

GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

REPORT OF OUTCOME OF JULY 2019 HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON THE 2030 AGENDA AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS) IN NEW YORK

FOLLOW-UP AND REVIEW OF PROGRESS MADE IN IMPLEMENTING THE GOALS SIERRA LEONE PRESENTING VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW (VNR) THE SECOND TIME

9th - 19th JULY 2019

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*The report starts by presenting a summary of outcome of the meetings, followed by detailed matrix of key events attended, issues discussed in those events and actions to follow-up on with lead actors

Summary of Outcome

Overview

- 1. The forum took stock of progress made in the 17 SDGs over the first four-year cycle of their implementation; with a special focus on six goals in the last one year. The six are: Goal 4 (inclusive quality education); Goal 8 (decent work and inclusive growth); Goal 10 (reducing inequality); Goal 13 (climate action); Goal 16 (justice and strong institutions); and Goal 17 (means of implementation and global partnerships).
- 2. A total of 47 countries, including Sierra Leone were comprehensively reviewed in these meetings. It was the second Voluntary National Review (VNR) report that Sierra Leone presented to this global forum, bringing together delegates from all over the world under the auspices of the UN Economic and Social Council, tasked with following-up and reviewing progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- 3. The government delegation from Sierra Leone included: the Minister of Planning and Economic Development, who led the delegation; the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation; Attorney General and Minister of Justice; Minister of Basic and Secondary Education; the Chairperson and Executive Director of the Sierra Leone Legal Aid Board; Chairman of the Law Reform Commission; the Executive Director of the Sierra Leone Export and Investment Promotion Agency; Chairman of the Right of Access to Information

Commission; and government technicians working on the SDGs.

- 4. Several delegates were drawn from the civil society/NGOs and the private sector to join the government in these meetings, including a representative (visually challenged) from persons with disabilities.
- 5. Thanks to the numerous organisations that financed the trips of a total of 29 state and non-state delegates to represent Sierra Leone in these meetings. These include the Government of Sierra Leone; the UNDP; the FAO; UNESCO; Global Fund; OSIWA; Sight Savers/Coalition 2030; Plan International; Water Aid Sierra Leone/UK; and TAP Network (see Annex 2 for list of delegates and funding agencies).
- 6. The meetings comprised numerous high-level technical and ministerial discussions, and more than 80 side events on various development issues, including those presenting opportunities for mobilizing international public and private investment finance for LDCs.

Four main events for Sierra Leone during the High-Level Segment 15th -19th July 2019

- 7. **First**: Presentation of the country VNR report by the Minister of Planning and Economic Development on 15th July to the entire world, showing progress made on the SDGs, with special emphasis on goals 4 (education) and 16 (justice).
- 8. **Second**: Sierra Leone Side Event "Walking out of Fragility: Education and Justice for All" on 15th July

organised by the Government of Sierra Leone through its Permanent Mission to the UN (PMUN).

- 9. **Third**: Sierra Leone and Canada Side Event "A Dialogue for Peace: Delivering SDG16+ in Conflict-Affected Situations—Ministerial Launch of the IDPS 2019-21 Peace Vision" on 15th July organised by the Governments of Sierra Leone and Canada through their PMsUN.
- 10. **Fourth**: g7⁺ Side Event "SDG16 in Conflict Affected Situations, Ambition vs Reality" on 17th July organised by the Governments of Sierra Leone, Afghanistan and Timor Leste through their PNsUN.
- 11. There were several other events attended by our delegates, where they served on panel discussions and/or presented papers (see some details in Annex 1).

Appreciation of Sierra Leone in these Events

- 12. Sierra Leone is widely recognized as a major player in the promotion of global development affairs, ranging from furthering global peace and stability, to effective domestication of global policies and frameworks.
- 13. It was stated in several bilateral meetings held with development partners that Sierra Leone's VNR report was the best amongst the 47 countries reviewed, in light of its logic, coherence and frankness; appreciated for having achieved a lot out of clearly presented challenges.
- 14. And, attended by more than 120 participants including many development partners, Sierra Leone Side Event on Walking out of Fragility was a strategic showcase of great

