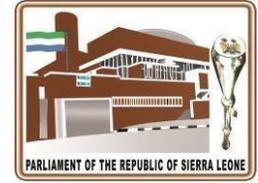




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PRESS RELEASE

PARLIAMENT ON ANNUAL RETREAT

The Management and staff of the Parliament of Sierra in collaboration with the European Union (EU) have on Friday 7/1/2022 commenced a two-day retreat, at the Galliness Paradise outskirts of Bo City, on the Theme; "Strive For Resolve And Make It Happen".

In her welcome address, the Director General of Parliament, Madam Finda Frazer commended the Clerk of Parliament and staff for the tremendous working efforts. The Director General spoke about the purpose and expected objectives of the retreat and also assured staff of good working relationship and positive outcome ahead.

On his part, the Clerk of Parliament, Hon. Dr. Param Umar Tarawally reassured staff of good working relationship. During his presentation, the Clerk spoke about the critical achievements in 2021 including the recruitment of the Director General, the revival of Management Meeting, performance management appraisal, Parliament openness amongst others " I am happy to report to you that we already have a civil society desk in Parliament" he informed. He went on to speak about elevation of leadership and Members of Parliament as well as staff at the international cadre. Review of certain documents including Standing Order, establishment of policy and other related achievements of departments were deliberated upon by the Clerk. The Clerk spoke about parliamentary priorities for 2022 on the Theme: " Excellence Everyday" and highlighted the importance and objectives. "We want to improve on the implementation of the Bo Declaration" he stated and went on to emphasize on strong collaboration and relationship with civil society and others.

Update and financial plan for 2022, reviewing of departments, strategy plan were part of the Clerk's presentations.

Concluding his presentation, the Clerk thanked EU for its tremendous support and asked for more.

In his keynote address, the EU Ambassador to Sierra Leone, Manuel Muller described the event as a symbol to the Bo Declaration. He assured that EU is ready to support Sierra Leone, in light of its conformity to reform.

Whilst emphasizing on the Bo Declaration, he expressed hope for more unity among the Parliamentary political and management for better achievements and williness among all. He reassured Parliament for more supports relative to capability building and other technical assistance. He continued to commend Parliament for various achievements and informed that they were pleased with Parliament in that regard. He used the opportunity to thank all and sundry, and wished them a successful 2022.

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