



GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE
Office of the Chief of Staff
State House

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Addressed to: See Below

Subject: Letter of Intent to Join the Open Government Partnership

On behalf of the Government and people of Sierra Leone, it is my pleasure to submit this letter as a formal statement of the Government's intention to participate in the Open Government Partnership.

The Government of Sierra Leone, recognising that its people continue seek more openness in government, ensure greater civic participation in public affairs, and create ways to make governments more transparent and effective; has been equally committed to foster a culture of open governance that empowers its citizens, and advances the ideals of open and participatory 21st century government. Over the past years, Government has taken major steps in its efforts to promote openness in government, consistent with our national circumstances and priorities as well as the aspirations of our citizens. In this regard, the Open Government Initiative was established to serve as an interface between the Government and the citizens and to promote increased transparency in its activities. Government has also worked assiduously to pass the Freedom of Information Bill into law; I am pleased to announce that this Bill will be passed by Parliament on 30th October 2013, and will receive Presidential assent soon thereafter.