BACKGROUND
The Commission with support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) organized a two-day conference for the APPYA. The conference was held with prior consultations and engagements with the National Youth Leaders and the National Secretaries General of the political parties who were fully fledged members of the Association. It was agreed that the conference would encompass the revision of the draft Code of Conduct for APPYA and election of the new National Executive. Over four hundred (400) participants drawn from the 13 registered political parties across the country attended the conference.

PROCEEDINGS
The conference was called to order by the Chairman of the Conference, PPRC Commissioner Babatunde Pratt Esq. This was followed by prayers (Christian and Muslim).

Commissioner Pratt, on behalf of the PPRC, welcomed delegates present. He said the Association was created as a platform for dialogue for political parties’ youth; for them to interact and chart the way forward with regards the activities of youth in the respective political parties. He said, conflict is part of human nature, but should not translate to violence. He encouraged the youth to be seen as peace makers and not perpetrators of violence. He wished all delegate well and expressed hope for a peaceful conference. The agenda is attached as Annex 2.

STATEMENTS
Each of the political parties present were given opportunity to share some remarks reading the conference and below is a summary of the same:

- **Alliance Democratic Party (ADP)**

  The representative of the National Secretary General said their party is a violence-free party. He stated that violence should not epitomise political contest. He urged for opportunity to be given to all.

- **All People’s Congress (APC)**

  Absent

- **Citizen’s Democratic Party (CDP)**

  The Secretary General of the Citizens Democratic Party (CDP) emphasized the realization of APPYA’s motto that “Politics is not war”. He said, he was also part of APPYA and that the association focuses on tolerance and inclusion. He further stated that APPYA is the only youth
political federation in Africa. He stated that the association creates a platform where members of the respective political parties share and exchange ideas.

- **National Democratic Alliance (NDA)**

The National Secretary General of the party, Mr. Abdulia Barrie said his party was one of the founding members of the association. He said, his party is very peaceful and stated that youth can do better even within political party structures, as evidenced by the position held by some youth in their respective parties. He committed his party’s support to the activities of APPYA at all times. He pleaded with delegates to live in peace and avoid violence.

- **National Progressive Democrat (NPD)**

Arrived after the statements.

- **National Grand Coalition (NGC)**

The representative of the National Secretary General said though his party is the newest of all, they have proved to the world that they are a force to reckon with. He said the flag bearer of his party is a lover of peace. He encouraged all to refrain from violence and thanked the PPRC and APPYA for the invitation to address the delegates on this occasion.

- **Peoples Democratic Party (PDP)**

Speaking on behalf of his party, he extended his gratitude to the PPRC for inviting his party to participate in the conference. He was optimistic that youth are indeed a resource to this Nation and expressed his appreciation to the work/activities of the association. He committed his party to supporting and ensuring that the association grows from strength to strength.

- **Peace and Liberation Party (PLP)**

Dr. Barbar Conteh, speaking on behalf of his party, expressed his appreciation for being invited to grace the occasion. He encouraged members of the association to adhere to their constitutional provisions and urged them to be tolerant and law-abiding.

- **People’s Movement for Democratic Change (PMDC)**

Silaju Sannoh, Acting National Secretary General said, the party is a structured institution. He said the absence of the ruling All Peoples’ Congress (APC) in the convention sent a wrong signal and urged the Commission to take note and do something about it.
• **Revolutionary United Front Party (RUFP)**

Mr. Osman Bangura, National Secretary General of the party started by saying that the party came into being as a result of the armed struggle. He said, youth should act responsibly in the interest of peace.

• **Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP)**

Speaking on behalf of his party, Mr. Peter P. Moigua said the SLPP brought peace to this country. He said APPYA was established under the administration of the SLPP to bring peace and foster political tolerance. He said, his party is committed to peace. He referenced that under the administration of the SLPP, several oversight institutions were created to ensure peace prevailed in the country. He said there is a seeming shift on the objectives for which some institutions were formed. Finally he advised the PPRC to do its job without fear or favor.

• **United Democratic Movement (UDM)**

The representative of the UDM Alex Kaikai reminded delegates about the theme of the conference “The role of youth in promoting violent free elections”. He encouraged the delegates to vote wisely. He further stated that leadership is a virtue and must be possessed hence the delegates should ensure that those that are selfless should be elected.

• **United National People’s Party (UNPP)**

The representative of the party, Mr. Aruna Bangura said peace should be paramount as they elect the leadership of the association. He pleaded with the delegates to vote wisely.

• **Unity Party (UP)**

The representative of the party, Mr. Adekalie Bangura expressed happiness for being invited to the conference. He said youth should think about progressive politics and development.

**KEY NOTE ADDRESS**

Zainab U. Moseray (Mrs.), the Acting Registrar of the PPRC, introduced the Keynote Speaker for the conference, Hon. Justice Patrick Omalade Hamilton the Chairperson of the Commission.

Hon. Justice Patrick O. Hamilton started by thanking the respective political parties for attending the conference. He said, the country enjoys religious tolerance and that must be translated into the political space. He said, politics should not be a do or die affair but should be the contest of ideas. The Chair opined that freedom of association is a fundamental right guaranteed under the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone. He encouraged youth to refrain from every anti-social behavior that will affect the peace of the country. Instead, he said youth should be ambassadors of peace and a vehicle for national development. He challenged APPYA to help shape democracy within parties, and be catalysts for change. He encouraged youth to see themselves as
brothers and sisters irrespective of political colour and stated that youth have a major role to play to ensure a violent free election come 2018.

