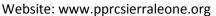


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The Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC) will on Thursday 1st August 2013 hold a one day Inter Party Dialogue in Freetown with representatives of the ten registered Political Parties in Sierra Leone at the British Council Hall in Freetown.

The forum will bring together Political Party Representatives nominated to serve in the Constitutional Review Committee and two senior party executive members each from the ten political parties.

The commission will be using the services of Constitutional Lawyer that will take the Party Representatives through the provisions in the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone and the Political Parties Act of 2002. This will allow the Political Parties to discuss possible inputs in the Constitutional Review Process that was inaugurated by HE Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma on Tuesday 30th July 2013.

During the forum the commission aims to achieve the following:

- To acquaint Political Parties on the earlier recommendations made by the Constitutional Review Committee established by the former Sierra Leone Peoples Party Government in 2006
- Promote consensus among the Political Parties on some of the recommendations as well as modalities for reducing the impact of ethnicity in elections and
- To give the Political Parties an opportunity to develop their proposals in several areas such as minimising the impact of ethnicity in Politics, strengthening the appointment processes to the country's democratic institutions and the promotion of gender equality

The forum will also look at Critical issues for the PPRC in the Constitutional Review process. The Commission will also discuss with Political Parties critical issues that will enhance its legal and operational capacities and for it to be effective and relevant to multi-party democracy in Sierra Leone. Some of these will be discussed under the current PPRC Bill whilst others will be discussed under the Constitutional Review Process.

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