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**Ministry of Finance**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

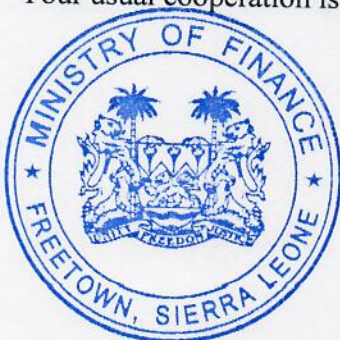
The Ministry of Finance wishes to inform the general public that due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, the FY2021 budget preparation process will commence at the Ministry of Finance, Treasury Building Main Conference Hall as follows:

- **National Policy Hearing on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2020 at 9:00am - 5:00pm.** The policy hearing provides opportunity for Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), Local Councils, Parastatals and State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) to discuss and review the updates on sectoral policies as contained in the National Development Plan. **Only selected MDAs (Ministers, Permanent Secretaries and Professional Heads) will attend the Policy hearing and they will be communicated to in writing.**
- **Bilateral Budget Discussions for all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) from start 2<sup>nd</sup> October to 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 9:00am – 5pm daily.** But due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic, the FY 2021 Bilateral Budget Discussions are for only selected stakeholders and will be held at conference rooms of the Ministry of Finance, Treasury Building, George Street.

All Vote Controllers and Heads of Departments of Parastatals and State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) are expected to follow all COVID-19 safety protocols during these discussions. Furthermore, all MDAs are encouraged to submit at least 50 copies of their strategic plan and budget proposals to the Budget Bureau two (2) days before their scheduled date and all Presentations should be done via PowerPoints.

Representatives of the Donor Community, Non-Governmental Organisations, District Budget Oversight Committees (DBOCs) and Civil Society Organisations/ Non-State Actors are invited to participate Via Zoom and other Social Media Platforms as well as local radio, television stations and newspapers. The Links to access these discussions will be widely shared as soon as possible.

Your usual cooperation is highly solicited.



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