



**Launch of the National AGOA Response Strategy and Forum on New Directions for Private Sector Expansion, Golden Tulip (formerly Kimbima) Hotel, Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 starting at 8:30am**

**Proposed Agenda**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Presenter(s)</b>
8:30	Tea & Registration	ALL
<b>Launch of National AGOA Response Strategy</b>		
9:30	Opening: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Silent Prayers</li> <li>○ Introduction of Chairman</li> </ul>	Niccolo Merrigi
9:35	<b>Chair</b> – Mr. Charles Mereweather Thompson, Chief Director, MTI Opening statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mr. Sheku Lexmond Koroma, CEO, SLIEPA</li> <li>○ Mr. Christopher Forster, President, Sierra Leone Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture</li> <li>○ Mr. Herbert P. M'cleod, Country Director, IGC</li> <li>○ American Ambassador</li> <li>○ Mr. David Luke, UNECA</li> </ul>	
10:30	Presentation of AGOA strategy	Abou Bakarr Kamara, IGC
10:50	Keynote Address and launch of the AGOA Strategy	Hon Peter B. Konteh, Minister of Trade and Industry
11:00	<b>Forum on New Directions for Private Sector Expansion</b>	
11:00	Realities of Cross Border Trade	Dr. Samuel Jibao, Principal Investigator (TBC)
11:20	Synthesis of Results from Studies: Fragility; Business Environment Reform and Employment	Ms. Rania Nasir, IGC
11:35	Sierra Leone: Export-driven Growth for Private Sector Development	Philip English
11:50	Sierra Leone's Trade Realities and opportunities – a new direction for the private sector	Herbert P. M'cleod
12:10	General Discussion	Plenary
13:00	<i>Lunch</i>	

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14:00	<b>Panel Discussions:</b> Changing the direction for private sector development in Sierra Leone – where the shoe pinches	Moderator: Mr. Idrisa Kamara, MD/CEO Standard Chartered Bank  <b>Panelists:</b> - Emmanuel Konjoh, MTI - Dr. Eva Hancils, Morvigor, SL Ltd - Patrick Blake, Sierra Tropical Ltd
15:00	Closing and Next Steps	Chief Director, MTI

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