



## **HRCSL ENGAGES NEW UN RESIDENT COORDINATOR AND BHC POLITICAL & HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER**

The Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone (HRCSL) on Tuesday 3rd November 2020 paid a courtesy call on the new UN Resident Coordinator to Sierra Leone Babatunde Ahonsi and also engaged the Political and Human Rights Officer of the British High Commission (BHC). The engagement was to formally welcome the Resident Coordinator and to assure him of the Commission's willingness to work with him.

Reacting to the statements made, the Resident Coordinator stated that the Human Rights Commission was a natural ally and partner in the journey to make Sierra Leone a better place for everyone. "The Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone is a strategic institution that we will be able to partner with in a way that advances our common objectives i.e. a better and fairer Sierra Leone that works for all and protects the rights and wellbeing of the most vulnerable" He stated.

A copy of the Commission's Strategic Priorities embedded in its Strategic plan was handed over to the Resident Coordinator.

Similarly, following invitation from the British High Commission (BHC), the HRCSL held engagements with the BHC's Political and Human Rights Officer, Katie Hanan. A broad range of issues on the promotion and protection of human rights were discussed. This included but not limited to the recent assessment of the work of HRCSL for over a period of 10 years, the development of a National Human Rights Action Plan and planned activities to commemorate International Human Rights Day.

Katie Hanan expressed positive feedback on the work of the Commission so far. She reminded the Commission to involve her in all of its activities going forward.