

**GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE**

**Ministry of Planning and Economic Development**

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**Proposed Roadmap for Formulating the Successor to the**

**MTNDP 2019-2023**

***Including Draft Governance of the Process/National Consultations***

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# A. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE

# This proposal is an extension of the *concept note* the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development (MoPED) had put together on the formulation of the successor to the Medium-Term National Development Plan (MTNDP) 2019-2023. It is a *roadmap* aimed at operationalising the concept note, which is attached to this proposal highlighting the envisaged *governance arrangement* for the preparation of the next plan and the approach to *nationwide consultations*.

# The reader of this roadmap is encouraged to first go through the concept note aforementioned to have full insights of the generally proposed strategic direction of the next national development plan (NDP). This would enable the reader to provide substantial input to both the concept note and this roadmap.

# In reviewing this roadmap, the reader is entreated to pay special attention to Section G on Page 8 of the concept note attached here, which details the proposed direction and structure of the successor to the current MTNDP.

# B. GOVERNANCE OF THE PLAN FORMULATION PROCESS

# MoPED will lead and coordinate the entire process of formulating the next NDP. It will provide operational guidance and support to the plan formulation management structures established at all levels, noted as follows.

# At the national/central level, there will be: *a)* a National Oversight Committee; b) Core Technical Committee; c) Cluster Working Groups; d) Sector Working Groups; and e) a Secretariat to coordinate the activities of these committees and working groups. The District Development Coordination Committees will be central in generating district/community level inputs to the national plan preparation process, and thus will be part of the overall governance.

# B.1 National Oversight Committee (NOC)

# The NOC will provide overall guidance to the process and will be chaired by the Minister of Planning and Economic Development and Co-chair by the Minister of Finance.

Composition of Committee

* Co-Chairs:
  + Minister of Planning and Economic Development
  + Minister of Finance
* The Development Secretary
* The Financial Secretary
* Representative from the Directorate of Policy in the Office of the Chief Minister
* Chamber of Commerce (Representing the Private Sector)
* UN Resident Coordinator
* Representative from Civil Society
* Secretariat

Functions of the Committee

* Ensure that the process and final document is led and owned by the Government
* Provide strategic/political guidance to the plan preparation process
* Ensure that the next Plan meets the Government’s broad policy agenda
* Ensure that the Plan is produced within the agreed timeframe
* Ensure that the necessary finances and technical support are available for the process
* Provide periodic update to HE The President
* The NOC will meet bi-weekly

**B.2. Core Technical Committee (CTC)**

# The CTC will be responsible for the day-to-day activities of developing the whole Plan. This will be chaired by the Development Secretary and co-chaired by the Financial Secretary.

Composition of Committee

* Co-Chairs:
  + Development Secretary
  + Financial Secretary
* Director of Planning, Policy and Research MoPED
* Director of DACO, MoPED
* Director of NGO Affairs, MoPED
* Director of PIMU, MoPED
* Chief Economist, MoF
* Representative from Statistics Sierra Leone
* Representative from Bank of Sierra Leone
* Representative from the University
* Representative from Research Institutions
* Multi Donor Budget Support Partners (WB/IMF, AfDB, EU, DfID)
* Representative from UNDP

Functions of the Committee

* Coordinate the plan formulation process
* Ensure that the SDGs and AU Agenda 2063 are integrated into the plan
* Coordinate all national and regional consultations on the preparation process
* Ensure that sector submissions are properly aligned to avoid contradictions
* Will meet weekly
* Provide regular briefing to the NOC
* Provision of technical assistance and guidance to the Cluster Working Groups
* Ensure production of the final National Development Plan

**B.3 Cluster Working Groups (CWG)**

# These Groups will be constituted from broad policy clusters proposed for the new MTNDP, under which there will be sub-clusters.

Composition of CWGs

* Co-Chairs: Representatives from relevant MDAs
* Members of the Core Technical Committee
* Members of the relevant Sub-Cluster/Sector Working Groups discussed below

Functions of the CWGs

* Facilitate preparation of sub-cluster/sector policy papers
* Ensure that writing template is followed in the preparation of sub-cluster/sector policy paper
* Collate and review sub-cluster/sector policy papers

**B.4 Sub-Cluster/Sector Working Groups**

# Sector Working Groups (SWGs) are technical working forums where development issues taking place at MDA level are discussed. The SWGs will provide relevant sector information to the Core Technical Committee for writing the National Plan through the Cluster Working Groups.

Composition of SWGs

* Chair: Relevant MDA professionals
* Chairperson of the relevant CWGs
* Relevant reps from MDAs, CSOs and DPs

Functions of the SWGs

* Collect all relevant sector data, including existing policies, projects and programmes
* Write sector policy papers for submission to the CTC/CWG, following writing template

**B.5 District Development Coordination Committees**

These committees will facilitate the identification of district priorities and support the consultation of stakeholders at district/community level within the framework of the people’s planning process model commonly referred to as the Wan Fambul Framework.

**C. INFORMATION GATHERING AND NATIONWIDE CONSULTATION**

1. The plan formulation process will involve two key stages: a) determining background strategic direction of the plan; and b) general stakeholder consultations.

**C.1 Determining background strategic direction of the plan**

1. This involves firming up the concept note on the successor plan, drawing from the following information sources:
2. Reports on progress in the implementation of the current MTNDP, capturing key achievement, challenges and recommendations going forward.
3. Strategic direction document of the New Government Administration post-June 2023 elections.
4. General background research works from the public sector, development partner agencies, research institutions and other sources.
5. And drawing from the literature on international development
6. A ***full draft concept note*** will be done based on this information. It will present proposed structure and thematical areas/policy clusters for the successor plan; and will be discussed and debated at strategic levels within the government, drawing input from key development partners and research institutions. The final concept note will be produced eventually to inform nationwide consultations.

**C.2 Nationwide consultations**

1. Generally, there will be consultations at national, sectoral, region and district/community levels. Each level will involve intensive institutional and thematic/cluster working group discussions. The following will constitute the main target groups for providing inputs:
2. Government Ministries, Department and Agencies
3. Members of Parliament and Political Parties
4. District and Municipal/City Councils
5. Paramount Chiefs and other representatives at community level
6. Non-governmental/civil society organizations
7. Trade unions, market women, youth groups, and people with disabilities
8. United Nations Agencies
9. Other development partner agencies;
10. The academia/schools and research institutions
11. The private sector
12. We expect more intensive district level engagements within the context of the *Wan Fambul Framework*, involving village, section and chiefdom representatives than in the current plan ending this year.
13. Inputs of the general public will be elicited through radio and TV discussions, and social media platforms to the extent possible, to pull in contributions from Sierra Leoneans in the diaspora.

**C.3 Activity timeline**

1. ***Annex*** 1 presents activity timeline for the formulation of the successor to the MTNDP 2019-2023. After the June 2023 elections, effective work/consultations on the new plan will commence; expected to start by the end of July, to run through to February 2024, when we expect to launch the new plan.