



## INDEPENDENT POLICE COMPLAINTS BOARD

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The public is hereby informed that as part of its ongoing programme of public sensitization and awareness-raising on the existence and provisions of the Luanda Guidelines, a Right-based Approach to Arrest and Pre-trial Detention in Africa and its implementation in Sierra Leone, the Independent Police Complaints Board with funding from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will conduct Countrywide Focus Group Discussions at district level in July and August, 2018.

In May 2014, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) at the 55<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session in Luanda, Angola, adopted the Luanda Guidelines on Conditions of Arrest, Police Custody and Pre-Trial Detention in Africa. The Guidelines aim to improve criminal justice systems in Africa by reducing the number of people who are wrongfully arrested and detained, and by improving the skills and knowledge of the police.

### **Purpose**

The guidelines aim at improving the treatment of persons subject to arrest, police custody and pre-trial detention to ensure that the treatment complies with the relevant international norms. It was adopted in response to the growing concern over human rights abuses and poor conditions of arrest and detention in police custody and pre-trial detention across Africa.

The theme for the programme is ***“IPCB as Trust & Confidence Builder, and How to Ensure Justice for All”***.

The team will be at the following locations on the following dates:

**SOUTHERN REGION**

NO.	LOCATION	DISTRICT	DATE
i	Tikonko	Bo	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018
i	Bandajuma Sowa	Pujehun	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018
i	Njala-Mokende	Moyamba	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018
i	Tinhun	Bonthe	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018

**EASTERN REGION**

NO.	LOCATION	DISTRICT	DATE
i	Segbwema	Kailahun	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018
i	Tongo	Kenema	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018
i	Njiaima-Nimikoro	Kono	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018

**NORTHERN REGION**

NO.	LOCATION	DISTRICT	DATE
i	Mile 91	Tonkolili	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018
i	Kamabai	Bombali	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018
i	Kamakwie	Karene	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018
i	Alkalia	Koinadugu	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> August, 2018
i	Mongobendugu	Falaba	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> August, 2018
i	Rokupr	Kambia	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> August, 2018
i	Lungi	Port Loko	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August, 2018

**WESTERN AREA**

NO.	LOCATION	DISTRICT	DATE
i	Waterloo	Western Area Rural	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August, 2018
i	IPCB Headquarters	Western Area Urban	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August, 2018

The Independent Police Complaints Board (IPCB) is a non-departmental public body established in July 2013 by the Police Council under Section 158 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone 1991, (Act No. 6 of 1991).

The functions of the IPCB, as set out in the regulations Section 3 (1&2), provide the IPCB with a broad mandate to not only receive complaints, but also to investigate specific cases of police abuses, and recommend proactive remedial action that can be taken to avoid future reoccurrence.

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