

Sierra Leone learns about Namibia Civil Registration

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration (MHA) hosted a delegation from the Republic of Sierra Leone which recently visited Namibia on a study tour to learn about the Namibian civil registration processes.

The tour, which took place from 6-10 November 2017 in Windhoek, included a visit to MHA and Windhoek Central hospital. The delegation, which consisted of eight members of the Sierra Leone government including delegates from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Information and Communications as well as the Office of the National Civil Registration Authority learned about the Namibian Civil Registration systems and how its administration is set up. The study also aimed to better understand the range of innovative ICT, administrative and institutional arrangements and operational options that are available to run Sierra Leone's own civil registration processes cost effectively.

The study tour came after a member of parliament of Sierra Leone attended a conference hosted in Namibia by ID4Africa in April 2017 and recommended that Sierra Leone visits Namibia to learn more about the Civil Registration procedures due to Namibia's excellent civil registration practices. ID4Africa is a movement that promotes transparent and responsible adoption of digital identity in the service of development in Africa.