



Multi-stakeholders National Dialogue: For Strengthening the Cooperation to implement UPR recommendations

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Sierra Leone's human rights record was reviewed for the second time on 27 January 2016 at the United Nations in Geneva, during the 24th session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review. Sierra Leone received 208 recommendations and will implement them until the next UPR.

On 24 June 2016, the Human Rights Council, at its 3rd session, adopted Sierra Leone's Report of Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review: the Government accepted 177 recommendations.

Within the UPR framework, cooperation is encouraged among all the different stakeholders during the implementation of UPR recommendations towards advancement of human rights and freedoms. Therefore, the Government representatives present today, together with representatives of the CSOs including CSOs coalitions for the UPR and the Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone (HRCSL) came together for a dialogue and after attentive deliberation agreed on enhancing their mutual understanding, and to discuss future collaboration for the implementation of UPR recommendations.

As a result of the dialogue, all participants have agreed to:

- Request to the Government to reinvigorate the Inter-ministerial UPR Coordinating Committee to be in charge of the implementation of recommendations of the UPR, UN treaty bodies and other international human rights mechanisms, with representation of the Human Rights Commission Sierra Leone, government, parliamentarians and civil society representatives;
- Continue to hold multi-stakeholders meetings at least twice a year with a view to monitor the level of implementation of UPR recommendations and to discuss about ways to address challenges;
- Support participation of all stakeholders in the implementation process of recommendations of the UPR and other human rights bodies;
- Include UPR recommendations in the plan of action of Government ministries, departments and agencies with expected outcomes, assessment indicators, concrete activities, timeframe and responsible parties;
- Establish a UPR focal point within every Government ministry, department and agency;
- Task the Parliamentary Committee on human rights to lay and bring up for discussion in parliament the implementation of UPR recommendations received by Sierra Leone.

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