



# **BUILDING EFFECTIVE COOPERATION WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS**

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According to the Vice-Chairman Victor I. Lansana, the decision to form a partnership with Civil Society Organisations is statutory in the Commission's Act of 2004 citing Section 7 (2) (b) "Effective cooperation with non-governmental organizations and other public - interest bodies engaged in the field of human rights."

He added that, the Commission will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the organisations on their thematic areas of work, so the partnership can align with its mandate to protect and promote human rights in Sierra Leone.

Organisations represented were; Amnesty International, Campaign for Human Rights and Development International (CHRDI), Citizens Advocacy Network, Human Rights Defenders Network among others.

Abdul Fatoma Chief Executive, CHRDI said "We want to thank the Human Rights Commission for reawakening the statutory provision. This was what some of us have been yearning for and we have made several attempts since 2011-2012."