

## **Concept Note on OPENGOV WEEK: Parliamentary Launch of the OGP NAP 5 (Inclusion & Action) & NaCCED Strategy**

**Date: 31st May**

**Venue: State Hall, House of Parliament, Sierra Leone**

### **Introduction**

The Parliamentary Launch of the Open Government Partnership (OGP) National Action Plan (NAP) 5 (Inclusion & Action) is a crucial event within the broader context of OPENGOV WEEK. This event is designed to introduce and catalyze the implementation of OGP NAP 5 within the parliamentary framework. The launch aims to unite crucial parliamentary and civil society stakeholders to promote transparency, accountability, and citizen engagement through structured and inclusive dialogue and action.

The launch will climax with an OGP Business Seminar Coordinated by the Westminster Foundation for Democracy, National Council for Civic Education and Democracy, Parliament of Sierra Leone, and other key OGP players in Sierra Leone. At the Business Seminar, different MDAs and partners will sell their commitments' gains and proposed actions to Members of Parliament, CSOs and the Media, other non-OGP implementing MDAs, and the Private Sector.

### **Objectives**

The primary objectives of the event are to:

1. **Identify Priorities:** Determine critical priorities and initiatives within the OGP NAP 5 that necessitate parliamentary engagement and oversight for effective implementation and impact.
2. **Raise Awareness:** Enhance understanding among parliamentarians, government officials, and civil society representatives about the significance of OGP NAP 5 in advancing open governance principles.
3. **Foster Dialogue:** Create a platform for constructive dialogue and the exchange of ideas between parliamentary stakeholders and civil society actors on strategies to enhance inclusion and foster collaborative action.
4. **Catalyze Action:** Encourage active participation from parliamentarians and civil society partners in implementing OGP NAP 5 commitments, promoting a culture of openness, responsiveness, and collaboration in governance.
5. **Strengthen Partnerships:** Enhance collaboration between Parliament, government agencies, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders to leverage resources and expertise to achieve the shared objectives of OGP NAP 5 and the NaCCED Strategy.

### **Stakeholders**

The event will engage a broad spectrum of stakeholders, including:

- Parliamentary Leadership

- Members of Parliament (MPs)
- OGP Partners
- Government Agencies
- Clerks of Committee
- Civil Society Organization (CSO) Leaders
- The Private Sectors

## **Outputs and Milestones**

### **1. Identification of Priorities:**

- Develop a comprehensive list of key priorities and initiatives within OGP NAP 5 requiring parliamentary focus.
- Establish a framework for parliamentary oversight to address these priorities effectively.

### **2. Awareness Raising:**

- Conduct informational sessions to educate parliamentarians, government officials, and civil society representatives about OGP NAP 5.
- Disseminate informational materials highlighting the importance of open governance and the specific goals of OGP NAP 5.

### **3. Dialogue Facilitation:**

- Organize panel discussions and interactive sessions to encourage the exchange of ideas between stakeholders.
- Document and circulate critical insights and strategies developed during these discussions.

### **4. Action Mobilization:**

- Develop and promote action plans that parliamentarians and civil society partners can adopt to support the implementation of OGP NAP 5.
- Establish a monitoring and evaluation mechanism to track progress and ensure accountability.

### **5. Partnership Strengthening:**

- Formalize partnerships and collaboration agreements between Parliament, government agencies, and CSOs on the NaCCED Strategy.
- Create a network of stakeholders committed to the principles of open governance and the goals of OGP NAP 5.

## **Conclusion**

The Parliamentary Launch of the OGP NAP 5 (Inclusion & Action) is a pivotal event that aims to harness the collective efforts of parliamentarians, government officials, and civil society to foster a culture of open governance in Sierra Leone. By identifying key priorities, raising awareness, facilitating dialogue, mobilizing action, and strengthening partnerships, this event will set the stage for implementing OGP NAP 5, ensuring transparency, accountability, and enhanced citizen engagement in the governance process.

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