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PSRU CHIEF OF PROGRAMMES MODERATES PLENARY AT ICIC–IDUAI 2026 CONFERENCE



29th September 2026 Lungi, Sierra Leone The Chief of Programmes at the Public Sector Reform Unit (PSRU), Mr. Albert R. C. E. Williams, represented the Director of PSRU and moderated a plenary session at the 2026 International Conference of Information Commissioners (ICIC) and International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI) Conference, held at the Julius Maada Bio International Conference Centre in Lungi.

The joint global conference, which brought together stakeholders from across the world, focuses on strengthening information integrity, combating information disorder, promoting transparency, and advancing media literacy.

Held under the theme, “Upholding Information Integrity in the Digital Age: The Role of Access to Information in Addressing Information Disorder,” the conference provided a platform for discussions on the importance of credible, accessible and reliable information in strengthening governance and public trust.

Moderating the plenary session on “Access to Credible Data for Open Government and Public Sector Reform,” Mr. Williams described the discussion as an important conversation, particularly for those engaged in public sector reform.



He observed that while governments around the world have increasingly embraced openness through access to information laws, the publication of budgets, performance contracts and open-data initiatives, access to information alone does not necessarily guarantee that citizens are properly informed.

He noted that credible data is particularly important to public sector reform, as reform initiatives depend heavily on reliable information about people, resources and results.

“For us working in public sector reform, this is not an abstract concern. Every reform we design, whether restructuring a ministry, rationalising staff or reviewing a mandate, depends on reliable data about people, money and results. When that data is weak, reforms are built on sand,” he stated.



The plenary brought together speakers and experts from Sierra Leone, India, Canada, Australia and Estonia, who shared perspectives and experiences on strengthening access to credible data as a foundation for open government, transparency and effective public sector reform.

The discussions highlighted the need for governments and public institutions to not only make information available, but also ensure that such information is credible, timely, accurate and accessible, particularly in an increasingly digital information environment.

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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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