REGIONAL SEMINAR ON THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN NATIONAL RECONCILIATION PROCESSES IN ENGLISH-SPEAKING AFRICA
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PROGRAMME

Monday, 23 June

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| 9 a.m. - 9.45 a.m. | Inaugural session  
Hon. Eddie Turay, Leader of the Majority, Parliament of Sierra Leone  
Mr. Martin Chungong, Director, Division for the Promotion of Democracy, Inter-Parliamentary Union  
Hon. Samuel Sam-Sumana, Vice-President of Sierra Leone |
| 9.45 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. | Session I: Addressing the scars of the past and building viable societies  
- Delivering on the expectations raised after conflict: the role of Parliament in national peace-building and reconciliation processes: Mr. Kojo Asante, Governance and Legal Policy Officer / Coordinator of the Parliamentary Support program, Ghana Center for Democratic Development  
- Women and gender in post-conflict situations: Dr. Nemata Majeks-Walker, Founder and First President of the 50/50 Group of Sierra Leone |
| 11.15 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. | Coffee break |
| 11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Continuation of Session I |
| 2.30 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Session II: Truth and Reconciliation Commissions  
- The role of Truth and Reconciliation Commissions in the struggle against impunity: Presenting a realistic vision of what they can achieve: Mr. Stephen S. Manley, Director of Programs, Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Liberia  
- The importance of ensuring follow-up to commission recommendations: Mr. Franklyn Bai Kargbo, former Executive Secretary, Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Sierra Leone |
| 4 p.m. - 4.15 p.m. | Coffee break |
| 4.15 p.m. - 6 p.m. | Session III: The use of trials to address a legacy of abuse  
- The International Criminal Court (ICC) or the creation of hybrid national-international courts as an alternative, Mr. Mohamed Suma, Director, Sierra Leone Court Monitoring Programme, Sierra Leone |
Tuesday, 24 June

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.  ▶ Session IV: Justice versus amnesty
- The question of amnesties from a legal and practical perspective: Ms. Marieke Wierda, Director, Prosecutions Programme, International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ)
- The role of the ICC with respect to the conflict in Uganda: an obstacle or requirement for long-term reconciliation?: Ms. Marieke Wierda, Director, Prosecutions Programme, ICTJ

11 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.  Coffee break

11.15 a.m. - 1 p.m.  ▶ Session V: Reparations
- Determining the appropriate form of reparation and its beneficiaries and putting in place a reparation programme with adequate funds and proper management: Mr. Suliman Baldo, Director, Africa Program, International Center for Transitional Justice

2.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.  ▶ Session VI: Institutional reforms
- Ensuring an effective justice system, Ms. Sarah-Ann A. A. Lewis, Coordinator GoSL Justice Sector, Coordination Office, Sierra Leone
- Security sector reform and parliamentary oversight, Dr. Osman Gbла, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Law, Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone

4.30 p.m. - 4.45 p.m.  Coffee break

4.45 p.m. - 6 p.m.  ▶ Session VII: International initiatives in support of reconciliation
- What role for the international community? Mr. Gebremedhin Hagoss, Chief, Peace and Governance Section, UNIOSIL, Sierra Leone

Wednesday, 25 June

9 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.  ▶ Session VIII: Country experiences: what are the current challenges in addressing the legacy of the past and promoting institutional reforms?
Sierra Leone
Ghana

11.15 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.  Coffee break

11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  ▶ Continuation of country experiences
Liberia
Rwanda

2.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.  ▶ Session IX: Country experiences: what are the current challenges in establishing long-lasting peace and promoting reconciliation?
Somalia
Sudan

4.30 p.m. - 4.45 p.m.  Coffee break

4.45 p.m. - 6 p.m.  ▶ Concluding session
Mr. Martin Chungong, Director, Division for the Promotion of Democracy, Inter-Parliamentary Union
Hon. Justice Abel N.B. Stronge, Speaker of the Parliament of Sierra Leone