

**Note to the File**  
**Pillar Working Group 1**  
**Promoting Good Governance, Peace and Security**

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> September 2006

**In attendance:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Institution</b>
A.S. Sheku	MPPA/Chairman	Obai Taylor-Kamara	Office of the President
Richard Hogg	DfID	I.S Dabor	N.E.C
Greainne O'Neill	Irish Aid	Mohamed T. Kutubu	MODEP
Anthony Acheempong	NAO	Mohamed Kargbo	MODEP
Neneh Dabo	ACC	Mrs. A. Cummings	Establishment
Adeliza Showers	Judiciary	Kwame Anno-Kumi	UNIOSIL
Winston Cole	PFMRU, Finance	Rashid Sesay	DACO
Brinsley Johnson	PFMRU, Finance	Sophie Conteh	DACO
Jeannette Eno	ENCISS	Eugene Sawyerr	DACO
Hannah Max Kyne	ENCISS	Steven Bonzu	DACO
Mr. Osho Coker	GRS		

**Agenda**

- Prayers
- Opening Remarks
- Presentations:
  - ✓ *Steering Committee on Good Governance*
  - ✓ *Civil Society Monitoring Group on PRS and Implementation*
- A.O.B

**Summary of Proceedings:** In the opening, the Chairman Mr. A.S. Sheku thanked and welcomed everyone present in the sixth meeting of the Pillar 1 Working Group. He said the meeting would be brief as two sectors will be making presentations.

**General Comments:**

- DACO informed the meeting of the expectations of the PWG for the upcoming DEPAC.
- The Establishment Secretary was invited to the PWG 1 meeting but was represented by his deputy Mrs. A. Cummings.
- The donors recognized that Civil Service Reform is a critical element for Sierra Leone's economic development but the reform process is slow on the part of Government.

## **Presentations**

### **Steering Committee on Good Governance** (Discussion was led by Mr. Osho Coker of the Governance Reform Secretariat)

- It was emphasized that certain reforms cannot be undertaken without the go ahead from the MPPA
- Concern was raised on Local Government service commission and the Public Service commission on how they are or will be linked
- DFID raised a concern about the CSR implementation since the meeting was told that reports are being prepared but programme not implemented
- The meeting was informed that so far, 10 ministries (Health, Education, Agriculture, Local Government, Defense, Trade & Industry, Finance, Development, Marine and Mineral Resources) have completed the management and functional review process; 4 ministries (Social Welfare, Justice, Youth and Sports) have been completed with fieldwork for the review process.
- The meeting was informed that there are reviews going on now by the Establishment Secretaries office on Records Management Improvement Programme and converting the ESO to HRMO. Presentation will be updated accordingly
- Report to be shared with the Minister of Presidential Affairs

### **Next Steps:**

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2006, a meeting should be held at the establishment secretary's Office that will include all those concerned to address issues raised in the meeting and the way forward.

### **Civil Society Monitoring Group on PRS and Decentralization** (discussion led by Hannah Kyne of ENCISS)

- After the presentation, it was suggested that ENCISS work at engaging the professional CSOs within this committee
- It was resolved that some indicators be revised as suggested.
- The need for more reliable and credible baselines was emphasized
- The meeting was informed that a National Civil society Monitoring Group that is based in Freetown has been established. This group will have representatives in the District M&E Committees to be formed by DeCSeC and DACO for service delivery monitoring and for PRS implementation.
- The recent Public Expenditure Tracking Survey (PETS) incorporated some civil society representatives as part of the monitoring process but at the time of the meeting it was unclear whether the civil society persons are part of ENCISS and that need to be confirmed.

### **AOB**

- Next PWG 1 meeting will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at 10:00am