

# Public Sector Reform Unit



## Press Release

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#### PSRU Continues Higher Education Sector Review with Entrance Meeting at Kono University



Koidu Town, Tuesday 9th June, 2026: As part of its ongoing Management and Functional Review (MFR) of the tertiary and higher education sector the Public Sector Reform Unit (PSRU), in collaboration with the Ministry of Higher and Technical Education (MTHE), on Tuesday, 9th June, 2026, held an entrance meeting with the leadership and senior staff of Kono University.

The engagement follows similar meetings recently conducted at Eastern Technical University and Njala University, as the Government continues efforts to assess institutional effectiveness, strengthen governance systems, and improve service delivery across the higher education sector.



The Vice Chancellor of Kono University, Professor Tamba Jamiru, welcomed the teams from PSRU and MTHE. He expressed his delight at their presence in Kono to sensitize the University's leadership and senior staff on the commencement of the MFR of the higher education sector and expressed optimism that the engagement would be interactive, fruitful, and educational.

Explaining the purpose of the entrance meeting, the Human Resources Director at the Ministry of Higher and Technical Education, Mrs. Rebecca Saffa, stated that the review is intended to ensure alignment between the

Ministry's mandate and the operations of institutions under its supervision.

She noted that the exercise is in line with the Government's Human Capital Development agenda and the broader objective of revamping the public service architecture, both of which are key priorities under the Medium-Term National Development Plan.

The Chief of Programmes PSRU, Mr. Albert R.C.E. Williams, provided an overview of the Management and Functional Review, describing it as a comprehensive assessment of all public universities in Sierra Leone.

He noted that this is the first sector-wide review of its kind in the country's history, undertaken following a Cabinet conclusion.



Highlighting the significance of education to national development, Mr. Williams emphasized that the performance of the education sector directly impacts citizens and the country as a whole, justifying why His Excellency President Dr. Julius Maada Bio has made education a national priority.

According to Mr Williams, education remains a critical tool for development, and repositioning the country's educational system is essential for enhancing global competitiveness and ensuring that academic programmes remain relevant to current market demands.

He further observed that Kono University holds a unique advantage as one of the country's newer institutions as they are provided with the unique opportunity to learn from the experiences of other public universities and strategically position itself by setting clear priorities and objectives from the outset.



He informed participants that the PSRU and MTHE teams were at Kono University to engage the institution's leadership and senior staff, deepen their understanding of the review process, and seek their support and cooperation throughout the exercise.

The Chief of Programmes concluded the session with a detailed PowerPoint presentation outlining the objectives, methodology, and processes of the Management and Functional Review.

## About the PSRU

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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