



## **The Stakeholder Declaration on the development of Research & Education Network in Sierra Leone**

Taking note of some of the already existing declarations on Research and Education Network the undersigned participants to the Sierra Leone Research and Education Network (SLREN) Stakeholder Workshop on “Closing the Digital Divide in Sierra Leone Tertiary Education” at the Njala University campus, Sierra Leone on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016, agree that

“A National Research and Education Network (NREN) is increasingly viewed as a vital component of modern teaching, research and learning”

The undersigned delegates consider then of utmost importance of establishing the Sierra Leone Research and Education Network (SLREN) to:

- Setup an interim steering committee to oversee establishment and affairs the SLREN until a secretariat is established
- Engage the government of Sierra Leone through the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Ministry of Information and Communication for policy support
- Catalyze the rapid deployment of a high speed general purpose digital communications infrastructure for Research & Education
- Share technology services and resources among deserving members for a purpose as approved by the steering committee
- Engage in national, regional and international collaboration in education and research to strengthen teaching, learning and research services
- Join a common culture and community for education and research organizations including the West and Central Africa Research and Education Network (WACREN) for both technical assistance and other resource mobilization efforts
- Engage in shaping policies and legislations in support of the use of technology and networks in education and research institutions
- Ensure that Sierra Leone students and researchers of all disciplines have access to needed scholarly scientific resources
- To carry out a training and dissemination program to foster the adoption of new technologies (especially early stage) researchers.



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