HRCSL Vice-chairman attends 9th Session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

The Vice Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone, Victor Idrissa Lansana Esq is in Niamey, Niger on the invitation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa to participate in the ninth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development.

In one of the thematic sessions, Commissioner Lansana has called for a full integration of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) at the national level to monitor the process of implementation of the SDGs and produce independent reports on the status of implementation. He called on governments in Africa to devolve functions to the second tier of governance (the local councils) through legal and normative frameworks in order to effectively address poverty which is mostly prevalent in the local communities.

The Vice Chairperson emphasized the need for collaboration between and among governments to harness synergies and enhance information sharing, good practice and technical support in an effort to fully implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063.