

# TOURISM PLATFORM NEWS

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## Ministry of Tourism and National Tourist Board with support from EIF rehabilitates 24 Bedrooms Hotel, Standard Classrooms, and Modern Kitchen for Milton Margai Technical University- Brookfields Campus.

(EIF, 2023.) EIF is supporting Sierra Leone to identify and prioritize its competitive sectors in order to meet growth objectives – in a sustainable and inclusive manner. Detailed analytical studies have identified potential and constraints in four priority sectors: fisheries, tourism, agriculture and trade. As a result, EIF is providing targeted support in the agricultural industry and in tourism is helping the country to rebrand its image.



NTB General Manager Mrs. Fatmata Mida Carew and Board members received The Hon. Minister of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Mrs. Memunatu B. Pratt together with key sector player and Milton Margai Technical University- Brookfields Campus management team, to supervise the ongoing constructions

The General Manager who is the Project Manager for the EIF project, gave a thorough insight on the ongoing rehabilitation and as well officially handed the Minister to the consultants: Interlinks and IDEAS for the monitoring and supervision process of the site.

As plans unfold for the official commissioning of the modern facility, the inspection is to assess the ongoing rehabilitation/reconstruction and refurbishment of the Twenty Four (24) bedrooms hotel, modern Kitchen, Prep/Service restaurant and six (6) classrooms for the use of Hotel and Tourism Training Centre (HTTC) now known as the Milton Margai Technical University (MMTU), Brookfields Campus.



The Minister in an interview emphasizes; that Tourism is an important sector of the economy and contributes significantly to the country's GDP as well as Foreign Exchange Earnings. Tourism needs variety and Sierra Leone with its vast dimension and diversity offers to every class of visitor something not found elsewhere. Capacity building as it relates to the overall quality of life in the Communities. Hospitality & tourism offers immense scope of employment generation just by Capacity building schemes. The government of Sierra Leone through its Ministry of Tourism and the Board has initiated several programmes such as Capacity Building for Service Providers in the last 05 years with the objective of using tourism as a tool for poverty alleviation through employment generation. This facility after completion will aid that drive in ensuring those who desire to empower themselves in the tourism and hospitality sector, finds the right skills and training from these facilities respectively. She added that they have provided a lot of capacity-building training for industry workers and the 24-bedroom hotel and 6 classrooms of MMTU will enhanced the human capacity structures of the tourism industry and the university.



The Chairman, Chief Tamba Alieu Kokobaye, expressed hearty appreciation for the project, as he explained how it is use to be during their time as students at the HTTC, which is now MMTU before the wars broke out in Sierra Leone. This he said is timely and appropriate and it will add more value to the sector, which his proud of, and hopeful to see the completion of the rehabilitation.





The General Manager of the National Tourist Board, Madam Fatmata Hamid Mida Carew, who has been committed to the project and her team has ensured ensure the effectiveness in completing projects within the set timeline, budget, and resources as well as achieving the required quality. Moreover, this is important in meeting the growing funding demands to stay ahead of the competition and achieve strategic goals in the long run, which has benefited the sector. She further said the project was part of the Enhanced Integrated Framework's (EIF) Sustainable Tourism Development and Promotion Project (STDPP) capacity-building component. Madam Carew said the facility will provide the practical aspect of the hospitality courses being taught and will prepare students for the workforce to offer good service delivery. She affirms the project is 90% to completion and will be fully completed in due time for its official commissioning backed with management terms of reference as required.

The Dean of Faculty, Madam Mabinty Bangura talking to the press expressed her profound and hearty appreciation to the Ministry and the Board and especially the EIF, for such a great contribution to the tourism sector, and promised they will give their best to deliver the required service at the end as lectures and as University.

In responding to questions the two seasoned engineering consultants: IDEAS and Interlinks submitted a full commitment to the completion of the work, as well to work on the recommendations of the Hon. Minister, especially with some areas of the furniture.

