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In a one day meeting organised by the National Electoral Commission (NEC) through the Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC), the National Electoral Commission on Thursday 10th September 2015 gave political parties fourteen (14) days to come up with a position paper on the proposed postponement of the 2016 Local Council Election.

In his PowerPoint presentation, the Director of Administration NEC Abubakarr Koroma informed the political parties Executive Officers that because of the Outbreak of Ebola and the postponement of the National Population Census, Local Council Elections will not be held in December 2016. The Local Council Elections he says will now be held together with the Presidential and Parliamentary Elections between January and February 2018. Mr. Koroma informed the meeting that Boundary Delimitation will be held from April – December 2016, Update of Voters Register from January – June 2017, Referendum from September – December 2017 and Presidential, Parliamentary and Local Council Elections between January - February 2018.

In his Statement, the Chief Electoral Commissioner and Chairman of NEC Mr. Mohamed Nfa Conteh assured members of the political parties of NEC's commitment in the conduct of a credible, free and fair elections. The conduct or activities of NEC he says hinged on the work of other institutions like Statistics Sierra Leone (SSL) and the Constitutional Review Committee (CRC).

In his statement, the Chairman of the meeting who doubles as Chairman of the PPRC, Hon. Justice M.E. Tolla Thompson says Political Parties are crucial in the furtherance of democracy and good governance in Sierra Leone. Political Parties he says must play a critical role in contributing towards the proposal put forward by NEC.



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