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THE NATIONAL MONITORING AND EVALUATION AGENCY ACT, 2024

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SIGNED this 23rd day of April, 2024.

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President.

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THE NATIONAL MONITORING AND EVALUATION AGENCY Short title.
ACT, 2024

Being an Act to make provision for the establishment of the National Monitoring and Evaluation Agency as a semi-autonomous body with authority to ensure greater accountability and transparency in the disbursement and use of public funds, to provide for the promotion of efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of programmes and projects to optimise impact and to provide for other related matters.

[

] Date of commencement.

ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in this present Parliament assembled.

PART 1-PRELIMINARY

Interpretation. 1. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires -

"advantage" includes-

- (a) a gift, loan, fee, reward, consisting of money or of any valuable security or other property or interest in property;
- (b) any office, employment or contract;
- (c) any payment, discharge or liquidation of any loan; and
- (d) any other benefit or favour other than entertainment;

"Agency" means the National Monitoring and Evaluation Agency under section 2;

"Board" means the National Monitoring and Evaluation Agency Board established under section 3;

"development partner" means any person(s), institution or country that supports the government of Sierra Leone, in cash or kind, grant or loan to achieve its development aspirations;

"document" includes any text produced on paper in hard or soft copy, tape-recording, any form of computer input or output and any other material, whether produced mechanically, electronically, manually, or otherwise;

"local council" means the local council established by the Local Government Act, 2022;

"official income" means salaries, wages, allowances, pensions, gratuities and other moneys paid to a public officer by virtue of his appointment as public officer

"Minister" means the Minister designated by the President for the administration of this Act;

"public sector" includes-

- (a) the Government;
- (b) Parliament;
- (c) Ministry, Department, Agency, the District and City Council and any other local authority;
- (d) a company in which the Government is a shareholder;
- (e) a committee or other body of persons, whether paid or unpaid, appointed by or on behalf of the Government or local authority;
- (f) an educational or similar institution financed wholly or partly from public funds; and
- (g) an organisation, whether local or foreign, established to render voluntary social service to the public or for other charitable purposes, which receives funds or other donation for the benefit of the people of Sierra Leone or a section thereof;

"public corporation" means a corporation established by an Act of Parliament or out of moneys provided by Parliament and includes a company which is wholly owned by the Government or in which the Government is a major shareholder;

"public officer" means a person holding or acting in a public office;

"public office" includes an office the emoluments attaching to which are paid directly from the Consolidated Fund or directly out of moneys provided by Parliament;

"private sector" means the non-governmental part of the economy of Sierra Leone which consists of industries and commercial companies that are run by individuals or corporations for profit or not for profit.

PART II - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL MONITORING AND EVALUATION AGENCY

Monitoring
and
Evaluation
Agency.

2. (1) There shall continue in existence, the National Monitoring and Evaluation Directorate, established by the Finance Act, 2019 (Act No. 2 of 2019), as the National Monitoring and Evaluation Agency.

(2) The Agency shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession, a common seal and capable of acquiring, holding and disposing of property, whether movable or immovable, and of suing and being sued in its corporate name and, subject to this Act, of performing all such acts as bodies corporate may by law perform.

(3) The Agency shall have a common seal, the use of which shall be authenticated by the signatures of-

- (a) the Chairman or other member of the Agency authorised either generally or specially by the Board for that purpose; or

- (b) the Director-General or some other person authorised by the Board in that behalf.

(4) Every document purporting to be an instrument executed or issued by or on behalf of the Agency and to be sealed with the common seal authenticated in the manner stated in subsection (3) shall be deemed to be so executed or issued without further proof unless the contrary is proved.

(5) In appropriate cases the common seal of the Agency may be affixed to documents outside Sierra Leone.

3. (1) The governing body of the Agency shall be the National Monitoring and Evaluation Agency Board in which shall be vested, subject to this Act, the supervision of the Agency.

National
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and
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Agency
Board.

(2) The Board shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a person with requisite knowledge and experience in monitoring and evaluation matters, and the following other members -

- (a) The Financial Secretary or his representative, not below the rank of a Director;
- (b) The Development Secretary or his representative, not below the rank of a Director;
- (c) The Director of Local Government or his representative, not below the rank of a Director;
- (d) The Statistician General or his representative, not below the rank of a Director;
- (e) 2 representatives with proven knowledge in development management, at least, one of whom shall be female, appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister;