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The ambulances meant to provide emergency services are now packed as a result of lack of fuel and non-maintenance

By Alfred Koroma

The National Emergency Medical Services (NEMS), a health emergency outfit system re-

launched by the Government of Sierra Leone in 2018 has become a dead horse due largely to neglect.

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For over two months, according to investigations, all NEMS ambulances across the country have stopped functioning and its staff gone months without salary. Concord Times is told all the ambulances are packed because government has stopped providing fuel and maintenance facility for the emergency vehicles.

"The vehicles don't have fuel. No maintenance and some don't even have batteries," one of the NEMS staff told Concord Times, lamenting on how they have also gone for months without salary, leave allowance.

This was re-echoed in Salone News Hub's interview with Ibrahim Feika, Health For All Coalition representative at the Kenema Government Hospital. Feika told Salone News Hub that since NEMS stopped operation, the hospital has been constrained of ambulance services.

"Maternal death is on the rise as a result of lack of ambulances to convey pregnant women from far reached communities within the district to the hospital," Feika said, disclosing that most pregnant women are conveyed by motorists to the hospital, which he said sometimes lead to miscarriages of some pregnancies at their early stage.

Initially when the scheme was launched, it was managed by the Doctors with Africa (QUAM), but government took over the operations of the ambulances in 2021.

Concord Times has contacted some NEMS officials, including the

National Emergency Medical Services now a dead horse



Communication person, but they are yet to speak to us.

It is not clear what went wrong, but operating a National Ambulance for emergency Services was actually an urgent issue emphasized by President Bio in his first state opening of Parliament address and his government has in the beginning appeared to prioritize reproductive, maternal, child and adolescent health of the country.

He re-launched NEMS in 2018 to handle health related emergencies which includes providing sustainable free-of-charge emergency ambulances services, and training para medics and drivers to provide emergency medical assistance with a focus of reducing maternal death across the country. It was a great move for a country with a fix record of being one of Earth's worst places for maternal health.

Every year Sierra Leone loses an

overwhelming number of pregnant women who die while giving birth.

Despite a reduction of maternal mortality ratio (MMR) reported in 2019, Sierra Leone remains among countries with the highest MMR in the world.

According to UNFPA, a report published in 2019, analysing maternal mortality trends from 2000 to 2017 ranks the country as one of the three countries with the highest MMR out of 186 countries reported globally.

Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina laments on terrorism in Sub-Saharan Africa

At the just concluded African, Caribbean and Pacific/ European Union (ACP/EU) joint Parliamentary Assembly session in the Mozambiquan Capital, Moputo on 1st November, 2022, Sierra Leone's Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina lamented on the "severe threats" of terrorism and its attendant compendiums on the peace, stability and security of Africa.

"Terrorism in sub Saharan Africa is a threat to Africa that continues to pose severe consequences on the peace, stability and security of our continent, Hon. Lamina posited, pointing out that the threat to terrorism has now been compounded by the radical attachments of terrorist cells with organized crimes including human, drugs and arms trafficking gangs that are widely spread across the continent and thus according to the Sierra Leone Member of Parliament, is being necessitated by Africa's porous and poorly controlled and secured frontiers.

Hon. Emerson Lamina was concurring and accelerating the concern of President Phillipe Nyusi of Mozambique, who earlier during the opening of the 42nd Session condemned terrorism and terrorist activities in Africa.

Hon. Lamina also maintained that internal politics and regional power plays are nurturing the acute state of insecurity in sub Saharan Africa and this state of insecurity is also adversely affecting the stability of the socioeconomic development trajectories of States on the Continent.

He therefore suggested that terrorism,

like climate change, the COVID-19 pandemic and now the Russian-Ukraine war, have a guiding thread that interlinks these global crises and therefore require global cooperation and multilateralism among equals to adequately address these global menaces.

The Member of Parliament from Sierra Leone therefore posited the following suggestions as possible remedies to these global conundrums:

- To strengthen bilateral and regional cooperations to maintenance the region's peace, security and socioeconomic development aimed at winning the support of local populations;

- To develop an integrated anti-terrorism approach by governments, regional organizations and the international community;

- To bolster judicial cooperation and the monitoring of illicit financial flows within the ACP regions; and

- OACPS/EU countries should engage in intelligence sharing and coordination as cornerstone of an integrated strategy to ensure intelligence-guided operations that will blacklist perpetrators and also ensure the implementation and enforcement of a Sub Saharan Arrest Warrant for cross-border perpetrators in order to deprive them of safe havens and easy access to financial resources.

Hon. Lamina therefore expressed heartfelt condolences to the peoples of Chad, Somalia, Mali, Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast who have suffered terrorist attacks in recent times and re-echoed



Hon. Emerson Lamina making his presentation during the ACP/EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly Session in Maputo, Mozambique

the need for a global partnership and strategy alignments to address what he concluded his submission by calling, this callous method of addressing grievances associated with politics, as "inhuman". Meanwhile, he went on to close by accentuating the call and endorsement of President Julius Maada Bio's bid for Sierra Leone's Non-Permanent Member Status for Sierra Leone in the Security Council, stating that the country deserves such endorsement considering her roles in the global peace architecture framework especially given the

country's quantum leap in the areas of stability at home and ensuring peace and stability at the global stage.

"Sierra Leone's ascension to this feat will deservedly place President Bio in the ranks of former President Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria, former President John Jerry Rawlings of Ghana and current President Muhammadou Buhari of Nigeria, who were one-time military officers but were democratically elected to serve their respective peoples within the realm of democracy and good governance..



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LOCAL NEWS Unable to gain MPs support: PPRC Bill still stuck in Parliament

By Alfred Koroma

The Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC) new Bill still stuck in Parliament several months after being tabled in the legislative House.

If enacted into law, the new PPRC Bill will change the nomenclature of what is currently known as the Political Parties Registration Commission to Political Parties Regulation Commission, make provision for political parties to be given subventions and makes way for other structural reforms.

But passing the Bill requires amendment of Section 34 of the 1991 Constitution and that can only happen

with the support of 98 MPs in the current opposition led Parliament.

The stranded Bill which is supposed to be passed six months before the 2023 election was tabled in Parliament together with the Public Election Bill.

For the constitutional instrument to be amended, you need at least 98 members of parliament to vote in favour. We have been in Parliament, but unfortunately, we could not have the 98 members for the constitutional instrument, PPRC Chairman, Abdulai Masiambay Bangura told journalists during a press conference at the Commission's office, noting: "This is a bill that is not coming from us."



Abdulai Masiambay Bangura, PPRC Chairman

According to the PPRC Head, the Bill was developed in compliance with the report of the EU election observation mission of the last general elections which made recommendation for PPRC to review its Act, so the Commission could have the appropriate authority to regulate political parties.

In compliance with that, we call a validation conference with political parties and presented 47 recommendations for amendment in the Act, but they accepted 37. So the content

Police officer dismissed for drugs, alcohol abuse

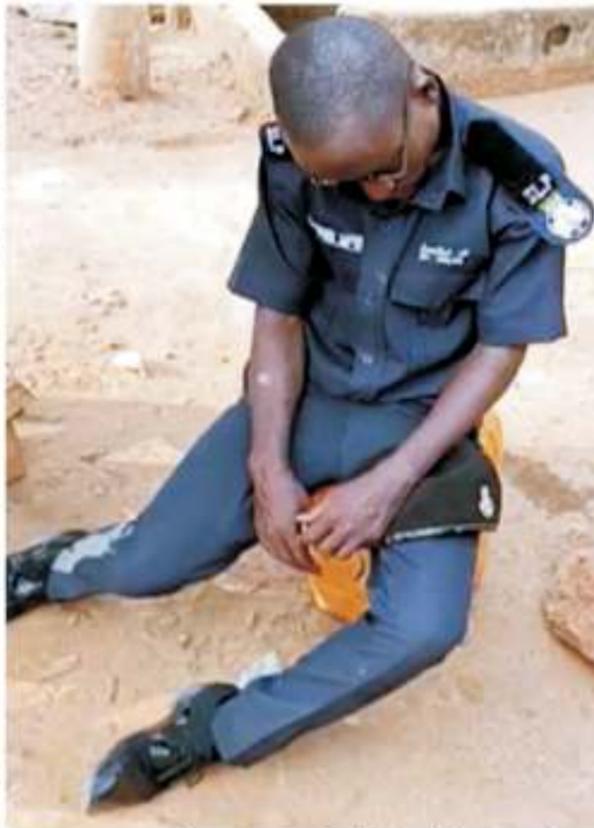
By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

Constable 18654 Alie Sankoh of the Sierra Leone Police whose video went viral about his alleged misconduct, reported to have been under the influence of a dangerous drug known as 'KUSH,' have been dismissed.

On Thursday, November 3, 2022, a video surfaced on social media which showed a Police Officer in uniform labouring under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

"As a disciplined institution, management acted swiftly to ascertain not only the veracity of the video but also the identity of the Police Officer portrayed therein," a release from the police indicates.

The Sierra Leone Police informed the public that the defaulter has been administratively investigated and arraigned before a disciplinary hearing on five count charges, ranging from being under the influence of



drugs and alcohol whilst on duty, conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline.

"The defaulter pleaded guilty to all five counts and he has therefore been accordingly dismissed from the force, effective 4th November, 2022, in line with the provisions of the Police (Discipline) Regulations, 2001."

Convict gets 5 years imprisonment for house breaking

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

One Foday Dumbuya was on Friday, 4th November, 2022, convicted and sentenced to 5 years imprisonment for house breaking contrary to the law of Sierra Leone.

The accused was arraigned before the court on two counts charge of conspiracy to house breaking and house breaking, and house breaking and larceny contrary to Section 2 of the Larceny Act.

The charge sheet indicated that the accused on 25th August, 2020, in Freetown, entered into the house of the complainant, Abdul Conteh, and stole therein property valued seven million Leones.

Delivering the judgment, Justice Monfred Sesay said there were several

evidences against the accused and that even the prosecution witness number two saw him while he was within the garage around 3am in the morning hours.

He said the prosecution has proven their case beyond all reasonable doubt against the accused person of count one which is house breaking and larceny and discharged him of conspiracy to house breaking.

In her plea of mitigation for and on behalf of the accused, defence R.S Bangura, from the Legal Aid Board, also stressed that the accused is a young man with lot of potential, thus pleading with the presiding judge to temper justice with mercy, adding that the accused must have learnt his lesson while on remand at the Pademba Road Male Correction Centre.

Other security personnel sacked for KUSH

By Alfred Koroma

Twice last week, three security personnel, from the military and police were sacked for disgracefully intoxicating themselves with illegal drugs while on duty.

First, two military officers of the Revolutionary of Sierra Leone Armed Forces (RSLAF) identified as RSLAF 18169900, Sergeant Samura and RSLAF 18181489, Lance Corporal Kallon were dismissed, followed by a Police Constable, 18654 Alie Sankoh attached to the Kissy Police Division.

All the officers were dismissed after videos emerged on social media showing them recklessly intoxicated with drugs (Kush) while on duty.

The Commanding Officer of the 5 Infantry Battalion, Lieutenant Colonel Robin said the two soldiers were dismissed because they had abandoned their duty posts and engaged in acts that undermine good military order and discipline, RSLAF reported last week, saying the behaviour of the military officers was disgraceful.

A press statement from the Sierra Leone Police published again last week Thursday says former Constable Sankoh was administratively investigated and arraigned before a Disciplinary Hearing on Five Count



Kush is an illegal drug in Sierra Leone

charges, ranging from: "a. Being under the Influence of Drugs and Alcohol whilst on Duty, to b. Conduct Prejudicial to Good Order and Discipline."

The Police Officer pleaded guilty to all the charges, leading to his dismissal on Friday 4th November, 2022.

Kush, the drug which the security officers are believed to have taken while on duty is a new illegal drug prevalent in Sierra Leone. It looks like cannabis. And when puffed, the drug can lead a consumer into psychological disorder and delusions, often resulting into violent behavior and death.

Much has not been said about the origin of kush locally, but some websites have reported that the drug originated from landrace plants in Asia, mainly in Afghanistan, Northern Pakistan and North-Western India.

Freetown hosts Budapest-Bamako challenge for second time

By Edrie Caleb John

Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone is hosting the world's largest amateur vehicular rally, dubbed as 'Budapest-Bamako-Freetown Challenge.'

The touristic show which started last week Thursday will end on November 8, 2022.

Informing newsmen about the vehicular rally on Thursday, the Minister of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Memunatu Pratt said before 2018, Sierra Leone was in the 'back banner' in terms of tourism affairs.

She said the tourism sector in Sierra Leone was far behind measures and not being recognised. But she commended President Bio for appointing her as Tourism Minister, diversifying the country's economy and making tourism one of the growth sectors.

Pratt, who recently worn the best Tourism Minister for West Africa and

Minister of the year awards from Africa Tourism Board said since she took office there has been tremendous growth in the area of arts, hotel development, tour operation, marketing and in rebranding the international image of the Sierra Leone.

"Sierra Leone has what it takes to be the best destination, the Minister said, adding that despite the negative things the country has gone through in the past, tourism has been able to change the perspective and narrative of the country at international stage.

We are now promoting the positives of Sierra Leone. Many people around the globe are associating with us, she said. She called on citizens to appreciate the positive things that are happening to the country, and try to know more why certain things are happening. We must not think about negativity but rather be positive about things.

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CoP27: We will be 'doomed' without climate pact UN chief warns

Rich countries must sign a "historic pact" with the poor on the climate, or "we will be doomed", the UN secretary-general, António Guterres, has warned, as a deepening gulf between the developed and developing world has put climate talks on the brink.

The stark warning comes as world leaders start to gather for the UN CoP27 climate summit, which opens on Sunday in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, but which even the hosts admit will be the most difficult in at least a decade.

CoP27 is taking place amid the worst geopolitical tensions for years, over the Ukraine war, a spiralling global cost of living crisis, and deepening economic gloom.

But the gulf must be bridged if humanity is to have a hope of avoiding the worst ravages of climate breakdown, Guterres said.

"There is no way we can avoid a catastrophic situation, if the two [the developed and developing world] are not able to establish a historic pact," he told the Guardian in an interview on the eve of the summit. "Because at the present level, we will be doomed."

Developed nations have failed to cut greenhouse gas emissions fast enough and failed to provide the money needed for poor nations to cope with the resulting extreme weather. The glaring climate inequality between the rich world, which is responsible for most emissions, and the poor, which are bearing the brunt of the impacts, is now the biggest issue at the talks, according to Guterres.

"Present policies [on the climate] will be absolutely catastrophic," he said. "And the truth is that we will not be able to change this situation if a pact is not put in place between developed countries and the

emerging economies."

Guterres has drawn criticism from some quarters for his increasingly stark rhetoric on the climate crisis, warning of "collective suicide", "carnage" to come, and "code red" for humanity.

But he insisted he would refuse to water down his apocalyptic language, as the rapid acceleration of the climate emergency was now so dire.

"For the simple reason that we are approaching tipping points, and tipping points will make [climate breakdown] irreversible," he said.

"That damage would not allow us to recover, and to contain temperature rises. And as we are approaching those tipping points, we need to increase the urgency, we need to increase the ambition, and we need to rebuild trust, mainly trust between north and south."

