

## Good Practice Series on Transparency

### Sierra Leone's Formation of Regional NDC Committees (RNCs)

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#### Background

Sierra Leone made considerable progress in institutional coordination since 2015 through the establishment of inter-ministerial committees for environmental and climate change coordination. The National Climate Change Standing Committee was established in 2016 to coordinate climate change actions at the national level. Regional NDC Committees (RNCs) were established in 2022 to strengthen sub-regional coordination.

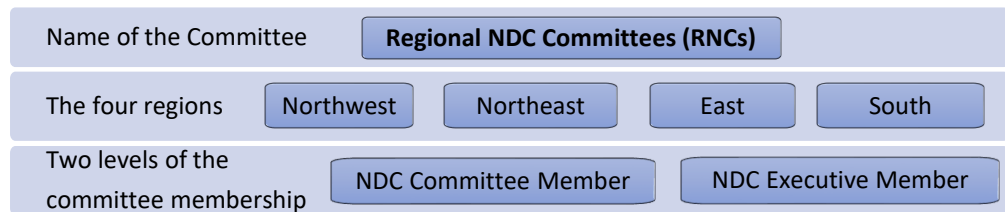
#### Challenges addressed

Sierra Leone did not have sub-national level structures for NDC implementation and progress tracking. This made it difficult to collect data and coordinate the regular implementation of policy actions. The aim of the RNCs is to streamline coordination, enhance information sharing, bolster data management, and fortify capacity for effective climate change adaptation and mitigation, which was a gap in the previous reporting.

#### Approach

Stakeholder engagement in institutional arrangement enhances the functionality of institutions. The process of establishing the RNCs was done in a consultative manner. The process started with using the Political, Economic, Social, Technological, Legal, and Environmental (PESTLE) analysis for stakeholder analysis and mapping that focused on identifying key individuals and organizations in terms of their influence and interest.

The analysis offered an understanding of how individuals or organizations currently engage with NDC activities or would seek to do so in the future and determine who should be involved in future NDC learning workshops across levels. The Regional NDC Committees (RNCs) were established in four regions: Northwest, Northeast, East, and South of Sierra Leone.



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## Success Factors

- Availability of financial resources from the National CBIT project to implement this activity of establishing sub-national structures for NDC implementation.
- Political buy-in from the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) and the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
- Involvement of the youth in the stakeholder consultations and educational resource materials used during stakeholder consultations provided insights into various national climate change documents and informed youth groups and selected secondary schools.

*Involving the youth in implementing the enhanced transparency framework (ETF) process of the Paris Agreement is a good practice. Setting up the youth regional committees will enhance communication and implementation of priority mitigation and adaptation policy actions and measures in the sub-regions of Sierra Leone.*

### **Key messages about the multistakeholder consultative process in the formation of RNCs**

Each region identified committee members and executive members of the RNC. The structure was composed of the chairperson, deputy chairperson, secretary, financial secretary, and public relations officer.

The RNC members will be rotated after every two years of service and have developed annual work plans and activity plans. Each committee has clear terms of reference that guide their roles and responsibilities in supporting the NDC implementation and tracking.

Formation of the RNCs at sub-regional level provided an opportunity for an awareness-raising session on implementing previous NDCs and identifying potential partnerships. The workshops generally included presentations, small group discussions, and breakout sessions covering cross-sectoral issues concerning the update and implementation of the NDC.

Generally, the formation of the RNC was a very consultative process. Participants were drawn from all the districts within the four regions. They represented different youth groups and organizations. Overall, there was a fair share of male and female representatives.

### **Challenges of forming the RNCs**

- Engaging the youth in the consultative process involved managing their expectations, and strategic steps had to be employed to ensure meaningful engagement across levels.
- There was a clear need for awareness-raising sessions to help the youth-based organizations and CSOs understand good practices and lessons learned from the NDC update process and offer a mechanism for co-learning and support.

### **Further Areas of Improvement**

The Government of Sierra Leone EPA will ensure improvement through the revision of the ToRs. It is useful for guiding RNCs through the implementation of the Year 1 work plans formulated for each region.