

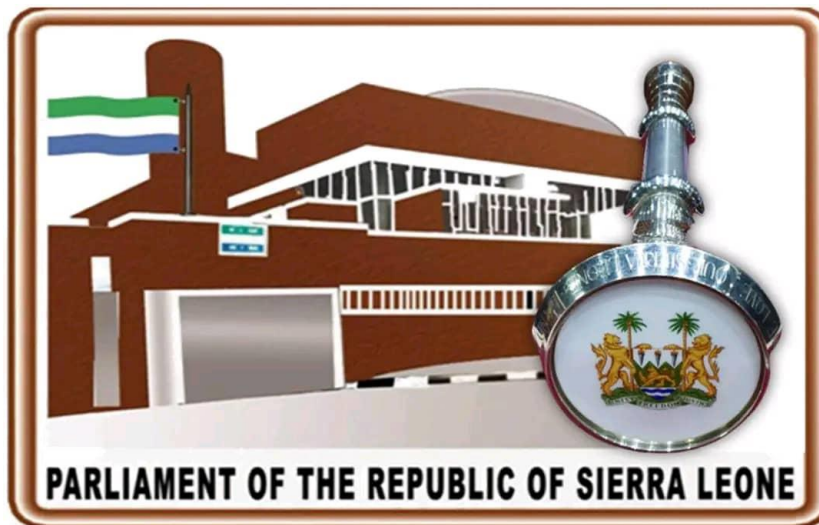


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WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF FROM THE PARLIAMENT OF SIERRA LEONE 6/10/2025

SIERRA LEONE TAKES 5TH POSITION IN AFRICA OPEN PARLIAMENT INDEX WITH 72.40% SCORE

The Sixth Parliament of the Second Republic of Sierra Leone, under the astute and result-driven leadership of the Rt. Hon. Speaker, Segepoh Solomon Thomas has scored 72.40% in the Africa Open Parliament Index.

The Sierra Leone Parliament scored 53.64% for transparency, 48.64% for civic participation, and 38.64% for public accountability, resulting in an overall score of 72.40%.

This placed the Sixth Parliament of the Second Republic of Sierra Leone in 5th position, ahead of Nigeria, Rwanda, and Uganda. among others.

South Africa leads the chart with 79.69% taking 1st position, Ghana 77.60% taking 2nd position, Kenya 73.96% and Zambia 73.44% placing itself 4th position in front of Sierra Leone.

This statistical data is published by the Africa Parliamentary Monitoring Organisations Network (APMON) – a coalition of civil society organisations monitoring and engaging national, sub-national, and transnational legislative assemblies across the Continent.

The specific objective of the Open Parliament Index is to strengthen parliamentary institutions towards the advancement of parliamentary openness across national, subnational, and regional parliaments, and to identify, compare, and exchange knowledge and best practices among parliaments and among CSOs that work with parliaments, and to foster collaboration between civil society and parliaments towards achieving the principles of open parliament, and to providing a platform for amplifying open parliament initiatives.

THE CLERK OF SIERRA LEONE PARLIAMENT ELECTED FIRST VICE PRESIDENT AT THE 6TH ANNUAL ASGAP CONFERENCE IN MIDRAND, SOUTH AFRICA

The Clerk of the Parliament of Sierra Leone, Karmoh K. Conteh represented Sierra Leone, and given his eloquence and sound knowledge in parliamentary administration was overwhelmingly elected by his peers as the First Vice President of the Association, during the Sixth Annual Conference of the Association of Clerks and Secretaries General of African Parliaments (ASGAP), held at the Pan African Parliament (PAP) in Midrand, South Africa.

The conference, which officially opened on 27th September 2025, brought together Clerks and Secretaries General of Africa Parliaments from across Africa to strengthen collaboration and enhance the role of parliamentary institutions in Africa's democratic governance.

The opening session was jointly presided over by Mr. El Khadi, Vice President of ASGAP (Morocco), and Ms. Lindiwe Khumalo, Clerk of the Pan African Parliament.

Both leaders emphasized the need for deeper collaboration and cooperation aimed at advancing Africa's governance agenda with Clerks and Secretaries General at the centre of administrative activities.

SIERRA LEONE DELEGATION TO ECOWAS PARLIAMENT PROVES FRUITFUL IN REGIONAL REPRESENTATION

Parliament of Sierra Leone Delegation participated in the 2025 Second Parliamentary Seminar and Second Extraordinary Session of the ECOWAS Parliament, held from Monday 22nd to Saturday 27th September 2025, in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The theme of the seminar was “Harnessing Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Parliamentary Efficiency, Ethical Governance and Development in the ECOWAS Region”.

The event which was graced by several Nigerian Government dignitaries such as Senator Barau Jibrin, 1st Deputy Speaker and Leader of the Nigerian Representatives to the ECOWAS Parliament, the Speaker of Rivers State House of Assembly, Hon. Martins Amaewhule, the Governor of Rivers State, Siminalayi Fubara, who was represented by his deputy, Professor Ngozi Odu, among others, was opened by the Rt. Hon. Speaker of Parliament, Hadja Mémounatou Ibrahima.

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