Tipping points are thresholds within the climate system that lead to cascading impacts when tripped. They include the melting of permafrost, which releases methane, a powerful greenhouse gas that fuels further heating, and the point at which the drying Amazon rainforest switches from being an absorber to being a source of carbon, which scientists fear is fast approaching.

"We are getting close to tipping points that will create irreversible impacts, some of them difficult even to imagine," he warned. He also called for the US and China to rebuild their fractured relationship, which has plunged to new lows this year, but which Guterres said was "crucial" to climate action. "It needs to be re-established because without those two countries working together, it will be absolutely impossible to reverse the present trends," he said.

Guterres, along with the Egyptian government, will convene world leaders at

the start of the CoP27 summit to try to rescue an unpromising set of climate negotiations. This year has seen geopolitical relations riven by the war in Ukraine, along with soaring fossil fuel prices and food price increases that have created a cost of living crisis around the world, as well as failures by governments – including the UK – to follow up on promises made last year at the CoP26 summit in Glasgow.

The pact Guterres has in mind would require big economies to do more on cutting greenhouse gas emissions, and to provide poor countries with a financial lifeline. This was needed to restore "trust", he said.

Lack of trust, in the climate negotiations, means a lack of money. Rich countries were meant to provide at least \$100bn a year by 2020 to help poor countries cut their greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impacts of the climate crisis.

But the target has repeatedly been missed, and will be missed again this year, while poor countries are already suffering climate disaster, including record floods in Pakistan and record drought in Africa.

A "historic pact" between rich and poor would involve clear new pledges on finance and for rich countries and emerging economies to strengthen their emissions-cutting targets, Guterres said.

It would also require progress on the vexed question of "loss and damage", which is likely to be a flashpoint at CoP27. Loss and damage refers to the most devastating impacts of extreme weather, which it is impossible to adapt to, and poor countries want a funding mechanism that would allow for the rescue and rehabilitation of countries whose physical and social infrastructure has been destroyed by climate-related disaster.

"The question of loss and damage has been



UN secretary-general, António Guterres

postponed, and postponed, and postponed," said Guterres. "We need to make sure that there is an assumption of responsibilities and that there is effective support to the countries suffering the most dramatic levels of loss and damage."

Rich countries had managed to raise \$16tn to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic, he pointed out. But for poor countries, there had not even been debt relief to help them with the compounded impacts of Covid, cost of living rises, climate and the strong dollar, which has made their repayments more expensive.

"There is a sense of frustration [in the developing world] that is real and that deserves a response," he said. He has called in recent months for a windfall tax on the bonanza oil and gas companies have enjoyed, a call he will repeat in Sharm el-Sheikh.

At last year's summit in Glasgow, countries agreed to focus on limiting global temperature rises to 1.5C above pre-industrial levels, but recent UN reports have shown that current policies would raise temperatures by about 2.5C. Guterres said there was only a slim chance of holding to the target.

"We still have a chance but we are rapidly losing it," he said. "I'd say the 1.5C is in intensive care, and the machines are shaking. So either we act immediately and in a very strong way, or it's lost and probably lost for ever."

MCC compact development process awaits Board approval

By Alhaji Haruna Sani

-MCC African director

Jason Small, Managing Director for Africa at the Millennium Challenge Cooperation (MCC) has disclosed to pressmen that they were nearing the end of the compact development process and have it ready for Board approval and signing in 2023.

Small was speaking during a media round table date on update of the MCC's engagement in Sierra Leone and the publication of the latest scorecard for the 2023 financial year. The Media Round Table date was held on Friday, November 4th, 2022 at the United States Embassy in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Speaking to newsmen, Ambassador of the United States to Sierra Leone, Ambassador David Dale Reimer said the purpose of the round tables was to encourage dialogue and transparency. "We want to go beyond the press release and engage with you in a more meaningful, dynamic way. An independent, professional press corps is critical to accountable democratic governments; one of the values that the United States and Sierra Leone share," he said.

Before giving the podium to Jason Small, Ambassador Reimer said MCC compacts are partnership, noting that to be eligible for the compact Sierra Leone must continue to meet their obligations as partners. "One of those obligations is to maintain high scores across a minimum number of categories of the Scorecard."

While making his statement, Jason Small, MCC Africa Director said Compact Development is a consultative process were MCC and Sierra Leonean partners



Ambassador Reimer alongside officials from the MCC

meet with a range of stakeholders, including government actors, the public, other donors, and civil society to development a potential compact with Sierra Leone that addresses the most binding constraints to economic growth.

"The compact we are developing builds on the MCC long partnership with Sierra Leone, which began many years ago, has multiple administrations in both the U.S and Sierra Leone, and includes our \$44.4 million Sierra Leone Threshold Program. The \$44.4 million threshold grant improved clean water access and electricity services within Freetown," he explained.

He revealed that MCC and the Government of Sierra Leone are partnering to design a potential compact that directly addresses the lack of affordable and reliable electricity among household, businesses, and social institution nationwide – a major

constraint to growth.

"We are pleased that the compact development process is going well and we are currently on track for a compact signing in late 2023 – a testament of the good work of the Sierra Leone Compact Development Unit as well as the strength of our partnership with the Government of Sierra Leone" he said.

While making his remark, Dan Barnes, Managing Director for Selection, Eligibility, and Policy Performance at the MCC, said the MCC model is critical to MCC Scorecards, adding that MCC was pleased to see Sierra Leone continue to pass the MCC scorecard this year, maintaining that it was a testament to years of sustained work across multiple administrations to strengthen Sierra Leone's performance on the MCC Scorecard.

Director Barnes noted that when determining a country's eligibility for an

MCC grant, MCC Board of Directors is required to access country's commitment of principles of economic growth, poverty reduction through the MCC Scorecard – a report from 20 policy indicators from independent, third party institutions to transparently and objectively measures a country's commitment to good governance, social investment and economic freedom.

"This year, MCC revised two indicators. It was done as part of an annual review process to review the scorecard indicators and ensure we are using the highest quality data and methodologies available. Specifically we replaced the previous Business Start-Up indicator with a new indicator called Employment Opportunity, which measure disability rights, forced labour, workplace discrimination, and the ability of Civil Society Organizations to start up".

Barnes said they also revised the data source and methodology for the Natural Resource Protection indicator. He said using new data sources for the two indicators means that this year's scorecard is not directly comparable to last year's scorecard.

He admitted that when technical changes occur, they impact all countries that receive MCC scorecards and may cause some countries to newly pass or fail indicators due to those technical changes. "MCC's Board is aware of this dynamic and takes it into account for all countries when determining country selection."

"As we work to finalize development of the compact, we hope to see all Sierra Leoneans continue to demonstrate strong commitment to fostering an enabling environment for democratic governance and economic growth, which is essential to ensuring the MCC compact, can be impactful for the people of Sierra Leone".

NEWS AROUND AFRICA COMPILED BY GABRIEL BENJAMIN

The 12th edition of the Récréatérales honors the victims of terrorism in the Sahel

The largest theater festival on the continent is currently celebrating its 20th anniversary in Ouagadougou. In a context marked by political instability and the resurgence of terrorist violence, this 12th edition of Récréatérales had a sad theme that reflects an equally sad reality - violence in the Sahel.

The festival chose for one of the two opening shows, a play entitled "Tu dis PDI" [You say IDP, internally displaced person, editor's note], which mixes dance and theater and song, performed in Pulaar and Moré by women victims of terrorism and refugees in the town of Kaya, in the north-central part of the country. Mariame Ouédraogo is one of these women victims of terrorism and refugee in Kaya that became an actress thanks to Recreatrales. She agreed to act in the play to serve the cause of social reconstruction and the destigmatization of relations between Peuhl and Mossi by participating in a play in which Peuhl and Mossi play together.

"This work has done me a lot of good, most of us almost lost our memory in sadness, but this show has allowed us to find the joy of living" she says.