- milestones achieved by the country in promoting peace, economic growth and stability since the civil war ended in 2002.
- 15. The event attracted record high global attention to the business of Sierra Leone, with the effective delivery of country achievements by of all four aforementioned ministers of government in a panel discussion.
- 16. Also on that panel projecting positive images of the country were Sierra Leone members of parliaments; civil society representatives, including Mr. Basiru Bah (the visually challenged); and president of the Sierra Leone Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.
- 17. A global advocate for Sierra Leone, the Canadian Permanent Representative to the UN, made a strong case in support of the country during this event, alongside the representative from UNDP New York.
- 18. In his opening statement, the Ambassador highly praised Sierra Leone for its unprecedented and sustained postconflict strides, and called for continued support for the country. He remarked that while the country had done so tremendously well since the war ended, it must not be punished for its great achievement; more support was still needed to sustain its gains.

Global development performance and challenges

19. There have been some achievements in the SDG targets over the last four years, although challenges remain overwhelming, especially for LDCs.

- 20. **Progress**: Global under-five deaths dropped from 9.8 million people in 2000, to 5.4 million people in 2017; while about 9 out of 10 people worldwide have access to electricity.
- 21. Labour productivity increased by 2.1 in 2018 from 2017; while in more than half of 92 countries during 2011-016, income of the bottom 40 percent of the population grew faster than national average.
- 22. And about 66 percent of products exported from LDCs received duty free treatment in 2017, compared to 51 percent for developed regions; remittances projected to be the largest source of financing development in LDCs in 2019, estimated at USD550 billion, compared to net Overseas Development Assistance of US\$149 billion in 2018.
- 23. Challenges are overwhelming, nonetheless this progress: 736 million people lived in extreme poverty in 2015, numbers expected to be higher with population increases to date, with 55 percent of the world population having no access to social protection.
- 24. About 415 million (close to 60 percent) of the 736 million poor at the time living in sub-Saharan Africa.
- 25. Total of 821 million were undernourished in 2017, up from 784 million in 2015; 785 million going without basic drinking water services at the time, and 1 out or 4 healthcare facilities worldwide lacking these services in 2016.

- 26. With 2 billion people living in countries experiencing high water stress, 700 million could be displaced by intense water scarcity by 2030.
- 27. Still 617 million children and adolescents lack minimum proficiency in reading and mathematics, while more than 50 percent of the schools in sub-Saharan Africa have no access to basic water, hand washing facilities, internet and computers.
- 28. While 9 out of 10 people worldwide have access to electricity, 87 percent of the 840 million without this utility live in rural areas.
- 29. At 4.8 percent during 2010-2017, global real GDP grew by less than 7 percent of SDG target; even projected to go down to below 3 percent by 2019 in light of growing negative global dynamics, including global trade wars with attendant uncertainties, besides looming debt distress.
- 30. Industrialisation getting too slow in LDCs, where only US\$114 is value-added per capita (manufacturing), compared to US\$4,938 in Europe and Northern America.
- 31. And a lot more remains to be desired with respect to biodiversity treatment and management of land and water resources, and addressing climate change concerns.

Implications of the HLPF for Sierra Leone

32. The SDGs and VNRs remain vital platform for Sierra Leone to leverage international finance for its transformation. The global recognition the country has earned as a leader in implementing the UN 2030 agenda has increased its standing in the international community; and

has maximised its chances of leveraging international resources if the government can increase its strategic engagement. Our ministers were invited to chair several discussions at this HLPF.

- 33. However, it has to be noted at the same time that global challenges are increasingly growing from the highlights above. Thus, greater attention has to be paid to mobilizing domestic resources, as ODA stagnates, and global economy projected to shrink in light of trade uncertainties, amongst other factors.
- 34. International engagement should be intensified in arrangements to help support country systems and capacities to increase mobilization of domestic resources: arrangements that will increase private investment in the country and increase efficient operations and delivery in the public sector.
- 35. To take advantage of Sierra Leone's high standing in global policy as a lever for national development will

require increased support to country diplomatic missions in New York, Brussels and Addis Ababa. These missions need requisite financial and human resources to strategically mobilize development cooperation for the country.

36. And we need to popularize our national development plan abroad, as well as locally.

Conclusion

- 37. The matrix to this report in Annex 1 has further details on the outcome of the July 2019 HLPF that reviewed Sierra Leone's performance in the SDGs for the second time. Speeches and papers delivered at this forum on Sierra Leone and the VNR reports and related documents are available at the Sierra Leone Mission to the United Nations in New York and the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development in Freetown.
- 38. And you can find the list of Sierra Leone delegates to this HLPF in Annex 2.

