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CARL Welcomes appointment of Anthony Brewah as Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, urges speedy reforms in the Justice Sector

The Executive Director of Centre for Accountability and Rule of Law (CARL) has welcomed the appointment of Anthony Brewah ESQ. as the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice of the Republic of Sierra Leone. Mr. Brewah replaces Dr. Priscilla Schwartz, who held the position for a little over two years.

In response to the news of his appointment, CARL's Executive Director Ibrahim Tommy Esq said, "Mr. Brewah comes highly recommended as an experienced legal practitioner of almost thirty years' standing and therefore, is well-placed to understand the myriad challenges that currently confront the justice sector. I expect him to utilise the existing opportunities to overcome those challenges".

There are many issues that deserve the attention of the new Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, but CARL respectfully urges him to focus on the following:

- Resume the constitutional review process;
- Expedite the enactment of the Criminal Procedure Amendment Act along with the Sentencing Guidelines Regulations;
- Work with the Chief Justice to strengthen informal justice mechanisms as well as the local courts system;
- Further strengthen oversight mechanisms within the Ministry of Justice to support effective service delivery;
- To encourage the use of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms to resolve cases/complaints against Government before international tribunals to help save cost of litigation and enable smooth and collaborative implementation of the terms.



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We further urge the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice to demonstrate more commitment to the fight against corruption by, among other things, providing the required legal and technical support to the Anti-Corruption Commission as corruption is a major constraint to Sierra Leone's development efforts.

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