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PRESS RELEASE



THE SIERRA LEONE FEMALE PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS ON ORANGE DAY CELEBRATION

The Parliament of Sierra Leone, in collaboration with the Westminster Foundation for Democracy and Petrojetty, has on Wednesday 06/3/2024 in Committee Room 1, Parliament Building organized a press conference for the upcoming Orange Day event that will be commemorated on the 14th of March 2024.

The purpose of the conference is to engage the media to create a platform for the Parliamentary Female Caucus to engage with citizens and stakeholders, showcasing its commitment to transforming into a viable and result-oriented organization of female legislators.

In her welcome remarks, Hon. Veronica Kadie Sesay, President of ECOWAS Female Parliamentarians said the press conference is geared toward informing journalists on their upcoming program "Orange Day" which will take place on the 14th March 2024. "The press are partners in the development of the country and we appreciate your work". She said.

The president of the Female Caucus in West Africa pleaded with the media to work with them to move the agenda of women.

In his opening address, the Country Representative of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy Rev. Diomand Suma said the day marks the launch of an important initiative, the Orange Day celebration. He said the event is of significant importance to align with the global movement to end violence against women and girls and to also promote gender equality and women's empowerment.

He said this year's Orange Day celebration theme would be focusing on "Empowering Women, Transforming Lives". and went on to note that the celebration would serve as a platform to raise awareness about the prevalence of gender-based violence and the urgent need for action to eliminate same.

Rev.Diomand expressed gratitude to the Parliamentary Female Caucus, the leadership of Parliament and donors for supporting the program and championing women's empowerment in society.

A representative from Petro Jetty, Fahmeeda Rahman touched on her organization's support for female participation and development and went on to acknowledge their organization's objectives in the development and celebrations of the upcoming Orange Day celebration.

The Director of DePREP, Mr.Gilbert Nabahay appreciated the work of the Parliamentary Female Caucus and went on to highlight the achievement on the female improvement in Sierra Leone. The Director narrated through statistical analysis how Sierra Lone has transformed its female causes more than Ghana and Nigeria. He said his department will work tirelessly to supporting and improving the female caucus in Sierra Leone.

In his keynote address, the President of the Parliamentary Female Caucus, Hon Neneh Lebbie said she is happy to be part of the program. She also said the Orange Day celebration has to be made known to the general public and it's significant. Madam President highlighted the importance of the Orange Day celebration on March 14, 2024. Hon Neneh Lebbie went on to outline the planned activities for the orange day and give a brief background on gender equality in Sierra Leone. She said a new executive had been established to promote the hosting of the Orange Day and outline each objective toward the development of women's participation

Hon.Lebbie commended WFD for supporting the Parliamentary Female Caucus and pinpointed the upcoming celebration for the women in Sierra Leone

The Director of the Parliamentary and Public Relations Department, Sheku Lamin Turay moderated the program and outlined the significance of the Orange Day celebration.

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