

## **Minutes collected from the OGP steering committee meeting, held on the 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2022.**

### **Agenda:**

- Call meeting to order and Opening Prayers
- Opening remarks
- Updates on the OGP symposium
- Review names of session speakers, allocated time for each session and invitation list
- AOB

Meeting was called to order by Mrs Hannah Jimmy, the OGP coordinator. She asked that individual prayers be observed by those present, which was done.

In her opening remarks, the OGP Coordinator explained the purpose of the meeting which was to give update on the OGP symposium, the change in date for the symposium which has been brought backward to the 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2022, instead of the 18<sup>th</sup> August this year and to review the programme for the symposium, making the relevant changes. She also stressed the need to review the initial names of the session moderators, session speakers and names of invited guest from across MDAs, the media as well as academic institutions. She further expressed concern over some members of the SC who have not been showing up for meetings, hence limiting their participation in the OGP NAP.

Update on the OGP Symposium was given by Mrs Hannah Jimmy (OGP Coordinator). The OGP Coordinator updated members that the initial date for the symposium which was the 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 has now been brought forward to the 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 because the Chief Minister said he will be available on the 16<sup>th</sup> instead of the 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2022. The venue of the symposium was also communicated to members of the SC present, which is the Radisson Blu Hotel because of the availability of internet as there will have to be speakers from the OGP Global.

The names of the session speakers were displayed by the OGP Coordinator, through a projector for members of the OGP SC to see. Amongst the names displayed were:

- Mr. Jacob Jusu Saffa- Chief Minister as keynote speaker
- Mr. John Somaila- Head of the Civil Service and Secretary to Cabinet
- Mr. Tarawally- Attorney General and Minister of Justice
- Mr. Mohamed Rado Rahman Swarray- Minister of Information and Communication.
- Mr. Theophilus Chiviru- OGP Regional lead for Africa and the Middle East.

All the members present approved the list of speakers.

Next that was displayed were the session topics and session moderators. For session1, discussions will be held in a round table discussion, with the moderator guiding the talking points of the selected topics and after the Chief Minister will make his keynote address.

**Session2** – Moderator- Mr. Mohamed Baimba Koroma.

- OGP and Parliament
- role of civil society in parliament
- Parliament and openness.

**Session3** – OGP and free, fair and open elections.

From the list of panelists, Mr Ishmail Kanu stated that his boss the Executive Director is not in town.

It was recommended by Mr. Diamond Suma that Mrs. Valnora Edwin should chair the program.

Review of Invitation list, ranging from MDAs, CSOs, Media and Academic Institutions was done with the contribution of all the SC members present.

Motion to adjourned the meeting was moved by Mr. Charles Kamara of EFA, seconded by Mr. Alhassan Sesay of RAIC.

### **Attendees**

1. Hannah A. Jimmy – National Council for Civic Education and Development
2. Charles Kamara - EFA
3. Wilfred Bangura - ACC
4. Alhassan Sesay - RAIC
5. Nanah Kargbo - IMdev
6. Ishmail S. Kanu - IGR
7. Hilary John - NaCCED
8. Hindolo John-Langba - NaCCED
9. Jeremy B. Simbo – CARL-SL
10. Rev. Alusine Diamond Suma – WFD
11. Lavina Banduah – TI-SL
12. Mohamed Baimba Koroma \_ SLETTI