



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN**

**THE PARLIAMENTARY ACTION GROUP
ON THE SDGs**

**AND
THE SIERRA LEONE COALITION 2030**



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COALITION 2030**

'LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND'

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):

Framework for Partnership between the Sierra Leone Parliamentary Action Group (PAG) on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Civil Society Group -Sierra Leone Coalition 2030.

Background:

The Sierra Leone Parliamentary Action Group on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) was established by the Parliament of Sierra Leone charged with the primary responsibility of overseeing all actors including but not limited to the Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL), Development Partners (DPs), International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs) and National Non-Governmental Organisations (NNGOs), Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) Community Based Organisations (CBOs), Academia & Private Sector (PS) in the implementation of the SDGs and other related matters.

The Sierra Leone Coalition 2030 (SLC2030) is a group of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working to ensure effective and coherent implementation of the SDGs. The coalition exists to reflect the needs, wishes and aspirations of the people of Sierra Leone in the Adoption of Agenda 2030. Since the inauguration of the Coalition in 2016, a total of fourteen (14) organizations have manifested deep commitment in supporting the localization of the SDGs in order to complement the efforts of GoSL to take ownership of the implementation process.

Cognizant of the role and responsibilities of both parties of this memorandum and after several engagements, both parties to this MoU have agreed to identify the main channels and mechanisms through which Parliament and The Sierra Leone Coalition 2030 can reinforce the work of each other and ensure effective implementation, monitoring and reviewing of the Sustainable Development Goals in Sierra Leone.

Purpose:

For SDGs to succeed, Parliament is expected to promote the SDGs, since the SDGs reflect the needs and aspirations of the people. Parliamentarians can do so by enacting laws and overseeing the executive in the implementation of the laws, national policies and strategic plans. In turn, the government is expected to report to Parliament.

Given these responsibilities, both Parliament and the Coalition 2030 will play a key role in ensuring the success of the SDGs agenda. As a result, the purpose of this MoU is as follows:

Role of parliament:

- Promote the SDGs (national & international)
- Localise the SDGs at all levels

- Enact laws
- Provide Oversight
- Ensure that all Parliamentary Committees support the SDGs implementation
- Ensure that budgetary allocation reflects national priorities on the SDGs
- Ensure the availability of data in the SDG implementation process
- Gather citizens' feedback on the SDGs
- Compile, disseminate and share information on the SDGs
- Mobilise resources to support the SDG implementation

Role of CSOs:

- To complement and support Parliament
- Provide technical assistance, cross learning, public information on the work of parliament, resource mobilisation
- Promote research in support of SDGs rollout
- Support capacity building
- Advocacy and campaign jointly with parliament
- Facilitate resource mobilisation
- Ensure that Parliament has the oversight role in the implementation of the SDGs (**accountability, and oversight**)
- Strengthen the partnership between the coalition and Parliament so that implementation leads to positive changes for people living in poverty and exclusion (**leave no one behind**)
- Support **localization** of the agenda (connect global policy with national agenda)

The Parliamentary Action Group will:

- Request the executive to provide regular updates on SDGs delivery
- Conduct parliamentary debate on SDGs
- Contribute to the compilation of national progress report at United Nations High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) or any sort of annual reporting that GoSL will have to undertake
- Encourage MPs to hold Town hall meetings in their constituencies as an awareness raising tool
- Engage the Local Councils in the national implementation process

To support the PAG's objectives, the Coalition will:

- Organize side events in Parliament to increase awareness on the SDGs among Members of Parliament including the public and the media
- (content) Support Parliament to increase their involvement in the SDG implementation: advocate to government and popularize the critical role of Parliament in the SDGs implementation and monitoring processes
- (logistics) Support with organization / personnel capacity (organizing trips, events, media coverage, logistics)
- (networking) Help Parliament with networking, link to other Parliaments, initiatives etc.
- Visibility: support MPs with messaging when dealing with the media (articles, interviews, radio programmers etc.)

Establishment and Duration:

Other elements:

- **Reporting requirements:** for accountability reasons and stock taking on progress / relationship and activities etc.
- **Resource mobilization:** both sides have responsibility to provide funds where available and possible
- **Timeframe:** this relationship should exist for the period of the SDGs (2030) with revision periods when relevant

Composition:

Both parties understand the importance of serving the country to the best of their abilities and with the highest degree of dedication and care. The PAG and SLC2030 agree to disclose any interest they might have in a matter being considered by both parties; where that interest could reasonably be viewed by the other party as affecting their objectivity or independence. If a party or a member has a specific or individualized interest which may impact his/her contributions as a member, it is his/her responsibility to inform the two Co-Chairs and the Secretariat of both parties.

Amendments:

Each party agree to review the MoU periodically. The terms of this MoU may be modified or waived only by written documentation, signed by the leadership of the PAG and the Steering Committee of the Coalition. Either party to this MoU shall at any time request an amendment which shall be tabled for deliberations and consensus.

Termination:

This MoU may be terminated by either party by giving the other party notice in writing of the same.

Entry into force:

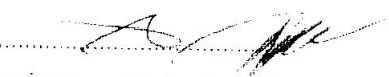
This MoU shall enter into force on the date it is signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, both parties herein set their hands.



Date: 11/07/2017

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Date: 11/07/2017

Mr. Edward John Bull, for and on behalf of Sierra Leone Coalition 2030