



**GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE**  
National Council for Civic Education and Development (NaCCED)  
No. 21 Steward Street, Freetown

**Minutes for OGP SC Meeting November 30, 2022**  
**Time: 1:33 pm**

**Agenda**

- Call meeting to order
- Opening Prayers
- Welcome Remarks
- Feedback on Morocco Trip
- Updates on NAP implementation
- Proposed Activity as against the timeline
- Letter of Re-Commitment to non-participating SC Members as against January
- AOB
- Adjournment

**Introduction**

Hannah Hamida Jimmy OGP Coordinator called the meeting to order. The meeting started with individual silent prayers. Ms Jimmy in her welcoming remarks thanked Steering Committee members for their commitment to the OGP process. She informed colleagues that this meeting will serve as the last meeting for 2022, she further registers her usual disappointment at members coming late to the meeting thus making others who had come on time spend nearly forty minutes waiting. She continued by acknowledging different representatives that made it to the OGP Africa and the Middle East Regional Meeting in Morocco, Marakesh and the roles, and panels each of them participated in to showcase good governance and democratic progress Sierra Leone is steadily making at OGP Global level. She mentioned that OGP Legislative arm invited the Speaker and his team to showcase how open and transparent the Sierra Leone Parliament is through the implementation of OGP Commitments. The Commissioner of the Anti-Corruption Commission was also invited to give a talk on Debt Transparency and Mitigating Crises in Africa and the Middle East amongst others sessions. National Coordinator, Justice Sector Coordinating Office and Director Namati participated in an Access to Justice session whilst the Executive Director Initiatives for Media Development, participated in the Opening Justice for Gender Equality and Women's Political Right session. The Chairman and OGP Coordinator of, the National Council for Civic Education and Development participated in the Ministerial and Point of Contact Meetings respectively amongst other key sessions. It was a learning experience for all.

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Ms Hannah Jimmy said next year there will be two key global meet which is the OGP Global Meeting and Africa and Middle East Regional Meeting which will be held in Estonia. She further encouraged SC members to send blogs to OGP Global on progress in NAP Commitment implementation and key open governance strides through their respective works. This will help recognition on the global stage what they are doing and also the opportunity to showcase their work in detail on global platforms. In addition, Wilfred Bangura added that Government institutions should be given timely notification on OGP Global events so they will include it on their 2023 budget if they have to sponsor themselves.

### **Updates on NAP Implementation**

#### **Access to Justice –**

The Child Justice Technical Working group met with the Attorney General & Minister of Justice, Chief Justice and the Minister of Gender and Children Affairs to discuss the diversion policy implementation and to also solicit a total political will

The Judiciary of Sierra Leone has developed a training manual for local court officers. During the period under review, the manual has been validated and the process of recruiting and training local court officers is awaiting funding from the Ministry of Finance.

The Recruitment and deployment of state counsel and the deployment of resident judges is an ongoing process

JSCO met with the Directorate of Science Technology and Innovation on the implementation of the data segregation system but funding for this commitment is a challenge

#### **Open Parliament**

Mr Diamond said the commitment to open parliament showcases how parliament pushes their openness.

OGP caucus in Parliament to team up with other organizations

In support of the work Parliament wants to do with Civil Society Organizations, the Speaker of Parliament officially opened the CSO desk in Parliament Office, The Office is fully equipped with one parliamentary staff, a volunteer from Campaign for Good



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Governance. The OGP Coordinator, Representatives from the Institute for Governance Reforms, Campaign for Good Governance and Centre for Accountability and the Rule of Law form part of the Parliamentary Civil Society Organization Network.

### **Open Elections**

### **Sierra Leone Extractives Industries Transparency Initiatives**

#### **Proposed Activity as against timeline –**

It was recommended by Mr Edward Koroma of Transparency International Sierra Leone that in addition to the proposed activity we also include a session where Civil Society can go around with letters signed by the Chairman National Council for Civic Education and Development to implementing agencies to request updates from them on NAP implementation progress.

Mr Abdul Rahman Morlson Sesay from Budget Advocacy Network said the timelines will be reviewed as these activities at some point will clash with elections activities

Every member of OGP agreed to maintain Steering Committee meeting on a six-weekly basis, every Tuesday at 1 PM

It was also recommended by Miss Nana Kargbo from Initiatives for Media Development that members of the SC volunteer for media engagements after SC meetings be included in the proposed activities

Kindly see attached for e details of the proposed activities.

#### **Letter of Re-Commitment to non-participating SC Members as against January**

The OGP Coordinator further on ask that they discuss what modalities they put in place for Steering Committee Representatives that have not participated in or attended OGP meetings in the past six months. She highlighted that the following institutions have so far been identified:

- Ministry of Information and Communications
- Cabinet Secretariat
- Campaign for Good Governance
- Namati
- Ministry of Finance
- House of Parliament
- Electoral Commission

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➤ **National Revenue Authority**

She also informed colleagues that she intends to send out letters to the heads of these institutions to inform them of their non-participation, commitment and attendance: and its negative impact on the OGP process and Sierra Leone as a whole. This letter will be sent out before the next steering committee meeting. The idea was warmly welcomed by all and the Rev Alusine Diamond Suma suggested the letter be sent to heads of the institutions and the Head of Cabinet Secretariat as he had committed to support the OGP in the country process.

**A.O.B.**

It was recommended by Mr Charles Kamara suggested the hat OGP meeting should be rotated and held by different Ministries Departments and Agencies and Civil Society Organizations that are part of the Steering Committee. Mr Wilfred Bangura suggested that early notification be given to the Steering Committee member that will be hosting to enable preparation.

**Adjournment**

Mrs Hannah Jimmy requested that someone move the motion to adjourn the meeting. Rev Alusine Diamond Suma moved the motion and it was seconded by Mr Ishmail Kanu. The next meeting is January 10 2023

**Attendees**

Hannah H Jimmy  
Alhassan Sesay  
Charles Kamara  
Ishmail Kanu  
Rev. Wilfred Bangura  
Edward Koroma  
Nanah Kargbo  
Joseph Momoh Conteh  
Kalilu Totangi  
Rev Alusine Diamond Suma  
Abdul Rahman Morlson Sesay