



29 New Staff join Human Rights Commission

The Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone (HRCSL) commenced the New Year with an orientation of 29 new staff, the largest since 2015 adding to its team of professionals. The recruitment process which began in September 2021 with the call for application resulted to the recruitment of 29 new staff to serve in various directorates, units and regional offices of the commission.



The orientation commenced from the 17th to 20th January 2022. The staff were taken through the basic concepts of human rights, with special focus on the protection and promotion of the rights of all in Sierra Leone. The Chairperson, Madam Patricia Narsu Ndanema, made a presentation on local, regional and international human rights instruments; the Vice-Chairperson, Victor Idrissa Lansana presented on the background to the establishment of the HRCSL. Other presentations included SOHR Report writing by Commissioner Gassan Abess; Business and Human Rights and Labour relations by Abdulai Yollah Bangura; Treaty Body Reporting by Brima Kelson Sesay; Complaints handling procedures by Doris Sonsiama; the requirements for the attainment of Grade 'A' Status by Richard M'Bayo and overview of the Paris Principles by Sonnia Goodman.



The new staff were admonished to keep the reputation of the institution high and be ambassadors of human rights.



Speaking on behalf of the new staff, Mariama Finda Sawaneh, thanked the Commission for according them the opportunity to serve and promised to abide by the Commission's code of conduct. She noted that they will put into practice all what they have learnt during the orientation for the progress of the Commission.