Annex 1: Summary of Meeting Outcomes and Opportunities for Sierra Leone

Date	Meeting	Issues Discussed/Engagement/Opportunities for Sierra Leone at the HLPF	Key Action Points
12 th	Peace	The meeting focused on peace building and reconstruction efforts in	MDAs to review and align
July	Building	conflict affected, fragile and disaster-prone countries amidst the	their Strategic Plans and
2019		challenges of insecurity, climate change and dwindling financial	activities with Agenda
		resources.	2030 prior to
			commencement of Budget
		The Speakers at the event included the Mayor of Freetown who	hearings later this year to
		articulated the City's consultative and inclusive approach in engaging	ensure strategic allocation
		all stakeholders, including women, children, the disabled, youth and	and use of financial
		the aged to ensure that no one was left behind in formulating the	resources for attainment of
		blueprint for transformation of the City. She informed the meeting that	SDGs
		the City's Plans were aligned with the Plans of the Central Government	
		in view of their shared and common purpose enshrined in Agenda	<u>Lead Actor:</u> Ministry of
		2030.	Planning and Economic
			Development
		Other speakers reiterated the importance of adopting an inclusive and	
		consultative process particularly by engaging civil society in peace	To speed up modalities for
		building, national cohesion and voluntary review mechanisms in the	the establishment of the
		implementation of the SDGs.	Commission on
			Reconciliation and
			National Cohesion
			Lead Actor: Ministry of
			Presidential and Political
			Affairs; Office of Chief

	Minister; Ministry of
	Justice

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15 th VNR Lab 8: July Strengthening the SDG Thematic Reviews during the next Cycle	The meeting considered the role of VNRs in contributing to the attainment of Agenda 2030. The United Arab Emirate's contribution at this Lab highlighted the following: 1) the need for formation of National Committees on SDGs to coordinate both national and international efforts, with National Statistics Offices being an integral part of these Committee; 2) that annual reviews on progress/challenges in SDG implementation affords opportunity to identify gaps and areas requiring more support and action; noting that process has boosted UAE's ratings internationally; and the youth have been central in the process; and 3) the need for the establishment of National SDGs Database that all MDAs will feed information into Japan reported that it has localized the SDGs and offered to assist countries generating credible data and undertaking statistical analysis in support of the implementation of the global agenda and national development policies. Other contributors corroborated the importance of data and data analysis in this area.	Increase nationwide sensitisation to the SDGs, and strategically prioritise national development needs Establish contacts with the Japanese Institute of Statistics for cooperation and assistance Establish national database to capture information and data on SDGs Establish and support National Technical Committee on the SDGs Lead Actor: Ministry

	Economic Development

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July of VNRs 2019 Brazil, C the Philippin and Siern Leone, a second to	presentations by Brazil, Chile, the Philippines and Sierra Leone. Sierra Leone's presentation was well received, as well as other countries on the panel of four; there was extensive plenary discussion on the performance of these countries. Sierra Leone was especially highly received for its	Step up efforts at addressing inequality, curbing violence against girls and women, eliminating child marriage, protecting adolescent girls and increasing climate action. Lead Actors: National Commission for Social Action; Ministry of Planning and Economic Development; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education; Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children Affairs; Ministry of Justice; Ministry of Lands;

	Environment Protection Agency; and National Protected Area Authority

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15 th	Side	The meeting was hosted by PMsUN of Sierra Leone and Canada and focused	Increase
July	Event on	on Education and Justice as SDG accelerators in fragile States. Speakers were	implementation of
2019	"Walking	drawn from Sierra Leone Government Delegates, Members of Parliament, Civil	the SDGs and
	out of	Society, Chamber of Commerce, SLIEPA, the Private Sector, the UN, and other	national
	Fragility:	countries, including Qatar and Morocco	development plan,
	Education		with continued

