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USL Hails World Public Service Day as Catalyst for Institutional Transformation and Digital Innovation

World Public Service Day 2026
TRANSFORMING PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS
ADVANCING INNOVATION, PARTICIPATION AND INCLUSION

Celebrating the legends of the Civil/Public Service for their sacrifices and dedicated services to the Government and people of Sierra Leone

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Transforming Public Institutions: Advancing Innovation, Participation and Inclusion

Date: 22nd & 23rd June, 2026 Time: 10:00a.m. Daily

Venue: Miatta Civic Centre

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As Sierra Leone prepares to commemorate World Public Service Day on 22–23 June 2026 at the Miatta Conference Centre, the University of Sierra Leone (USL), the nation's premier higher education institution, has described the event as a timely opportunity to reimagine public institutions, strengthen service delivery, and showcase innovations that are transforming governance and education.

The university's leadership believes that this year's celebration comes at a critical moment when Sierra Leone is pursuing reforms aimed at building a more efficient, accountable, and citizen-centered public sector. According to USL, public institutions must continuously adapt to emerging technologies and changing societal needs if they are to remain relevant and responsive.

Professor Aiah Randolph Lebbie: A Vision for Public Service Transformation

At the heart of USL's commitment to public-sector renewal is its Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Professor Aiah Randolph Lebbie, a distinguished academic and administrator whose leadership has been defined by a relentless pursuit of innovation, excellence, and institutional rebirth.



Speaking ahead of the two-day event, Professor Lebbie articulated a bold vision for the role of universities in shaping Sierra Leone's future:

"Universities are not ivory towers detached from society. They are the engines of national transformation, the places where ideas are born, leaders are forged, and solutions to our most pressing challenges take shape. If we are to build a public sector that truly serves the people, we must begin by reimagining how we educate, how we innovate, and how we lead."

He emphasized that universities have a vital role to play in driving public sector transformation through research, innovation, leadership development, and the training of future public servants. For Professor Lebbie, this is not merely an academic exercise but a national imperative:

"Every graduate we produce is a potential agent of change. Every research finding we publish holds the power to reshape policy. Every innovation we develop can improve the

lives of citizens. That is the responsibility we carry, and that is the opportunity World Public Service Day invites us to embrace."

Professor Lebbie stressed that public sector reform must be accompanied by investments in digital technology, human capital development, and institutional modernization. He framed the upcoming celebration as a pivotal moment for reflection and action:

"World Public Service Day is not simply a commemoration; it is a call to accountability. It asks every public institution, and every public servant, a fundamental question: Are we truly serving the people? Are we innovating, adapting, and delivering? Or are we clinging to outdated methods that no longer meet the needs of a rapidly changing world? The University of Sierra Leone is proud to answer that call with concrete innovations and an unwavering commitment to excellence."

Showcasing Innovation: The University of Sierra Leone's Digital Transformation

The University of Sierra Leone is expected to use the occasion to highlight some of its recent digital innovations that reflect the future of public service delivery and higher education management in Sierra Leone.

IPAM Mobile App: Smarter Academic Administration

Among the flagship innovations is the newly launched **IPAM Mobile App**, developed by the Institute of Public Administration and Management (IPAM), which offers students and staff a smarter and more efficient academic experience. The application enables users to access academic information, institutional services, and important updates through a single digital platform, reducing bureaucratic delays and promoting greater efficiency and transparency in university administration.

Professor Lebbie reflected on the significance of this development:

"For too long, our students and staff have been burdened by administrative bottlenecks, long queues, lost paperwork, and opaque processes. The IPAM Mobile App changes that narrative. It is a testament to what is possible when we harness technology to serve people better. This is not just an app; it is a statement that the University of Sierra Leone is ready for the future."

Digital Human Anatomy Platform: Revolutionising Medical Education

Another groundbreaking innovation expected to be showcased is the **Digital Human Anatomy Platform** developed at the College of Medicine and Allied Health Sciences (COMAHS). The technology represents a significant advancement in medical education, allowing students to engage with human anatomy through immersive digital tools that enhance learning, research, and professional training. The initiative demonstrates how technology can be leveraged to improve educational outcomes while preparing future healthcare professionals for a rapidly evolving medical landscape.

Professor Lebbie described this innovation with evident pride:

"What COMAHS has achieved with the Digital Human Anatomy Platform is nothing short of revolutionary. It transforms how our medical students learn, moving from static textbooks to dynamic, interactive exploration. It equips our future doctors with the tools they need to excel in a healthcare environment that is increasingly driven by technology. This is the standard we must set across all our disciplines: innovative, forward-looking, and deeply committed to excellence."

A Vision for the Future of Sierra Leone's Public Sector



University officials believe that both innovations exemplify how public institutions can harness technology to improve service delivery, strengthen institutional performance, and create better experiences for citizens and stakeholders.

Professor Lebbie further articulated his vision for the transformation of Sierra Leone's public sector:

"The public sector we need is innovative, data-driven, and deeply responsive to the needs of the people. This transformation cannot happen by accident; it must be intentional. It requires institutions that are willing to change, leaders who are courageous enough to disrupt the status quo, and a national commitment to investing in our greatest resource, our people."

He argued that universities must serve as laboratories of innovation where solutions to national development challenges are developed, tested, and scaled:

"The University of Sierra Leone is uniquely positioned to be the laboratory for national transformation. We have the talent, the expertise, and the moral responsibility to lead. But we cannot do it alone. We need government partners, in civil society, and in the private sector who share our vision of a Sierra Leone that works for all its citizens."

A National Conversation on Governance and Development

The World Public Service Day celebration is expected to bring together policymakers, public servants, academics, development partners, students, and civil society actors to discuss strategies to strengthen governance, improve public sector performance, and accelerate national development.

For the University of Sierra Leone, the event represents more than a commemoration. It is an opportunity to demonstrate how higher education institutions can contribute to national transformation through digital innovation, knowledge production, and the cultivation of ethical and competent public service leadership.

Professor Lebbie concluded with a stirring call to action:

"Let this World Public Service Day be more than a moment of recognition. Let it be a turning point, a day when we commit, collectively, to building a public sector that is transparent, efficient, and truly servant-hearted. The University of Sierra Leone stands ready to play its part. We will continue to innovate, to lead, and to inspire. Because the Sierra Leone we envision, the Sierra Leone we deserve, is one where every institution serves the people with integrity, excellence, and purpose."

A Commitment to National Development

As Sierra Leone advances its public sector reform agenda, USL maintains that innovation-driven initiatives such as the IPAM Mobile App and the COMAHS Digital Human Anatomy Platform offer compelling examples of how technology can help build smarter institutions, improve public service delivery, and support the country's long-term development aspirations.

Under the visionary leadership of Professor Aiah Randolph Lebbie, the University of Sierra Leone is not merely observing World Public Service Day; it is helping to redefine what public service means for a new generation of Sierra Leoneans.

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