



Minister of Water Resources Dr. Jonathan Tengbeh signing the MoU

The Millennium Challenge Coordinating Unit (MCCU) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Water Resources as part of continuous effort to support ongoing Government's transformational drive and reform in the WASH sector including water resource management, with a focus on urban water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) coordination in greater Freetown.

The MoU which provides a framework for mutual cooperation between MCCU and MWR will form the basis for collaboration between the two entities. The technical and financial assistance that will be provided by MCCU will go towards developing an institutional roadmap for urban WASH to better delineate the roles and responsibilities of institutions in the sector. Further, it will support the WASH sector steering committee to play a coordinating role in the implementation of the WASH Sector Reform Project.

The Chief Executive Officer of MCCU, Ndeye Fatu Koroma was delighted that the MoU has been signed and recalled that MCCU has been approached by the MWR for support in operationalizing the Water Resources Management Agency and MCCU on its part has seen opportunities for collaboration especially in building on the sector monitoring and evaluation work already done with UNICEF and the African Development Bank. She noted that formalizing the ongoing engagement with the Ministry through the MoU is a step in the right direction.

The Minister of Water Resources, Dr. Jonathan Tengbeh commended MCCU for the continuous support to the sector especially in the implementation of the following activities: (i) WASH sector coordination through organizing steering committee and other meetings and annual sector performance reviews; (ii) on-going development of the Urban WASH sector roadmap, (iii) policy guidance in dealing with WASH service delivery utilities and the economic regulator, especially the on-going institutional support and capacity building of the GVWC and the Electricity and Water Regulatory Commission, and (iv) enactment of the three Water Bills (GVWC, SALWACO and the National Water Resources Management Agency-NWRMA), and the plans underway to propagate and popularize the contents of the Acts etc.