and	The event presented opportunity to dwell further into Sierra Leone VNR report,	special focus on
Justice for	focusing of the countries achievements in education, justice and strengthening	education and
All	institutions as crucial building block for walking out of fragility. The country	justice as
	was praised for the laudable achievement in education and justice and in the	accelerators goals
	implementation of the SDGs in general; with other countries such as the	
	Gambia expressing interest to reach out to Sierra Leone for guidance in	Increase
	undertaking their own VNR processes; Qatar informed the meeting that a team	cooperation with
	will visit Sierra Leone to seek ways of supporting the Government on the SDGs;	civil society,
	and Morocco reporting its strong ties with Sierra Leone, including in the area	parliament and the
	of education. Canada , through its Permanent Preventative to the UN, was	private sector
	especially vocal of the great achievement of Sierra Leone following the end of	Cooperate with the
	the war and called on the international community to do more for the country.	Gambia, Canada,
	Manalana of Ciana I and Dadianana in the data data and the data data	Qatar and Morocco
	Members of Sierra Leone Parliament in the delegation noted the development	on the interest to
	of policies on climate change and the challenges of enforcement, and their	cooperate with SL
	general oversight functions in ensuring effective implementation of SDGs. Civil	in the SDGs
	Society Coalition representative lauded Government's consultative and	
	inclusive approach to the SDGs and national development, including the	Lead Actors
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	Government has ensured in the country.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	representative of persons with disabilities. Chamber of Commerce representative sport of the role of the private sector in the SDG in Sierra Leone, while SLIEPA's representative noted the improved investment climate the Government has ensured in the country.	Lead Actors MoPED, MFAIC, Sierra Leone PMUN; MBSSE; MoJ

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15 th	Ministerial	Organised by the Governments of Sierra Leone and Canada, the	Improve	policy
July	Launch of	meeting emphasised the need for increased incentive and having	environn	nent for private
2019	IDPS 2019 –	credible internal dispute resolution mechanisms to attract private	sector	development,
		investment for peace consolidating and building, and adherence to the	and	increase

	2021 Peace Vision	Kampala Principles for private sector engagement. Stressed the role of civil society and promotion of peace, social and national cohesion in the process.	engagement and capacity of CSOs Lead Actors MoPED, MPPA, MoJ, CSO Coalition
16 th July 2019	"Governance for the SDGs: Learning from Country Experiences and defining an agenda for the future	The meeting examined challenges and opportunities common to countries in implementing the SDGs, irrespective of their state or level of development. Iceland reported that SDGs were human rights, which required strong political will, prioritising gender equality and regional and international cooperation in their national plans. Romania changed from traditional to a radical approach to SDG implementation, identifying dedicated people in institutions and creating special department for the SDGs in the office of the Prime Minister. New Zealand noted that SDGs were off-track, and that public servants needed capacitation to formulate realistic and practical proposals. Czech Republic established SDG implementation units in all MDAs, emphasizing SDG-based budgeting. In Finland, the Prime Minister chairs the Commission on the SDGs, and implementation of the goals integrated in the budget process with full support of the Ministry of Finance; and as in Sierra Leone, the Auditor-General monitors the implementation of SDGs	Government to sustain efforts at implementing the SDGs; increase alignment with the budget; and increase the overall coordination of implementation of the Agenda Lead Actors MoPED, MoF, MoJ, Parliament; CSOs; Audit Service Sierra Leone

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16 th	Breaking	Determined to fight inequality, especially in favour the rural poor and those	Ensure registration of
July	Silos:	in extreme poverty, countries such as Bangladesh effectively enforced	property and land use
2019	Showcasing	their property legislations by which land and land rights were restituted to	rights

	integrated solutions to	their original owners. Civil society representative from Sierra Leone supported these actions, citing threats to land rights in the country posed by	Increase use of
	help	multinational corporations taking exclusive rights over lands of rural	traditional dispute
	achieve	people, dispossessing them of it thereby depriving them of their right to	resolution methods
	SDG 16,	livelihoods.	
	Gender and		Lead Actors
	Land	Lack of policies on land rights and land use, exclusion in management of	MoJ; Ministry of
	related	natural resources were among challenges pointed out during the meeting;	Lands and the
	SDGs	which emphasised use of mediation to settle disputes among local people,	Environment
		and application of traditional methods to settle land cases.	
16 th	Bilateral	Minister Kai-Kai met with the PR of Ireland on Sierra Leone's VNR	To continue
July	Meeting	report and Side Event on goals 4 and 16. The Minister reiterated the	engagement with the
2019	with Ireland	importance of these two goals for the country. He emphasized the strategic	Irish PMUN in New
		importance of build strong institutions, the deployment of paralegals in the	York and Embassy in
		country and the contribution of Alternative Dispute Resolution	Freetown
		Mechanism, all leading to reduction of pre-trial detention and other justice	
		dividend for the poor and all (for goal 16). On education, goal 4, he could	Lead Actors
		not overemphasised the leading role of this sector for socioeconomic	MoPED, MFAIC, SL
		transformation of any state, while presenting the constraints encountered	PMUN
		by the government both goals, including limited access to financial	
		resources.	
		The PR of Ireland informed Minister Kai-Kai about their interest in the	
		Security Council membership, which will increase its influence as part of	
		the European Family to help smaller countries. Thus, they would like	
		Sierra Leone to support their candidature	