These women are also featured in "Face-", a photographic series created by the Cameroonian photographer, director and novelist Osvalde Lewat, which seeks to highlight the dignity and greatness of these women by offering them a different view of their situation, that of strong and fighting women.

"I met these women and I must admit that the first word that came to my mind was the word of the exhibition...FACE. Women who stand up, who face, who fight. Women who faced the disaster that became their life, since they had to abandon everything to live in improvised dwellings, sometimes in the market. I was particularly moved to see that in spite of all that, it was their faces that gave this abstract term, internally displaced people, meaning," stated Lewat.

Throughout the festival, which as always takes place



Terrorism victim performing on stage at the 12th edition of Les Récréatérales. - Copyright © africanews AFP

in the family courtyards of the Bougsemenga neighborhood and in the famous Rue 9.32, host of the Récréatérales, the woman on the photos from the "Face-" series will be present.

In a country fractured politically, socially and security-wise, these women who did not speak to each other before, who lived in different refugee camps, and who today perform together in the same show, are the symbol of a possible convergence and reconciliation, thanks in particular to art. Moreover, as Aristide Tarnagda, festival director says, devoting an exhibition to these women, who until now have been drowned in the flood of internally displaced persons, "is to participate in their recovery, in the return of their dignity, their beauty, their faith in themselves that has been stolen by those who kill, pillage, rape, and humiliate."

In Burkina Faso alone, approximately two million people have fled their homes because of terrorist and armed gang attacks.

The organizers of this 12th edition of the festival are unanimous, when a country goes through difficult times; it is felt in the artistic creation because the pain as any feeling cannot be ignored.

Since 2002, the Récréatérales are "a pan-African space for writing, creation and theatrical dissemination. A space that allows young artists authors, directors, scenographers and actors, to create, share and live from their art."

Trust is vital to implement Tigray's agreement, according to expert



Lead negotiator for Ethiopia's government, Redwan Hussein, left, shakes hands with lead Tigray negotiator Getachew Reda, as Kenya's former president, Uhuru Kenyatta looks on. - Copyright © africanews Themba Hadebel/Copyright 2022 The AP. All rights reserved.

The permanent ceasefire reportedly agreed by the Ethiopian government and the forces in Tigray represents a window of opportunity for many Tigrayans.

Such is the case of Fledom Gebreyesus, a 39-year-old refugee who fled Tigray seeking refuge in Kenya's capital, Nairobi.

"I hope that this will be an opportunity to reconnect with my family. I miss them very much,I don't know where they are. It has been two years. I don't know where my father is, I don't know where my other family members, my workmates, where my friends are. I haven't heard from them for two years because there is no telephone, no any means of communication", said the Nairobi-based Tigrayan refugee.

According to a conflict resolution expert in Nairobi, the key element to implement the agreement is trust followed by a period of healing.

"It needs to be systematic and above all it needs to be sequenced, sequenced so that the Tigrayans are not left to their devices after handing in all their weapons then suddenly they are attacked by the centre. This has happened in many other countries and this is something to watch that trust is first built even as the disarmament is called by the agreement is actually initiated", defends Mustafa Yusuf Ali, conflict resolution expert at the HORN International Institute for Strategic Studies.

The war in Africa's second-most populous country, which marks two years this week, has seen abuses documented on both sides, with millions of people displaced and many near famine.

Tanzania and China to reinforce cooperation



Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan - Copyright © africanews Patrick Semansky/ Copyright 2022 The AP. All rights reserved

Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan was received by Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing on Thursday during a state visit to China.

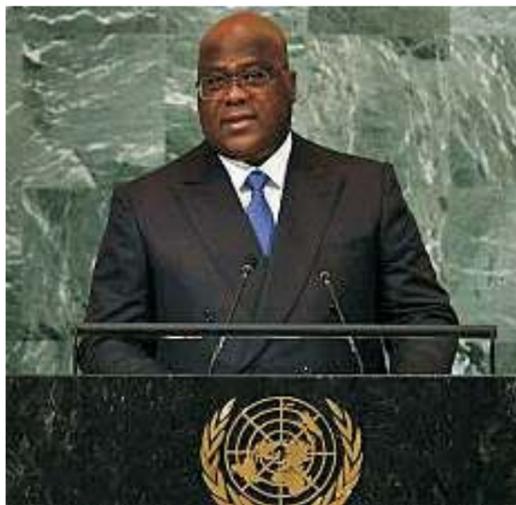
President Hassan is the first African head of state China has received after the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC). During the meeting both countries agreed to expand the scale of bilateral trade as well as boost

the level of trade and economic cooperation.

The talks concluded with the signing of bilateral cooperation documents covering trade, investment, development cooperation, digital economy and green development.

The Chinese President also reaffirmed the commitment of his country to the long-term development and strengthening of African countries.

DRC: Tshisekedi calls on youth to "mobilise against M23"



Felix Tshisekedi addresses the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly on 20 September 2022 - Copyright © africanews Jason DeCrow/AP

The President of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Felix Tshisekedi, called on Thursday evening "the youth" of his country to "organize themselves into groups of vigilance" in the face of the M23 rebellion which, he reaffirmed, benefits from "the support of Rwanda".

Rwanda has "expansionist ambitions, with the main interest of appropriating our minerals", he accused, in a Message to the Nation broadcast by national television.

"To do this, it is working to destabilise eastern Congo to create a lawless zone to satisfy its criminal appetites," the DRC president continued, deploring that the various diplomatic initiatives undertaken to

ease tensions have not led to "any tangible result".

The eastern DRC has been plagued for nearly three decades by violence from armed groups, many of them inherited from the wars that bloodied the region in the wake of the 1994 Rwandan genocide.

Tensions have been particularly high between Kinshasa and Kigali since the resurgence at the end of 2021 of the M23 ("March 23 Movement"), a former Tutsi rebellion that has taken up arms again, reproaching Kinshasa for not having respected agreements on the demobilisation of its fighters.

Kinshasa accuses Rwanda of supporting this rebellion, which Kigali contests by accusing the DRC of collusion with a Hutu rebel movement in Congo. "False accusation", Félix Tshisekedi hammered.

"The war that has been imposed on us (...) requires sacrifice," he said, calling on his compatriots to "put aside (their) differences" to stand together. "The nation needs the commitment of all its daughters and sons," the president continued.

He also asked the Congolese "not to give in to xenophobic remarks and other speeches of hatred or stigmatisation of Rwandophone communities".

But "in response to the strong demand from the youth, I invite them to organise themselves into vigilance groups in order to support, accompany and sustain our armed forces". He also "renewed" his appeal to young people who have the vocation "to enrol massively" in the army.

After several weeks of calm, the M23 rebellion has been on the offensive since 20 October in the territory of Rutshuru, in the province of North Kivu, where it has seized several localities on a strategic road serving Goma, a major strategic city in eastern DRC.

The Rwandan ambassador has just been expelled by the DRC, which also announced earlier this week the recall of its chargé d'affaires in Kigali.

Tanzania says Mount Kilimanjaro blaze largely contained

Two weeks after a fire began on Africa's tallest and most famous mountain, Tanzania's Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa says it has been largely contained.

On Tuesday, hundreds of soldiers and two helicopters were mobilised to reinforce civilian firefighters and volunteers battling the blaze on Mount Kilimanjaro. Last week, the government week thought the fire was under control, but winds spread it to three other places. It has ravaged about 33 square kilometres in the Kilimanjaro National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site which is home to many endangered species.

The fire started on 21 October near the Karanga site, used by climbers ascending the famous peak, at about 4,000 metres altitude on the mountain's south side.

Tourism not affected

Although it is an area that is popular with tourists, the government says tourism has not been affected and no injuries or deaths have been reported.

A Polish tourist who was visiting the region says being so close to the fire was a devastating experience.

