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## *Training of legislators on use of climate information services in development planning*

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*Date: 12-13 December 2019*

*Venue: Committee Room Number One,  
Sierra Leone House of Parliament  
Freetown, Sierra Leone*

### **Programme**

This workshop is hosted for Members of Parliament as a partnership between the Parliament of Sierra Leone and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). It intends to establish relationship between UNECA and the Sierra Leone Parliament in order to foster collaboration between the two institutions. The Workshop is design to build the capacity of Members of Parliament in the use of Climate Information for planning and decision making.

This workshop focuses on engaging with MPs on the overview on Climate Services in Africa, with particular reference to SDGs, especially SDG 11 and 13 and the Paris Agreement. This workshop is developed to build the capacities of Sierra Leone Policy Makers on key decision making portfolio in the legislature, and all sectors of governance within Regional Economic Communities and other regional bodies.

The workshop is designed to strengthen the skills of decision makers in understanding the importance of Climate Information Services. It will put into context the physical structure of Climate Information and Services and provide a comprehensive analysis on what needs to be done within the African continent, by mainstreaming Climate Information into legislations, plans and policies.

Day 1: 12 December 2019		
Time	Events	Chair / presenter
<b>PART I: OPENING SESSION</b>		
09:00-10:00	Participant registration	
10:00-11:30	<p><b>Opening ceremony</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening prayers</li> <li>• Welcome address by the Clerk of Parliament – Hon Umar Paran Tarawally</li> <li>• UNECA representative – Mr Frank Rutabingwa</li> <li>• Acting Leader of Government Business – Hon Dickson M. Rogers</li> <li>• Deputy Leader of the Opposition – Hon Ibrahim Ben Kargbo</li> </ul> <p><b>Purpose of the workshop</b> Hon Rosaline Smith, Fmr MP, Sierra Leone Parliament</p> <p><b>The African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC), UNECA</b> Mr Charles Muraya, UNECA, Ethiopia</p> <p><b>Weather and Climate Information Services for Africa (WISER) programme</b> Mr Yosef Amha, UNECA, Ethiopia</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>	<p><b>Chair:</b> Mr Gilbert N’Habay, Deputy Director of Parliamentary Research Services, Sierra Leone Parliament</p>
11:30-12:00	<p><b>Group photo</b> <b>Coffee/Tea break</b></p>	
<b>PART II: LEARNING MODULE: A FAST TRACK COURSE ON APPLICATION OF CI/S IN DECISION MAKING</b>		
12:00-13:00	<p><b>What are climate information and services (CIS)?</b></p> <p><b>Breakout session to discuss Members experience on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where do they get CIS;</li> <li>• What are challenges to get quality and timely CI/S (in production, processing, dissemination and use value chain);</li> <li>• What solution do you suggest to improve accessibility of CIS?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Presenter:</b> Mr Umar Fofana, Programme Officer, Sierra Leone Parliament</p>
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>	

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14:00-14:30	<b>What are climate information and services (CIS)?</b>  <b>Reporting from breakout sessions</b>	<b>Chair:</b> Mr Umar Fofana, Programme Officer, Sierra Leone Parliament
14:30-15:30	<b>What is the role of CI/S in development planning and policy?</b>  <b>Break out session to discuss:</b> What type of CI/S they need in five GFCS priority sectors, Water, Energy, Agriculture, Health and DRR (for short-term, medium term and long-term scale);	<b>Presenter:</b> Hon Rosaline Smith, Fmr MP, Sierra Leone Parliament
15:30-16:00	<b>Coffee/Tea break</b>	
16:00-16:30	<b>What is the role of CI/S in development planning and policy?</b>  <b>Reporting from breakout sessions</b>	<b>Chair:</b> Hon Rosaline Smith, Fmr MP, Sierra Leone Parliament
16:30-17:15	<b>Production, packaging and dissemination of weather and climate data, governance process, and structure of Climate Services in Sierra Leone</b>  <b>Q&amp;A</b>	<b>Presenter:</b> Mr Ibrahim Sinneh Kamara, Director General, Sierra Leone Meteorological Agency

Day 2: 13 December 2019		
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09:30-10:30	<b>How can decision makers strengthen CI/S and their use?</b>  <b>Breakout session to discuss the role of decision makers in:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving climate information infrastructure;</li> <li>Improving technical capacity to manage weather information systems;</li> <li>Creating enabling policies and practices for climate services.</li> </ul>	<b>Presenter:</b> Mr Gilbert N'Habay, Deputy Director of Parliamentary Research Services, Sierra Leone Parliament
10:30-11:00	<b>Coffee/Tea break</b>	
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<b>PART III: CLIMATE CHANGE PERSPECTIVES AND CI/S</b>		
11:30-12:15	<b>SDG Framework on Climate Action</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are they?</li> <li>• SDG 11 – Sustainable Climate and Communities</li> <li>• SDG 13 – Climate Action</li> </ul> <b>Q&amp;A</b>	<b>Presenter:</b> Hon Rosaline Smith, Fmr MP, Sierra Leone Parliament
12:15-13:00	<b>Climate change budgeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislating for investment in CI and Services;</li> <li>• Public Private Partnerships;</li> <li>• Climate Services and Business Model;</li> <li>• Institutional Development for CI/S;</li> <li>• CI/S in domesticating international climate and environment agreements;</li> <li>• The Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS).</li> </ul> <b>Q&amp;A</b>	<b>Presenter:</b> Mr Gilbert N’Habay, Deputy Director of Parliamentary Research Services, Sierra Leone Parliament
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>	
14:00–14:30	<b>Monitoring and evaluation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Problems identification and decision making context;</li> <li>• Characteristics, Tailoring and Communication of Climate Information;</li> <li>• Socio Economic value of Climate Services;</li> <li>• Investment Assessment.</li> </ul> <b>Q&amp;A</b>	<b>Presenter:</b> Mr Umar Fofana, Programme Officer, Sierra Leone Parliament
14:30–15:30	<b>Breakout session: identify challenges, opportunities and best practices in the production, packaging, uptake and use of CI/S in development planning</b>  <b>Reporting from breakout sessions</b>	<b>Chair:</b> Mr Umar Fofana, Programme Officer, Sierra Leone Parliament
15:30–15:45	<b>Closing remarks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk of Parliament – Hon Umar Paran Tarawally</li> <li>• UNECA representative – Mr Frank Rutabingwa</li> </ul>	
15:45-16:15	<b>Coffee/Tea break</b>	