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MPs FOR CLIMATE FINANCE PROJECT ENGAGES PARLIAMENTARY LEADERSHIP

Members of Parliament involved in the Parliamentarians for Climate Finance (PCF) Project in the Parliament of Sierra Leone on Wednesday, 4th February 2026, engaged the Leadership of Parliament on climate change and climate financing issues in Committee Room One, Parliament Building.

The objective of the engagement was to discuss the ongoing Parliamentarians for Climate Finance Project, its activities, progress, and current status in Sierra Leone. The project is implemented by the Climate Parliament in partnership with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and is funded by the Green Climate Fund.

Providing a brief background to the project, Hon. Mariama Munia Zombo, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Steering Committee on the Parliamentarians for Climate Finance Project, highlighted the importance of the initiative to Sierra Leone's socio-economic development. She emphasized that the project was supportive to Parliament's role in promoting sustainable development through climate financing and green energy initiatives.

In his welcome address, Hon. Yusuf Mackery, Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on the Environment and Climate Change, noted that fifteen African countries are participating in the project, which aims to increase access to energy through climate financing mechanisms. He explained that a Parliamentary Steering Committee was established three years ago to work closely with relevant institutions with a view to implementing the project. He called on the Leadership of Parliament to fully embrace the initiative, and described it as vital to national development.

Representing the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Aaron Aruna Koroma, Deputy Opposition Leader II, commended the organizers for hosting the engagement. He stressed that green energy is central to national development and described the project as a step in the right direction. He urged collective action through mitigating measures to address climate change and called for increased financial allocation and support for climate-related interventions.

Similarly, representing the Leader of Government Business, Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina, Deputy Leader of Government Business II, commended the Chairman of the Environment and Climate Change Committee and reaffirmed the Government's commitment towards mitigating climate change. He acknowledged the leadership of President Julius Maada Bio in advancing climate-related policies, laws, and regulations, and assured of Parliament's commitment to prioritizing the allocation of funds for the implementation of climate change initiatives.

Climate change experts participated virtually, and delivered presentations on various aspects of the project.

They also did presentations on green energy constituencies and the PCF Project by Dr. Sergio Missana, Secretary General of the Climate Parliament with an update on the progress of the PCF Project in Sierra Leone by Wilbourne Showers, Policy Coordinator at the Climate Parliament, and an introduction to Phase II of the project by Eliza Cocksworth of UNIDO.

In her presentation, Aminata Dumbuya, Climate Finance and Energy Advisor at UNIDO, highlighted the organization's work in supporting Parliament's role in strengthening climate legislation, improving budget oversight, developing climate project pipelines, and aligning national efforts with the NDC 3.0 targets for economy-wide emission reductions across key sectors.

Contributing to the discussions, Hon. Quintin Sallia-Konneh, Chairman of the Lands Committee, applauded the project and called for its sustainability.

The Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Abdul Kargbo, emphasized the climate-related laws passed by Parliament and referenced the Paris Climate Change Agreement, noting its provisions for the benefit of smaller and vulnerable countries. He also raised concerns about bureaucratic challenges in accessing climate finance, stressing that funds should be made more accessible to smaller nations.

On his part, Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara, Opposition Whip, welcomed the initiative and highlighted the challenges associated with climate financing and environmental legislation. He also reaffirmed Parliament's role in promoting environmentally sensitive and friendly laws.

Other Members of Parliament made meaningful contributions to the discussions, underscoring the collective commitments to addressing climate change through effective legislation, financing, and oversight.

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