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### WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF FROM THE PARLIAMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

Sierra Leone's Public Accounts Committee Members Participate in the 2025 AFROPAC Conference

A delegation from Sierra Leone's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) is actively participating in the 2025 African Organisation of Public Accounts Committees (AFROPAC) Conference and General Meeting, held at the Golden Tulip Hotel in Kampala, Uganda, from March 17 to 21, 2025.

This year's conference is centred on the theme: "Strengthening Legislative Action to Combat Illicit Financial Flows and Foster Public Financial Resilience." Over five days, discussions will focus on key topics, including:

An overview of major trends in illicit financial flows (IFFs) and public finance in Africa.

Innovative strategies to combat IFFs.

Strengthening state institutions for a more effective fight against IFFs.

Addressing public finance challenges in the region.

### Parliamentary Oversight Committee Engages Ministry of Technical and Higher Education

The Parliamentary Oversight Committee on Technical and Higher Education held an engagement with the Ministry of Technical and Higher Education on Friday, March 21, 2025, in Committee Room One, Parliament. The session focused on familiarization visits and updates on the Ministry's educational activities.

In his address, the Chairman of the Committee, Hon. Moses Edwain underscored the significance of the education sector and reiterated the President's vision of ensuring education for all. He stressed that prioritizing education is essential for national development and called for greater collaboration between Parliament and the Ministry to achieve this goal. As the newly appointed Chairperson, he also took the opportunity to express gratitude to the Ministry and reaffirm his commitment to working closely with them.

The Deputy Leader 2 of Government Business, Hon. Emerson Saa Lamina echoed the need for enhanced collaboration to improve the country's education system. He highlighted that the government allocates 22% of the national budget to education and called for a collective commitment to maximizing its impact.

Hon. Lamina also addressed concerns about the performance of universities, particularly the newly established institutions across the country. He urged the Ministry to assess and rate universities based on their performance and effectiveness. Additionally, he encouraged the Ministry to seek amendments to the Education Act if any legal constraints were hindering its operations. He further raised concerns over the slow expansion of Fourah Bay College (FBC) and compared it to developments in sister universities across West Africa.

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