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PSRU Convenes Three-Day Technical Retreat to Validate Key land reform Documents



Tuesday, 27th October 2026, Companero, Bureh Town, Peninsula: The Public Sector Reform Unit (PSRU), in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), has convened a three-day Technical Retreat to validate the draft Management and Functional Review (MFR) of the National Lands Commission (NLC), conducted by PSRU, and the draft report on the Political and Economic Analysis (PEA) of the NLC, prepared by FAO.

In his welcome address, the Commissioner-General of the National Lands Commission, Mr. Abu Bakarr Foray-Musa, stated that the purpose of the retreat was to conduct a thorough, constructive, and evidence-based validation of the two draft reports and develop a shared basis for integrating their relevant findings and recommendations into the NLC's mandate and functions.

He stated that the exercise would assess whether the reports accurately reflect the Commission's mandates, institutional needs, and operating context. The discussions, he added, would identify gaps, clarify findings, and determine which recommendations are practical, appropriate, adequately supported by evidence, and relevant to the NLC's day-to-day operations.



The Programme Officer, Governance and Policy Support Office of the Chief Economist, FAO Headquarters, Dubravca Bojic, informed participants that FAO has been working on land reform for almost 15 years, during which significant progress has been made.

She highlighted the enactment of the National Land Commission Act in 2022 as a key milestone, while noting that the operating environment continues to present challenges.

Madam Bojic explained that the assessment undertaken by FAO examined the institution's capacity to perform its functions in relation to land reform. She noted that the analysis goes beyond the Commission itself and considers the broader government landscape in relation to the implementation of land reform.

The Director of PSRU, Mr. Sulaiman Phoray-Musa, explained that his institution has the mandate to enter any public institution to conduct Management and Functional Review (MFR) and align its structures and operations with the aspirations of Government.



He noted that PSRU could undertake such reviews on its own or at the request of institutions seeking its expertise and support.

The Director pointed out that the NLC required such a review to assess its functionality and identify the governance and legal instruments, bottlenecks, and other impediments that may have affected its ability to effectively deliver on its mandate.

He further stated that when a new institution is established, it is important to repeal or amend the mandates and functions of existing institutions where necessary, in order to give effect to the new institution and avoid duplication. Where such adjustments are not made, he observed, institutions may continue to operate with overlapping mandates and compete for resources.

Mr. Phoray-Musa expressed confidence that, through the expertise, experience, ideas, and collective contributions of participants throughout the review process, stakeholders would be able to identify key challenges, discuss them constructively, and develop practical solutions to strengthen the NLC and enable it to effectively deliver on its mandate.



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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