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16 th July 2019	Bilateral Meeting with Ireland (cont'd)	Minister Kai-Kai noted the request of Ireland and went on to discuss issues relating to the Sierra Leone economy and its challenges. He informed the PR of the government policy of diversifying the economy focusing on agriculture and supporting small farmers and fisheries. He informed him about the challenge with poaching in the country's waters and the country's limited capacity to stop poachers, as he welcomed any assistance that Ireland can provide in these areas. Ireland recalled its history of transitioning from a small-scale low productive agriculture sector into an advanced economy, and how research and technology helped them transform into this state; thus express desire to share these technologies with Sierra Leone for increased agricultural productivity. The PR shared the new Ireland policy of support, focusing on women and children; and its desire to deepen	To continue engagement with the Irish PMUN in New York and Embassy in Freetown Lead Actors MoPED, MFAIC, SL PMUN
17 th July 2019	SDG 16 in Conflict Affected Situations: Ambition Vs. Reality	ties between the two countries. Minister Kai-Kai recognised Ireland support during the Ebola crisis and looked forward to meeting with the new Irish Ambassador to Sierra Leone. Minster Francis Kai-Kai, Chair of the g7+ on behalf of Sierra Leone, opened the panel discussion on this event, aimed at examining progress in implementing SDG16 in conflict affected countries. The event discussed the reality on the ground against set ambition for goal 16.	Strengthen data system, innovation and technology; focus on selected g7+
		The Attorney General and Minister of Justice provided an overview of the justice delivery efforts in Sierra Leone. She reiterated the leadership provided by the country in SDG 16, including the hosting of 16+ annual showcase in Freetown in October 2018; the outcome of the g7+ Justice Ministers' meeting in the Hague in June 2019, which was chaired by Sierra Leone. Other member countries, such as	indicators to monitor SDG16; and sustain g7+ progress reporting at global events
		Timor Leste , Central African Republic and Afghanistan all provided update on progress. South Korea shared its experience on how it was able to move from a fragile and aid recipient state to donor country. And the meeting emphasised need for improved data, innovation and technology in the fragile and conflict context in pursuing the SDGs	Lead Actors g7+ Secretariat, Global; MoPED, MoJ; MFAIC; SL PMUN
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18th	UNDP	Minister Kai Kai (for Planning and Economic Development) and Minister Timbo (for Basic	To follow up
July	Bilateral	and Secondary School Education) met with UNDP High Level Officials in New York. They	with the
2019	Meeting	thanked the management of UNDP for their sustained support for Sierra Leone, recounting a	UNDP on the
		range of areas they have intervened since the outbreak of Ebla, as they expressed	PUDC that is
		government commitment to continued and strengthened partnership with the organisation.	delivering
		The ministers acknowledged the recent role UNDP played in the formulation of the	more than US\$
		country's new Medium Term National Development Plan that was highly-linked to the	200 million
		SDGs; and discussed Government's determination to continue to give special focus on	support to
		SDGs 4 and 16, and strengthen the implementation of the national Plan and SDGs at local	Senegal, as
		and community level. They expressed government's intention to be holding	well as other
		donor/Government dialogue at this local level, noting that the national Directorate of Rural	countries in
		Development has recently been moved to the Ministry of Planning and Economic	various rural
		Development, which provides an institutional opportunity to anchor the PUDC Programme	development
		(the Integrated Community Development Initiative) that the UNDP is facilitating for Sierra	interventions.
		Leone.	
			To follow up
		The representatives of the UNDP were thankful of the visit paid them by the two ministers,	with the
		and informed them that the UN was currently working on its new Country Programme for	Minister of
		the period 2020-2023 that will be fully aligned to MTNDP. While noting that government	Agriculture
		has recently field a team together with UNDP Officials in Freetown to understudy the PUDC	and Forestry
		in Senegal, they also express intention to have a higher level visit involving Ministers to	on the IDB
		maximise the chances of supporting Sierra Leone with this programme.	allocation
		The meeting discussed government's Free Quality Education Initiative and financial	Lead Actors
		requirement for the initiative to become successful. The UNDP noted their role in resource	MoPED,
		mobilization, including exploring private sector financing options for countries. The	MAF
		organisation informed the ministers about an IDB allocation in support of agricultural value	
		chain development in Sierra Leone	

