

# Public Sector Reform Unit



## Press Release

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PSRU Engages Eastern Technical University on Higher Education Sector Management and Functional Review



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In a bid to conduct a comprehensive Management and Functional Review of the higher education sector, the Public Sector Reform Unit (PSRU) has held an entrance meeting with the leadership of Eastern Technical University in Kenema. The review is aligned with Pillar 2 and Pillar 5 of Sierra Leone's Medium-Term National Development Plan.

Welcoming the PSRU team, the Vice Chancellor and Principal of Eastern Technical University, Professor Mohamed T. Lahai, noted that the public sector plays a vital role in national development and that it has been a long time since a review

of the sector was undertaken.

He emphasized that the exercise was important not only for the present but also for future generations.

The Director of Higher Education at the Ministry of Technical and Higher Education, Mr. Emmanuel J. Momoh, highlighted that advancing human capital development in Sierra Leone cannot be achieved without adhering to the provisions of the Universities Act of 2021, which provides the legal framework for the governance and operation of universities.



He stated that reform initiatives must be guided by the Act and aligned with the core functions of universities, including teaching, research, examinations, commercial activities, and community service.

The Chief of Programmes, PSRU, Mr. Albert R. C. E. Williams, stated that the Unit had been planning the engagement for some time and expressed his pleasure that it had finally materialized.

Mr. Williams explained that the entrance meeting provides an important opportunity to engage key stakeholders within the university and the wider higher education sector on reforms aimed at strengthening institutional effectiveness.



He further noted that, as part of the Government's reform agenda, the Management and Functional Review seeks to assess existing systems, benchmark them against international best practices, and ensure that institutions remain responsive to the evolving demands of the sector.

The review is designed to identify challenges, eliminate inefficiencies, and recommend practical measures to improve performance and service delivery across the higher education sector.

He emphasized that the exercise is not intended to target individuals but rather to strengthen institutions. While change can sometimes generate concerns, stakeholders should focus on the broader benefits that the reforms will bring, he noted.

Reaffirming the Government's commitment to improving the quality of education in Sierra Leone, Mr. Williams disclosed that similar reviews are being conducted across both the higher and basic education sectors.

He stressed that a strong education system requires stronger institutions at every level.

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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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