



# POLITICAL PARTIES REGISTRATION COMMISSION

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PPRC Chairman, Commissioners and Participants listening to the Presentation of the Strategic Plan

The Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC) in league with the eleven registered political parties, National Electoral Commission (NEC), All Political Parties Association (APPA), All Political Parties Women Association (APPWA), All Political Parties Youth Association (APPYA), Law Reform Commission, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), Parliamentarians, the Independent Media Commission (IMC), the media and other key stakeholders validated the Commission's 2016 – 2020 Strategic Plan.



In his keynote address, the Chairman of the Commission, Hon Justice M.E. Tolla Thompson says the Commission is a unique institution within the sub-region charged with the responsibility of overseeing the activities of political parties within the state. Its core function he says is to register, monitor and regulate the activities of political parties in promoting political pluralism.

The Commission he says is one of the four creatures of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone; therefore it needs the utmost attention it deserves in order to be effective and efficient in discharging its mandate.

The Commission he added is now at a turning point; that is developing and preparing for the next five years in the form of a strategic plan. The Strategic Plan he says will be an instrument to be used by the Commission in directing its actions and activities over the given period.

“The purpose of this validation exercise is to ensure that information in the strategic plan is accurate and reasonable as suggested by staff members and members of the registered political parties. The views and aspiration of political parties have formed part of the development of the strategic plan. Hence, the plan becomes an essential tool for the Commission. The Strategic Plan will help to build the capacity of political parties through programmes and activities that will be conducted” he added.

Hon Justice Thompson also informed the participants that the Commission is faced with lots of constraints amongst which are; inadequate financial support, lack of infrastructure, and other logistical issues. These challenges he says have greatly affected the operation of the commission.

Notwithstanding the above challenges Justice Thompson continued, the Commission has scored lots of successes which spans around Intra/Inter-Party mediation, political pluralism, audit of political parties' books of account, verification of political parties' offices amongst others have contributed to the development of democracy in the country.

The presentation of the Strategic Plan by the Consultant Dr. Victor Massaquoi and the validation by participants formed the highpoint of the meeting.

The PPRC Strategic Plan 2016 – 2020 contains the following strategic pillars that the Commission will work with for five years:

- Institutional and staff capacity building;
- Political Parties capacity building & policy development;
- Political Education;
- Organizational sustainability &
- Legal Reform.

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Cross Section of participants at the Validation Meeting

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