

Outgone NATCOM Chairman hands over to successor

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L – R: Momoh Kemoh Konte, Dr Prince Alex Harding

Following the appointment of Dr Prince Alex Harding by HE President Julius Maada Bio and subsequent approval by the Parliamentary Committee on Appointments, the outgoing Chairman of the National Telecommunications Commission (NATCOM), Momoh Kemoh Konte, has officially handed over the reins of the national telecoms regulatory authority to his successor.

Speaking at the brief ceremony held at the Conference Room of the Commission on 12th June 2018, the former Chairman lauded the Management of NATCOM and the erstwhile Board of Commissioners for their steadfast and professional support during his three years tenure of office. He assured the new Chairman of his availability to render assistance when needed.

Giving statistics of his stewardship of the sector, Mr Konte catalogued a range of areas where he said marked improvement had been made. He also outlined critical areas of interventions made by the Commission during his watch, and expressed optimism that his successor would do more. “During my tenure of office as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, there has been a remarkable growth of the telecommunications sector” he said, adding that the financial health of the Commission had also improved appreciably from the “less than seven hundred million Leone”, which he inherited, to “more than fifteen billion Leones”.

Responding, the new Chairman, Dr Prince Alex Harding assured that his leadership would make unprecedented strides, as founding father of the sector’s regulatory framework, to change the narrative of consumer experience in the interest of the sector and the “New Direction” of the current political dispensation. He admonished the staff to be tranquil and to discharge their duties diligently, but cautioned against unwarranted tendencies that would jeopardize effective service delivery.

“I am not here to witch hunt anybody, but if there are witches here they will be hunted”.