"Because we could feel the fire is either following us or is right next to us, because we could still breathe and feel the smoke. And breathing was really, really hard and we could see the devastated nature all around us. So, it was really hard experience for us, to see that and to be right next to it," she said.

As firefighters and soldiers continue to battle multiple fires in some areas around the mountain, officials say they have not yet established how it started.

The blaze comes exactly two years after a devastating week-long fire destroyed some 95 square kilometres on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro.

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Letter of Invitation for Bids

Subject: Supply and Delivery of Fencing Wire.
Reference No: AVDP-PMU/ICB/G/7/1/22

Freetown, Sierra Leone
October 2022

1. The Government of Sierra Leone has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Adaption Fund (AF), OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) and Toni Blair Institute (TBI), the financing of which is being administered by IFAD towards the cost of **Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (AVDP)** and intends to apply part of the financing for the purchase of these goods. The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD's approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD's rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with the **Agricultural Value Chain Development Project**.

2. The goal of AVDP is livelihoods and climate change resilience of rural farming households in Sierra Leone improved, while the **project development objective (PDO)** is to promote agriculture as a business for enhanced incomes and reduced rural poverty, among 42,985 rural households. The AVDP will be implemented nationwide over a six-year period. A value chain development approach will drive the implementation process, supported by the application of a robust targeting strategy to ensure the inclusion of the rural poor in both the implementation of project activities and the sharing of the benefits and priority attention to enhancing climate resilience among the project beneficiaries.

3. The purchaser now invites sealed bids from eligible entities ("bidders") for the **provision of three thousand (3,000) rolls of fencing wire**. More details on these goods and related services are provided in the schedule of requirements in this bidding document.

4. This IFB is open to all eligible bidders who wish to respond. Subject to the restrictions noted in the bidding document, eligible entities may associate with other bidders to enhance their capacity to successfully deliver the goods and related services.

5. The goods and related services, and the contract expected to be awarded, are divided into the following lots:

Lot No	Description	Unit of Measure	Quantity
1	Supply and delivery of fencing wire	Rolls	1500
2	Supply and delivery of fencing wire	Rolls	1500

6. Bidding will be conducted using the **International Competitive Bidding (ICB) method**, the evaluation procedure for which is described in this bidding document, in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook which is provided at www.ifad.org/project-procurement. The ICB process, as described, will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.

7. Please note that a **pre-bid conference will not be held** as described in the bid data sheet BDS, Section II of the bidding document.

8. Bidders interested in submitting a bid shall purchase the bidding document against payment of a non-refundable fee of **Le250,000 or 25\$**. Payment shall be made to the Agricultural Value Chain Development Project through Western Union Money Transfer, RIA, MoneyGram or in the following account:

Account Name: Agriculture Value Chain Development Project

Account No: 014-001-107-861-136-462

Bank: Commerce and Mortgage Bank

9. Bidding documents can be obtained by sending an e-mail with a copy of the payment slip, giving full contact details of the bidder and the subject of procurement, to avdppmu@gmail.com. This will also ensure that the bidders receive the bidding document by email or hard copy (at the following address), as well as any updates regarding the bidding document.

Address: 23 Torwama Road, Bo, Southern Sierra Leone

Bids must be delivered electronically to the PMU via the following link and in the manner specified in the bid data sheet – instructions to bidders 23.2, no later than 18th November, 2022 at 12:00 GMT. Link: <https://bit.ly/3f0Bu5q>

10. Bidders shall be aware that late bids will not be accepted under any circumstance. All bids must be accompanied by:

Applicable to Local Bidders

- Certificate of Incorporation/Registration
- Copy of valid NASSIT Clearance Certificate
- Copy of valid NRA Tax Clearance Certificate
- Copy of valid Local Council Certificate

Applicable to Foreign Bidders

- i) Certificate of Incorporation/Registration
- ii) Copy of valid Tax Clearance Certificate

11. Bid security in the form of a Bank Guarantee. **The amount and currency of the Bid Security shall be the equivalent of \$3,500 per lot** and be denominated in **any freely convertible currency**. Bid Security from community and village banks and Bid Bond from insurance companies are not acceptable.

12. Please note that only electronic bids **shall** be accepted.

13. There will be a virtual bid opening via ZOOM on 18th November, 2022 at 12:30 GMT.

Link to join Bid Opening: <https://bit.ly/3Md7kVV>

14. For any further clarification, please contact the above email address:

MCC delegate engages parliamentarians

By Jariatu S. Bangura



A delegation from the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) last week engaged and updated Members of Parliament on progress made so far with the Sierra Leone compact development process and also reaffirmed the MCC's commitment to working with the people of Sierra Leone. According to the Managing Director, Department of Compact Operations, Africa Programs, Jason A. Small, the MCC has a very valuable role to play in Sierra Leone, and that they intended bringing economic growth and development through the implementation of the compact programme. He assured and expressed hope for MPs' participation in the signing of the compact next year and added that they needed the support of all stakeholders in ensuring the compact becomes a reality. He explained that the compact would engender a lot of developments across communities, relative to sustainable energy, agriculture, infrastructure, amongst other benefits. He acknowledged the country's economic challenge and expressed hope for continued democratic governance amidst the forthcoming elections. Hon Sallieu O. Sesay expressed concerns over the conduct of credible elections and also the MCC's intervention in ensuring free, fair, and transparent elections, thus hoping that their impact will be great. Hon. Muniru Lansana expressed hope that the benefit would not be squandered by external experts and suggested that the MCC monitors the implementation of the project not to miss the timeframe.

Hon. Abdul Kargbo said the MCC should consider equal opportunities for rural communities just like the urban area and

suggested that the team conducts continuous monitoring around MCC indicators.

Also, Hon Lahai Marrah said they should consider the relevance of accessibility

especially in remote communities, pointing out Falaba as one of the backward districts across the country that should be considered among other communities.

He also urged that they should know how to manage the indicators well and create job during the course. Hon Sulaiman Marray-Conteh commended the MCC for supporting the threshold water facility projects in Kingtom and Aberdeen communities and mentioned the passage of the two land bills which will impact the scorecard in the area of land rights and access and highlighted the relevance of the priority areas.

He expressed hope for stakeholders' collaboration and national exclusivity geared towards the implementation for huge beneficitation. Hon Dr. Roland Kargbo expressed a worrying change in the country's indicators and accessibility of Karenta District which has been lagging behind in terms of development, thus calling on them to do the needful by considering his people from that part of the country.

Opposition Whip, Hon Hassan A. Sesay said considering the compact priorities outlined, there was need to create a platform that would engender strong policies.

He noted that promoting political participation, accessibility to the market, tackle economic challenges and managing citizens' livelihood would enhance good governance.

He insisted that issues that predicate on governance should be addressed from a nationalistic point. "Good governance cannot exist without the rights of the people," he stated and went on to say, "We cannot have scorecards to the disadvantages of another group".

Convict gets life imprisonment for murder

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

Justice Aiah Simeon Allieu has sentenced Umaru Abdulai Jalloh to life imprisonment after a twelve-man jury returned a verdict of guilty for the offense of murder. The state prosecutor, Philratu Hastings-Spaine, alleged that on 17th March, 2019, in Freetown, the convict murdered his cousin, Barbar Sesay over his missing ninety thousand Leones. The convict was standing trial for one count charge of murder contrary to law. The presiding judge, Justice Aiah Simeon Allieu, said the pathologist report showed that the deceased suffered severe physical assault, specifically on the neck and also suffered from a blunt force fractured injury, causing dislocation of the cervical vertebrae and spinal cord and died of neurogenic shock and haemorrhage. He said the forensic pathologist in his testimony to the court described the

death as un-natural with the postmortem examination showing septic shock and acute hemorrhage due to stab wounds. The stab wound, according to the autopsy report of Dr. Owiz Koroma, was the primary cause of death.

