

# Public Sector Reform Unit



## Press Release

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The Ministry of information and Civic Education and PSRU convene stakeholders consultations to turn around Government Printing Department

Freetown, 5th March 2026: A High-Level Stakeholders Consultation Meeting on the transformation of the Government Printing Department (GPD), was held on Thursday, 5th

March, 2026, at the GPD Complex, on the theme “Modernizing Government Printing for Efficiency, Security and National Revenue Generation.”

The meeting brought together key government officials and stakeholders to deliberate on strategies aimed at revitalizing the department and repositioning it as a modern, efficient and revenue-generating institution.

Delivering the keynote address, the Minister of Information and Civic Education, Chernor Bah, recalled how the Government Printing Department was contributing to the national purse as the second largest revenue-generating institution for the government, but years of neglect led to it’s moribund state.

He assured of the government’s renewed commitment and urge, to revamp the department and transform it into a hub for quality printing services not only for Sierra Leone but also internationally.

This commitment, according to the Minister, is consistent with cluster five on the Medium Term National Development, (MTNDP), Revamping the Public Service Architecture.

Minister Chernor Bah further explained that since the establishment of the department in the late 18th Century, it has operated without a legal statute.



He stressed the importance of developing proper regulatory frameworks, especially in areas such as gazetting and official printing, as part of the broader efforts to modernizing and digitalizing the department.

He encouraged stakeholders to brainstorm and come up with positive suggestions and recommendations that will help in the transformation process.

Concluding, Minister Bah expressed confidence that the transformation process will lead to large-scale, modern printing services across the country, benefiting future generations and contributing significantly to national development.

In his address, the Minister of Public Administration and Political Affairs, Mr. Amara Kallon, commended the Ministry of Information and Civic Education, the Government Printing Department, and the Public Sector Reform Unit (PSRU) for their sustained efforts in steering the transformation of the government printing department.

He highlighted the importance of allowing institutions to operate independently, noting that when institutions are empowered to function effectively they are more likely to achieve growth and efficiency.

Minister Kallon further pointed out that through the implementation of Management and Functional Reviews (MFRs) in institutions such as the National Investment Board and the Pharmacy Board among others, the PSRU has demonstrated professionalism in transforming these institutions into viable entities for sustainable national development.

He disclosed that these reforms have saved the country billions of Leones, underscoring the importance of restructuring institutions for improved performance.

Emphasizing the need for restructuring, Minister Kallon noted that the Government Printing Department has gradually lost its value due to its failure to keep pace with modern technology.

He doff his hat to the transformation process which in his words is long overdue and encouraged the department to embrace innovation and modern technology, which he noted would not only improve efficiency but also save the government significant financial resources.

In his statement, the Director for Performance Management in the Human Resource Management Office (HRMO), Mr. Saidu Bockarie, emphasized the need for a comprehensive institutional review that will take into consideration proper staffing and grading of staff positions in the proposed organizational structure, and safeguarding pension rights.

He noted that HRMO remains fully committed to supporting the transformation of the Government Printing Department, which in his words had experienced administrative and financial challenges to the detriment of the growth of the organisation.

He expressed optimism that the new structure being developed will bring renewed motivation to staff and create a more productive working environment.

In his presentation, the Chief of Programmes, PSRU, Mr. Albert Williams, provided a comprehensive analysis on the current state of the printing department and the proposed transformation strategy aimed at building a sustainable future for the Government Printing Department.

He highlighted the need to address existing challenges across several critical areas, including the legal framework, operational systems and technology, financial management and sustainability, human resource capacity, and infrastructure and physical planning.

The consultative meeting forms part of ongoing government efforts to strengthen public institutions, improve service delivery, and enhance revenue generation through strategic reforms and modernization initiatives.

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The Public Sector Reform Unit (PSRU) provides leadership, coordination, and technical backstopping in the strategic design, development, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting of all public sector reform initiatives. Its mission is to facilitate the creation of a lean, performance-oriented, highly motivated, modern, and efficient Public Service that delivers high-quality services to the people of Sierra Leone in a timely and cost-effective manner.



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