growing insecurity in Africa", and it will commence from the 3rd to 9th June, 2022.

Making a welcome statement to participants, Director of Parliamentary and Public Relations Department, Sheku Lamin Turay spoke on the provision of excellent protocol services and called on them to pay rapt attention during the course of the training and implement same to project a good image of Parliament and the Republic of Sierra Leone by leaving a positive impression in the minds of approximately 300 delegates that will be attending the said Conference at the Freetown International Conference Center, Aberdeen, Freetown.

Branch Representative of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Sierra Leone and Chairman of the Legislative Committee in Parliament, Hon. Abdul Sulaiman Marray-Conteh also called on participants to put on their best behaviors otherwise they may put the image of the country into disrepute. He also emphasized the need for effective and efficient protocol services to delegates including Speakers and Presiding Officers from Parliaments within the CPA Africa Region.

Speaking on behalf of the Clerk of Parliament, National Technical Advisor to the Clerk's Office, Hon. Jariatu K. Smith conveyed a strong message that any protocol officer who is found culpable of unprofessionalism and misconduct will be dismissed forthwith. Anything short of ideal protocol services will risk dismissals. No acceptance of tips and other forms of advances beyond the normal and ideal protocol services of the highest standards, she cautioned the trainees on behalf of the Clerk of Parliament, Hon. Paran Umar Tarawally.

Director Mohamed Alpha Jalloh did a presentation on understanding CPA Africa Region and Miss Zainab Susan Dumbuya, Senior Protocol Officer presented on basic protocol services and allocation of protocol staff from the airport, sea landing, hotels and to the conference venue.

Ambassador Soulay Daramy, the longest serving State Chief of Protocol (SCOP) to various Governments in the Republic of Sierra Leone is the Consultant-Trainer to enhance and support the provision of excellent protocol services for the said Conference. The training will involve a lot of practical sessions including a dry-run from Lungi to the hotels, a simulation exercise from arrival to departure of delegates.

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