

## **Executive Director, Dr. Floribert Ngaruko' s visit to the Republic of Sierra Leone**

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The Executive Director, accompanied by his Senior Advisor, Ms. Naomi Rono, undertook his inaugural mission to the Republic of Sierra Leone from February 20-22, 2023, to consult the Government on Sierra Leone's development agenda, including key priorities and challenges. The Executive Director met H.E Rtd. Brigadier Dr. Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone; the Governor for the WBG and Minister of Finance, Honorable Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura; and the Governor of the Bank of Sierra Leone, Prof. Kelfala M. Kallon.

His discussions with President Bio focused on the President's vision to anchor Sierra Leone's development agenda around agriculture. The ED assured the President of his commitment to ensuring that the World Bank Group's engagement reflects the Government's priorities. During his meeting with the Minister of Finance, the ED noted the significant macroeconomic pressures facing the Government of Sierra Leone and recognized their impact on the GDP outlook. He welcomed the Government's strategy to stabilize the economy and stimulate growth in FY23 and was encouraged by the Government's commitment to remain steadfast on the structural reform agenda and welcomed the ongoing engagement with the IMF.



Dr. Floribert Ngaruko with H E Rtd. Brigadier Dr. Julius Maada Bio, the President of Sierra Leone –



Dr. Floribert Ngaruko with Hon. Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura, the Minister of Finance for Sierra Leone