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PRESS RELEASE

PARLIAMENT UNVEILS ITS SERVICE CHARTER

The Parliament of Sierra Leone with support from Westminster Foundation for Democracy has on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 launched and unveiled "The Parliament of Sierra Leone Service Charter", by the Hon. Speaker of Parliament, Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu.

The Parliament of Sierra Leone's Service Charter is a reflection of the Institution's commitments to assist and make available the best parliamentary service standards to citizens of Sierra Leone.

Giving a background submission of the Service Charter, Deputy Director of Research, Mr. Gilbert N'hbay said WFD and Parliament developed and validated the Charter with the aim of making Parliament open and accessible to the people of Sierra Leone.

Submitting, Country Representative of Westminster Foundation for Democracy, Rev. Alusine Diamond Suma said they are supporting Parliament in the areas of transparency, accountability and openness; adding that the Parliament of Sierra Leone since its inception into the OGP space has been very active in achieving its milestones by publication of its annual reports, hosting an open day interaction between citizens and Parliament and the launch of the Parliament's Mobile App.

Chairman National Commission for Civic Education and Development, Mr. Kalilu Totangi praised the Parliament of Sierra Leone for embracing transparency, accountability, and an open Parliament that is accessible to the people.

In his statement, the Clerk of Parliament, Hon. Dr. Paran Umar Tarawally said it is a significant milestone for the Parliament of Sierra Leone for being part of the OGP process; adding that out of the six goals set, the Parliament of Sierra Leone has achieved three and others are ongoing. He commended WFD and other development partners for supporting Parliament in its opening process.

Making his keynote address, the Rt. Hon. Speaker of Parliament, Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu said the vision and mission of Parliament in the Charter have clearly spelt out its roles and responsibilities in the development of the country; adding that, Parliament is the supreme legislative authority in the country. He pledged that Parliament would carry out these roles in the best interest of the nation; promising "we will uphold and maintain what is in the Parliamentary Service Charter", he averred.

The symbolic unveiling of the Charter was done at the entrance of the Parliament Building by the Speaker of Parliament, Hon. Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu.

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