

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

Proposed Agenda

Time	Session	Presenter(s)
8:30	Tea & Registration	ALL
Launch of National AGOA Response Strategy		
9:30	Opening: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Silent Prayers ○ Introduction of Chairman 	Niccolo Merrigi
9:35	Chair – Mr. Charles Mereweather Thompson, Chief Director, MTI Opening statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Sheku Lexmond Koroma, CEO, SLIEPA ○ Mr. Christopher Forster, President, Sierra Leone Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture ○ Mr. Herbert P. M'cleod, Country Director, IGC ○ American Ambassador ○ Mr. David Luke, UNECA 	
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	Forum on New Directions for Private Sector Expansion	
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	Panel Discussions: Changing the direction for private sector development in Sierra Leone – where the shoe pinches	<p>Moderator: Dr. Dayo Gilpin, MD/CEO Rokel Commercial Bank</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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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