Annex 2: Members of the Delegation to the High Level Political Forum on the SDGs in New York, 9th to 19th July 2019

No	Name	Designation	Institution	Sector	Funding Source
1	Dr. Francis Kai Kai	Minister	Ministry of Planning and Economic Development	Government	Government
2	Mrs. Nabeela Farida Tunis	Minister	Ministry Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation	Government	Government
3	Dr Priscilla Schwartz	Attorney General and Minister	Attorney General's Office and Ministry of Justice	Government	Government
4	Mr. Alpha. Osman Timbo	Minister	Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education	Government	Government
5	Dr. Sheka Bangura	Director of Planning, Policy and Research/National SDGs Focal Person	Ministry of Planning and Economic Development	Government	Government
6	Abie Elizabeth Kamara	Deputy Director of Development Assistance Coordination Office	Ministry of Planning and Economic Development	Government	OSIWA
7	Justice Miatta Maria Samba	Chairperson	Sierra Leone Legal Aid Board	Government	Global Fund
8	Fatmata Claire Carlton- Hanciles	Executive Director	Sierra Leone Legal Aid Board	Government	Global Fund
9	Martina Kroma	Chairman	Law Reform Commission	Government	UNDP, FAO
10	Hon. Alusine Kanneh	Member of Parliament & Chairman	Parliamentary Committee on SDGs	Government	Government, Coalition 2030
11	Hon. Quintin Salia- Konneh	Member of Parliament	Parliamentary Committee on SDGs	Government	Government
12	Hon. Yusuf Mackery	Member of Parliament	Parliamentary Committee on SDGs	Government	Government
13	Sheku Lexmond Koroma	Chief Executive Officer	Sierra Leone Investment and Export Promotion Agency	Government	UNDP, FAO
14	Shahid M. Korjie	Coordinator of Justice Sector Coordination Office	Ministry of Justice	Government	Government

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15	Dr. Seaga Shaw	Chairman	Right of Access to Information Commission	Government	UNESCO
16	Amadu Sidi Bah	Coordinator of Non-State Actors	Ministry of Finance	CSO/NGO	Coalition 2030
17	Edward Lansana Massaquoi	Coordinator	SDGs Coalition 2030	CSO/NGO	UNDP, FAO
18	Valnora Anita Christine Edwin	Country Manager	Sierra Leone War Trust for Children	CSO/NGO	OSIWA
19	Basiru Bah	Chairman	Youth and Children in Support of the SDGs	CSO/NGO	UNDP, FAO
20	Haja Kaday Sesay	Executive Director	Climate Change, Environment & Forest Conservation Consortium Sierra Leone	CSO/NGO	UNDP, FAO
21	Nancy Diana Sesay	Programme Office	Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA)	CSO/NGO	OSIWA
22	Nancy Smart	Country Director	Sight Savers Sierra Leone Country Office	CSO/NGO	Coalition 2030
23	Melvin Tarawalie	Communication Manager	Cotton Tree Foundation	CSO/NGO	UNDP, FAO
24	Kadiatu Bachalle-Taylor	Gender Specialist	Plan International	CSO/NGO	Plan International
25	Benjamin Rogers	Project Manager, Girls Advocacy Alliance	Plan International	CSO/NGO	Plan International
26	Ayesha Munu	Girls Advocate	Plan International	CSO/NGO	Plan International
27	Patrick Cheah	Country Director,	WaterAid Sierra Leone	CSO/NGO	WaterAid UK
28	Musa Ansumana Soko	CEO	WASH-Net	CSO/NGO	TAP Network
29	Christopher Forster	President	Sierra Leone Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture	Private Sector	Chamber of Commerce Sierra Leone

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