



UPR STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT

Sierra Leone was first reviewed in 2011 by the UPR and was second reviewed on 14th April 2016. The third cycle review is due in May 2021. It could be recalled that during the second cycle review, 208 recommendations were made to the Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL), in which a total of 177 recommendations were accepted and 31 noted by same. The Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone (HRCSL) with support from Irish Aid and the UNDP organized stakeholders' consultative meetings on the 28th and 29th August in Freetown with 50 participants (15 females and 35 males), 3rd September in Makeni in which a total of 18 participants attended (14 male and 4 female) and on 4th September in Bo, 2020 with 16 participants (12 male and 4 female) respectively on the status of implementation of the 2016 Universal Periodic Review (UPR) recommendations.



The Chairperson moderating a session

The engagements brought together representatives from different Civil Society Organizations, Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), District Human Right Committees (DHRCs) from the five regions and the western area, International Partner such as the UNDP, and also members of the fourth estate, The purpose was to solicit information from these stakeholders on how far GoSL has adhered to implementation of the 177



recommendations it accepted during the UPR second cycle review, and how far the country has considered the realization on the 31 noted recommendations.

During the engagements, presentations of the recommendations were done by staff of HRCSL, discussions and group work were used to gouge out relevant information from participants on the status of GoSL's implementation of the UPR recommendations, which were captured in a designed matrix highlighting government position, lead MDAs, progress made and further action required.

The engagements helped the Commission to solicit useful information on the status of implementation of the UPR recommendations which has helped the Commission to produce its shadow report which was submitted to the Human Rights Council on the 8th October 2020, and further updated its matrix to continue to track recommendations that are yet to be implemented or under implementation.

