



TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL SIERRA LEONE EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER THE CONTROVERSIES SURROUNDING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL AND THEIR LATENT IMPACT

Considering that Financial Impropriety is one of the major corruption challenges affecting public financial management in Sierra Leone and the fact that the Audit Service Sierra Leone is one of the institutions with the mandate to ensure the effectiveness of the management of public resources, TI-Sierra Leone expresses its concern regarding the various controversies occasionally surrounding the office of the Auditor General since 2020 to present.

We are particularly concerned that these controversies might have the tendency to negatively impact the effectiveness of the institution especially its leadership now and in the future.

Sierra Leone still has a long way to go in ensuring fiscal discipline in the public sector and working towards entrenching effective public financial management that delivers the goods for citizens.

With regards to the recent suspension of the Auditor General, Mrs Lara Taylor-Pearce and her Deputy Mr Tamba Momoh, we demand more Transparency in the actual issues surrounding her suspension and more integrity in the due process to be observed following her suspension.

We also add our voice to call on the related authorities and especially H. E. President Julius Maada Bio for a reconsideration of the suspension so that due process is followed, especially as it has been done at a very crucial point in time when the Audit Report for the year 2020 is highly expected to be out soon.

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