He said on the said date of the incident, the convict Umaru who lived in the same house with the deceased, Barbar, alarmed that his money had got missing. He stated that the convict suspected the deceased and accused him of stealing his money which resulted to an argument and physical fight between the two of them.

He further that the deceased died at the intensive care unit, Connaught hospital eight days after the fight and the brutal stabbing by the convict.

He added that the convict had confessed to the police that he stabbed the deceased but didn't mean to kill him but that he denied the said act in court.



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Invitation for Bids

Ministry of Health and Sanitation

Proposed Construction of Perimeter Fence to 301.44 Acres Land at Kerry Town, Western Rural

Procurement Number MoHS/CMO/KERRY/ICB/2022/004

Date of First Issue 7th November, 2022

The Ministry of Health and Sanitation has received funds from the Government of Sierra Leone has allocated funds for the Proposed Construction of Perimeter Fence to 301.44 Acres Land at Kerry Town, Western Rural and now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for: -

Bidding is open to all Contractors who can demonstrate the following: -

- Ministry of Works Registration Certificate, Premier Class only or its equivalent in foreign Countries
- For International Bidders; Joint Venture with a local Construction Company is a must

Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the address below from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm. Bidding documents may be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fee of NLe 1,000.00 (One Thousand New Leones) or its equivalent "in United States Dollars" at the following Bank

Accounts as stipulated by the National Public Procurement Authority: -

1. Bank: Bank of Sierra Leone
Account Number: NPPA – Revenue from the sale of Bidding Documents
Account Number: 0111003981
BBAN: 000001011100398165
2. Bank: Sierra Leone Commercial Bank
Account Name: NPPA – Revenue from the sale of Bidding Documents
Account Number: 0111003981
BBAN: 003001081791112183
3. Bank: Union Trust Bank
Account Name: NPPA – Revenue from the sale of Bidding Documents
Account Number: 0111003981
BBAN: 002001002101242863
4. Bank: Rokel Commercial Bank
Account Name: NPPA – Revenue from the sale of Bidding Documents
Account Number: 0111003981
BBAN: 002001002101242863

The Receipt of payment must be submitted to the Accounts Section of the Ministry of Health and Sanitation for issuance of an Official Receipt for onward transmission to the Procurement Unit, for issuance of Bidding Document(s).

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before Friday 11th November, 2022 at 12:00 noon. All bids must be accompanied by:

- q A valid Business registration certificate;
- q Bid Security of NLe 700,000.00 (Seven Hundred Thousand New Leones) or its equivalent "in United States Dollars" from a reputable Commercial Bank;
- q A Line of Credit from a reputable Commercial Bank;
- q A valid NRA Tax clearance certificate;
- q A valid NASSIT clearance certificate;
- q Municipal/Local Council License Certificate for Sierra Leone Company (s)
- q Audited Financial Statement from a reputable Audit Firm for the past three (3) years;
- q List of contract performed of similar nature with completion certificates or contracts;
- q A Signed Integrity Pact;

Bids will be publicly opened on Friday 11th November, 2022 in the Conference Room at 12:00 noon in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chose to attend, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened to bidders.

The Assistant Director of Procurement/Head of Procurement Unit
Ministry of Health and Sanitation,
Fourth Floor,
Youyi Building,
Brookfields,
Freetown.
Email: sartiek7313@gmail.com
Mobile No: +232 78 957 533

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INVITATION TO BID SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MOBILE PHONES WITH OTHER ACCESSORIES

ITB Ref: WVSL/ITB-03/10/2022 - Supply of Mobile Phones with other Accessories.

WorldVision International Sierra Leone herewith invites interested bidders to submit seal Bids for the supply and delivery of Mobile Phones with other Accessories as follows:

Item	Technical Specification	Unit of Measure	Quantity
Mobile Phone	Technology - GSM/HSPA/LTE	Per Pcs	66
	Minimum Resolution - 1080 x 2408 pixels, 20:9 ratio (~400 ppi density)		
	Android 12,		
	Chipset - Exynos 850 (8nm)		
	CPU - Octa-core (4x2.0 GHz Cortex-A55 & 4x2.0 GHz Cortex-A55)		
	microSDXC (dedicated slot)		
	Memory-32GB 3GB RAM, 32GB 4GB RAM, 64GB 4GB RAM, 128GB 4GB RAM, 128GB 6GB RAM MMc 5.1		
	Quad-50 MP, f/1.8, (wide), PDAF		
	Main Camera -Features LED flash, panorama, HDR Video 1080p@30fps		
	Single-8 MP, f/2.2, (wide) Video-1080p@30fps		
Sensors- Fingerprint (side-mounted), accelerometer, compass Virtual proximity sensing			
Battery Type - Li-Po 5000 mAh, non-removable Charging Fast charging 15W			
Memory Card	64GB	Per Pcs	66
Protective Casing	Quality protective case that suits the mobile phone	Per Pcs	66
Power Bank	40,000mhz	Per Pcs	66

IMPORTANT – ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

- a) The proposals will be opened by the WVSL's designated Bid Opening Committee after the deadline for the receipt of the proposal. Once a decision has been made, the successful supplier will be notified of the selection via e-mail. Any attempt by a bidder to influence WVSL, outside of the instructions outlined in this ITB, in the process of examination, clarification, evaluation and comparison of proposals, or to obtain information on how the procedure is progressing, or to influence WVSL in its decision concerning the award of a Contract hereunder, will result in the immediate rejection of that Bidder's proposal.
- b) Bids received after the stipulated date and time will be invalidated.
- c) **Instructions for the tender**, you must read all the provisions of the bid to ensure that you understand World Vision International Sierra Leone's requirements and can submit an offer in compliance with them. Note that failure to provide compliant offers may result in the invalidation of your bid.
- d) Bidders are requested to address any queries concerning this ITB to: wvsl_supplychain@wvi.org by 28th November 2022 latest.

BIDS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED IN LOCAL CURRENCY (SIERRA LEONE NEW LEONES) STATED IN THE SPECIFIC SECTION, TERMS AND CONDITIONS. BIDS MUST INCLUDE 15% GST AND OTHER PAYABLE TAXES. BIDS RECEIVED IN ANY OTHER CURRENCY WILL BE INVALIDATED.

1. Each bidder **must** meet the following **qualification criteria** with evidence of the relevant documentation:
 - i. Valid business registration certificate
 - ii. Valid NASSIT clearance certificate
 - iii. Valid Tax clearance certificate
 - iv. Valid Manufacturer authorization
 - v. Manufacturer warranty for 12 months
 - vi. An Audited Financial Statement of the company for the last two financial years.
 - vii. Evidence of experience in providing similar supplies with detailed information on referees/references
 - viii. Bid security in the form of a certified bank or insurance company - 5% of the total bid price
 - ix. Bid Must be Valid for Two Months after the date of submission.
 - x. Bidders must ensure they submit samples of Mobile Phones with other accessories as part of their submission.
2. **Evaluation method** (selection criteria evaluation): The tender evaluation committee will evaluate and award the contract based on the following **selection criteria**:
 - Quality of sample submitted
 - Warranty
 - Specific Experience
 - Financial standing of bidders
 - Past Performance & References

SEALED offers should be physically delivered at
WorldVision International Sierra Leone
35 Wilkinson Road
Freetown, Sierra Leone
Attn: (Supply Chain Manager)

AND

Electronic offers should be sent in PDF format via email and submitted at

wvsl_supplychain@wvi.org

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE RECEIPT OF ALL PROPOSALS IS ON FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2022, AT 12 NOON



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Address of Registered Office:
25/27 Siaka Stevens Street
Freetown
Sierra Leone

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of Members of the above-named Company will be held at **THE FREETOWN CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE HALL, 3RD FLOOR, 17 WALLACE JOHNSON STREET, FREETOWN** on Thursday 17th November, 2022 at 11:00 AM to transact the following businesses: -

1. To receive the Chairman's Statement.
2. To consider the Minutes of the 48th Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 23rd July, 2021.
3. To receive the Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 31st December, 2021 together with the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
4. To declare a dividend for the year ended 31st December, 2021.
5. To elect/re-elect Directors and to fix their remuneration.
6. To appoint Auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.
7. To transact any other business proper to be transacted at an Annual General Meeting.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2022
By order of the Board

FREETOWN NOMINEES LIMITED

Company Secretary
Freetown Nominees Limited
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NOTE: A member has the right to appoint a proxy to attend and vote for and on the member's behalf. Such proxy need not be a member of the Company. A copy of the instrument appointing the proxy should reach the Registered Office of the Company, not later than 48 hours before the meeting.



GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources

7th Floor Youyi Building West Wing, Brookfield's, Freetown

Invitation for Bids (IFB) National Competitive Bidding (NCB)

Construction of Five (5) Set Improved Smoke Oven for Goderich community, Konakridee community, Tombo community, Shenge community and Turtle Island community.

Date of First Issued: 31st October, 2022

Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) through the Ministry of Finance. The Ministry intends to utilize the fund to construct Five (5) set Improved Smoke Ovens for Goderich Community, Konakridee Community, Tombo Community, Shenge Community and Turtle Island and want to hire a credible firm with proven experience for the Construction of the aforementioned ovens, therefore, sealed bids are invited from eligible bidders for the following:

The Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources (MFMR) has received funds from the

No.	DESCRIPTION OF WORKS	PROCUREMENT NUMBERS
1	LOT 1. Construction of Three (3) Set Improved Smoke Oven for Goderich community, Konakridee community and Tombo community.	MFMR/NCB/WKS/2022/002
2	LOT 2 Construction of Two (2) Set Improved Smoke Oven for Shenge community and Turtle Island community.	MFMR/NCB/WKS/2022/002

Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents at the address below between 10:00am to 3:00pm from Mondays to Fridays before the bid closing date. The bidding documents may be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Five Hundred Leones (Le500.00) for the construction of ovens at the Account office of the MFMR and a copy of the receipt submitted to the Procurement Unit at the address below for issuance of the bidding document.

All bids must be accompanied with:

- ⊙ Bid security of Fifteen Thousand and Fifty Leones (Le15,050.00) for the construction of Beacons. It must be in the form of a valid bank guarantee from a reputable Commercial Bank operating in Sierra Leone.
- ⊙ A copy of a valid business registration certificate
- ⊙ A copy of a valid tax clearance certificate from the National Revenue Authority (NRA).
- ⊙ A copy of a valid NASSIT clearance certificate,
- ⊙ A copy of a valid local council License

- ⊙ A copy of a valid Ministry of Works Housing and Infrastructure (MOWHI) Certificate
- ⊙ A completed sign integrity pact
- ⊙ A completed sign Eligibility and Qualification Form.

Sealed bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 14th November, 2022 at 12:00 Hours GMT. Electronic bidding will not be permitted; late bids will be rejected and returned unopened to bidders

Bids will be opened publicly on 14th November, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. in the presence of bidders or representatives of bidders who choose to attend, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened to bidders.

The Procurement Unit,
Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources (MFMR)
7th Floor West Wing Youyi Building, Brookfields, Freetown.
Contact No: +232-76-544-429



NJALA UNIVERSITY

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI) THE PROCURMENT TO SECURE FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS



PROCUREMENT NUMBER: NU/FIN/RFP/2022/0001

With support from the Government of Sierra Leone, Njala University plans to build relationships with consulting firms that can offer consulting services. The University intends to contract firms (Consultants) to offer Consultancy Services. The key component of the Consultancy Services is to provide the following:

CONSULTANCY SERVICES	LOCATION
System review of the Finance Directorate, Internal Audit and Procurement Unit.	Njala Campus Moyamba District

Responsibilities

- 1) Reviewing the roles of the Finance Directorate, Internal Audit Department, and Procurement Unit, as well as recommending potential synergies to ensure system and work flow improvement, are the primary duties.
- 2) Look for any potential work flow gaps in the flowcharts of the Finance Directorate, Internal Audit Department, and Procurement Unit and give recommendations for improvement.
- 3) Ensure that the staffing levels in the various units are adequate and to offer suggestions for filling any gaps.
- 4) To record the existing operational system and, if appropriate, offer recommendations for system improvements.

The service will be managed by Njala University's procurement unit, and eligible firms (Consultants) are now being invited to indicate interest in offering the service. Interested firms must submit documentation proving their ability to perform the services (indicating but not limited to the core business, years in business, qualifications in the field of the assignment, technical and managerial organisation of the firm and general qualifications and number of key staff, detailed curriculum vitae of key personnel and contact details of proposed personnel assigned to this Service, experience of the firm in handling such services).

Firms may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-firm to enhance their qualifications.

Eligibility Criteria

The National Public Procurement Authority's "Rules and Procedures for the Use of Consultants" in Sierra Leone must be followed for the creation of the short list and the selection process for consultants. The method of Firms Qualifications Selection (CQS) will be applicable for selecting firm. Please note that Njala University is not obliged to shortlist any firm that expresses interest.

Interested Firms (Consultants) may obtain further information at the address below during office hours: 08:30 – 17:00hrs.

Expressions of Interest must be delivered to the following address by Wednesday, November 11, 2022, at 15:30 hours, and labeled "SYSTEM REVIEW OF FINANCE DIRECTORATE, INTERNAL AUDIT AND PROCUREMENT UNIT."

**To: The Procurement Officer
Njala University
Njala Campus
Moyamba District
Tel: +232 78-61-88-11
E-mail: lbangura@njala.edu.sl**



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Invitation for Bids



Procurement of (Office Stationery, Computers & Computer Accessories, Computer Consumables, Office Supplies (Toiletries and Provisions), Office Furniture, Office Equipment, Building Materials, Generator Spare Parts, Vehicle Spare Parts and Reagents). Procurement Number: NU/EST/ICB/2022/0002
Date of First Issue: 5th October, 2022

Njala University has allocated funds for the procurement of the following items and now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the stated Lots in the table below:

No.	LOTS	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS	BID SECURITY	DELIVERY
1	Lot A	Various	Office Stationery	15,000.00	Framework
2	Lot B	Various	Computers & Computer Accessories	21,000.00	Framework
3	Lot C	Various	Computer Consumables	12,000.00	Framework
4	Lot D	Various	Office Supplies (Toiletries and Provisions)	10,000.00	Framework
5	Lot E	Various	Office Furniture	25,000.00	Framework
6	Lot F	Various	Office Equipment	15,000.00	Framework
7	Lot G	Various	Building Materials	30,000.00	Framework
8	Lot H	Various	Generator Spare Parts	10,000.00	Framework
9	Lot I	Various	Vehicle Spare Parts	10,000.00	Framework
10	Lot J	Various	Reagents	12,500.00	Framework

Bidding is open to all suppliers who have capacity to supply the above goods of Lot A: Office Stationery, Lot B: Computers & Computer Accessories, Lot C: Computer Consumables, Lot D: Office Supplies (Toiletries and Provisions), Lot E: Office Furniture, Lot F: Office Equipment, Lot G: Building Materials, Lot H: Generator Spare Parts, Lot I: Vehicle Spare Parts and Lot J: Reagents.