He urged the association to reposition itself and double efforts towards meeting the demands of modern day society. In pursuit of this, he indicated the need for Alternative Disputes Resolution (ADR) mechanisms within political party structures. Hon. Justice Patrick Hamilton said ADR is very important as it will reduce political party cases brought before the court at all time. He said, in every political contest, there must be a winner and a loser and the winner should be able to work with the loser much as the loser should be willing to work with the winner.

He concluded that there is a need for APPYA to increase awareness amongst the citizenry that politics is not war and that it should be a contest of ideas and not fists.

DISCUSSIONS AND ADOPTION OF APPYA’S CODE OF CONDUCT
This session was led by the Acting Registrar, Mrs. Zainab U. Moseray. Her presentation included the following aspects of the Code:

- Purpose
- General Code for APPYA leadership and members
- Electoral conduct
- Rights of APPYA members during the electoral period
- Responsibilities of APPYA before, during and after the elections
- Restrictions on APPYA members and youth
- Monitoring compliance with the code
- Public and collective subscription to the code

After her presentation, delegates discussed the Code in their respective party groupings and were asked to prepare to share their comments and observations in plenary.
DAY 2
The Conference was called to order by Chairman, Commissioner Pratt Esq. This was followed by opening prayers. Commissioner Pratt welcomed delegates present. An amendment was made to the agenda. *The agenda is attached as Annex 3.*

Former British High Commissioner to Sierra Leone, Mr. Peter Penford was called upon to deliver a statement to the delegates.

In his address, he expressed his appreciation for being part of the conference. He said that Sierra Leone has set a great example after the war, more so in bringing a peaceful resolution to the conflict. He said, Sierra Leoneans made great sacrifices during the war that helped in ensuring that peace is restored. He encouraged the delegates to respect one another and ensure that peace prevails and concluded his remarks by stating that youth should remain peaceful and avoid violence.

AMENDMENTS TO THE APPYA CONSTITUTION
Having reviewed the constitution, the following amendments were made:

a. Inclusion of women in the executive positions with no specific details on the quota system

Section 9 – Qualification of National Officer seems discriminative

*A copy is attached as Annex 4.*

DISCUSSIONS AND ADOPTION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT
The delegates discussed and adopted a Code of Conduct for APPYA with the inclusive participation of all the Political Parties youth representations. They recommended that the Code of Conduct has corresponding penalties as follows:

a) Any member of APPYA shall be suspended from office when his or her party formally writes the National Executive of APPYA advising of party misconduct(s).

b) Any Political Party or Parties who do not actively participate in the activities of APPYA, shall have limited involvement in subsequent APPYA activities.

c) Any Party that boycotts APPYA’s activities shall have its benefits restricted.

d) Political Parties shall have the power to remove and replace their respective representatives in APPYA.

e) Any APPYA member found liable for tearing candidate(s) poster(s) and other breaches of the Code shall be removed from APPYA with immediate effect.
NOMINATIONS/ELECTION OF APPYA EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Position: President

Name of candidate: Mohamed JALLOH (polled 157 votes) – President
Name of nominator: Tamba ARUNA
Seconder: Amadu I. KAMARA

Name of candidate: Ibrahim Sorie SESAY (polled 110 votes)
Name of nominator: Suliaman KARGBO
Seconder: Sellu BOIMA

Name of candidate: Musa MOIGUA (polled 127 votes) – Deputy President
Name of nominator: Foday CONTEH
Seconder: Mohamed SESAY

Emerson KAMARA closed the nomination for the position of President and was seconded by Umar JABBIE.

✓ Total number of vote casted: 400
✓ Void - 6

Position: Secretary General

Name of candidate: Samuel P.O.D. MACUALEY (polled 224) Secretary
Name of nominator: Memunatu BANGURA
Seconder: Kamara Musa SANTIGIE

Name of candidate: Alie BANGURA (polled 87)
Name of nominator: Melrose Bendu Amara
Seconder: Magrette Lennoh
Augustine Swarray moved the motion for the close of nomination, and was seconded by Mamoud Barrie

✓ Total number of vote casted: 420
✓ Void: 5

Note: Each candidate was given five (5) minutes to state their plans and intension for holding the above stated positions.

Position: Financial Secretary

Name of candidate: Nabieu Musa KAMARA
Name of nominator: Adu KAMARA
Seconder: Adie SESAY

Lamin John BULL moved the motion for the close of nomination and was seconded by Dwight SHERIFF.

Position: Public Relations Officer

Name of candidate: Abdul Aziz KAMARA
Name of nominator: Osman Kemoh SESAY
Seconder: Momoh Maada FOMBA

Mamoud BARRIE moved the motion for the close of nomination and was seconded by Joseph CONTEH

Position: Treasurer

Name of candidate: Ibrahim Suluku
Name of nominator: Issa Turay
Seconder: Mohamed B. Sesay

Lamin John BULL moved the motion for the close of nomination and was seconded by Dwight SHERIFF.