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Influencing President Bio's New Direction Agenda

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRESIDENT BIO

In fulfilment of its mandate to bridge the gap between knowledge and policy, the Institute for Governance Reform (IGR) on Friday 19th October engaged His Excellency President Julius Maada Bio on the key policy recommendations proffered in its recent report titled: **“Beyond Business as Usual: Looking Inwards to Change our Story”**

1. **Deepen decentralisation to make services work for all.**
2. **Work with all stakeholders in building inclusive and well-managed institutions.**
3. **Fully leverage the role of the president as a symbol of national unity**
4. **The new civic education programme to help build a new cadre of good citizens**



IGR Executive Director, Andrew Lavali highlights the major recommendations of the report to President Bio



PRESIDENT BIO WELCOMES ALTERNATIVE IDEAS

In his response, the President expressed his government's general commitment to adopting the recommendations proffered adding that no one has monopoly over ideas. President Bio thanked IGR for the important role the institution is playing in providing high quality and robust analysis that informs public policy. He said his government is not opposed to critical voices and called for closer collaboration between civil society and the government especially in the decentralisation process, in building national cohesion and in tech-based monitoring of government investments and services.