Interested bidders can bid for one or more Lots. Meanwhile, bidders can obtain the bid documents for a non-refundable fee of Le500.00 (Five Hundred Leones). Please make payment to the accounts stated below:

ACCOUNT NAME: Revenue from the sale of Bidding Sub Treasury
ACCOUNT NO.: 210113253-01
BBAN NO.: 00-4001113253120144

BANKNAME: Sierra Leone Commercial Bank
ACCOUNT NAME: Revenue from the sale of Bidding Sub Treasury
ACCOUNT NO.: 003001081791112183
BBAN NO.:

BANKNAME: Rokel Commercial Bank
ACCOUNT NAME: Revenue from the sale of Bidding Sub Treasury
ACCOUNT NO.: 02-011012428
BBAN NO.: 002001002101242863

Further inquiries on the bidding document can be done at the address below between 9:00am to 4:00pm from Mondays to Fridays.

Bids must be delivered to the:

Njala University
Procurement Unit
University Secretariat
Njala Campus
Moyamba District.

On or before 12:00noon, on Friday 11th November, 2022

All bids must be accompanied by the following Documents:

- q A valid Business registration certificate
- q Bid Securities of the various Lots from a reputable Commercial Bank;
- q A valid NRA tax clearance certificate;
- q A valid NASSIT clearance certificate;
- q A signed Integrity Pact; [see attached];
- q A valid municipal/local council licence;
- q A Bid form signed and stamped; and
- q One Original copy and three photocopies of bids.

Bids will be publicly opened on 11th November, 2022 at 12:00noon, in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened to bidders.

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7	8/5/2022 16:25	Bundesliga 2	GREUTHER FURTH	15	18		KARLSRUHER	2.49	15.00	40.00	4.70	6.20	9.60	23.00	15.00	6.60
8	8/5/2022 16:25	Bundesliga 2	SANDHAUSEN	10	3		FORTUNA DUSSELDORF	4.70	14.00	28.00	6.80	5.00	5.60	35.00	14.00	3.45
9	8/5/2022 17:55	Denmark	LYNGBY	10	5		MIDTJYLLAND	7.00	16.00	23.00	9.60	5.80	4.50	45.00	15.00	2.49
10	8/5/2022 17:55	Croatia	VARAZDIN	8	1		DINAMO ZAGREB	12.00	20.00	22.00	16.00	7.40	3.85	80.00	20.00	1.85
11	8/5/2022 17:55	Holland	HEERENVEEN	16	17		SPARTA ROTTERDAM	3.00	15.00	45.00	4.80	5.00	8.20	29.00	16.00	6.40
12	8/5/2022 17:55	Holland 2	DEN BOSCH	4	6		FC EINDHOVEN	4.90	14.00	25.00	7.40	5.60	5.20	35.00	14.00	3.15
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14	8/5/2022 17:55	Holland 2	HERACLES	8	1		ADO DEN HAAG	2.65	15.00	40.00	4.70	5.80	8.60	23.00	15.00	6.20
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17	8/5/2022 17:55	Holland 2	VENLO	19	2		ALMERE CITY	4.40	13.00	25.00	7.00	5.60	5.80	30.00	13.00	3.35
18	8/5/2022 17:55	Holland 2	WILLEM II	20	12		JONG PSV	2.28	16.00	45.00	4.30	6.60	10.00	22.00	17.00	7.40
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22	8/5/2022 18:10	Switzerland 2	XAMAX	10	1		YVERDON-SPORT	3.95	14.00	28.00	6.20	5.40	6.20	29.00	14.00	3.90
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24	8/5/2022 18:25	Poland	LEGIA WARSZAWA	7	17		PIAST GLIWICE	3.00	15.00	45.00	4.70	4.70	7.80	28.00	15.00	6.20
25	8/5/2022 18:25	Poland 2	ODRA OPOLE	18	3		WISLA KRAKOW	5.20	14.00	27.00	6.60	4.30	4.40	40.00	14.00	3.00
26	8/5/2022 18:25	Bundesliga	EINTRACHT FRANKFURT	7	3		BAYERN MUNICH	9.20	18.00	20.00	14.00	8.80	4.50	60.00	18.00	1.96
27	8/5/2022 18:25	Slovakia	TRENCIN	12	7		MICHALOVCE	2.60	13.00	35.00	4.50	5.20	7.60	22.00	13.00	5.40
28	8/5/2022 18:40	Ireland	DUNDALK	2	3		DERRY CITY	3.75	14.00	35.00	5.40	4.60	6.40	30.00	15.00	4.70
29	8/5/2022 18:40	Ireland 2	CORK CITY FC	1	9		ATHLONE TOWN	1.41	27.00	99.00	3.30	9.40	26.00	21.00	26.00	20.00
30	8/5/2022 18:40	Ireland 2	GALWAY UNITED FC	2	6		WEXFORD FC	1.92	16.00	50.00	3.75	6.40	11.00	19.00	17.00	8.40
31	8/5/2022 18:40	Ireland 2	TREATY UNITED	5	3		WATERFORD FC	7.20	15.00	21.00	9.60	5.60	3.95	45.00	14.00	2.17
32	8/5/2022 18:40	Scotland Championship	QUEENS PARK	6	8		AYR UNITED	3.75	15.00	40.00	5.20	4.40	6.20	35.00	15.00	4.90
33	8/5/2022 18:40	Championship	BIRMINGHAM	14	19		HUDDERSFIELD	4.10	15.00	40.00	5.60	4.50	6.40	35.00	15.00	4.80
34	8/5/2022 18:40	Belgium	CLUB BRUGGE	8	7		WAREGEM	1.61	24.00	99.00	3.80	9.40	22.00	22.00	24.00	16.00
35	8/5/2022 18:55	Ireland	FINN HARPS	10	8		DROGHEDA UNITED	3.50	15.00	40.00	5.20	4.70	6.60	30.00	15.00	5.00
36	8/5/2022 18:55	Premier League	CRYSTAL PALACE	7	2		ARSENAL	7.20	16.00	26.00	9.40	5.40	4.60	50.00	16.00	2.70
37	8/5/2022 18:55	France League 1	LYON	9	1		AC AJACCIO	1.85	22.00	90.00	3.90	7.60	17.00	24.00	22.00	14.00
38	8/5/2022 18:55	Italy Cup	LECCE	0	0		CITTADELLA	2.31	17.00	60.00	4.00	5.40	11.00	26.00	18.00	8.80
39	8/5/2022 19:10	Portugal	BENFICA	2	1		AROUCA	1.52	30.00	99.00	3.45	8.80	29.00	27.00	30.00	25.00
40	8/5/2022 19:10	Italy Cup	SAMPDORIA	0	0		REGGINA	2.04	19.00	80.00	3.75	5.80	14.00	26.00	20.00	12.00

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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

1. **ADB/RFP/COSL/2022/0006 – PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTOR FOR THE PROVISION OF INTERNET SERVICES FOR THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK SIERRA LEONE COUNTRY OFFICE IN FREETOWN**
2. **ADB/RFP/COSL/2022/0007 – PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTOR FOR THE PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES AT THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK SIERRA LEONE COUNTRY OFFICE IN FREETOWN**
3. **ADB/RFP/COSL/2022/0008 – PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTOR MAINTENANCE OF COMPUTERS, PHOTOCOPIERS, SCANNERS AND OTHER ICT EQUIPMENT AT THE AT THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK SIERRALEONE COUNTRY OFFICE IN FREETOWN**

The African Development Bank (hereafter designated as “the Bank”) is desirous to secure the services as per above listed tenders for its Country Office based in Freetown Sierra Leone. Only legally registered companies that have the competence, capacity and skills to carry out these activities are invited to bid.

1. The bid documents can be obtained from the security desk at the Bank's office at the above address , they can also be obtained from the Bank's website, <http://www.afdb.org/en/about-us/corporate-procurement/procurement-notice/current-solicitations/> . Bidders may also make enquiries from SLFO@AFDB.ORG should they encounter some problems with the forms or need clarifications. On all communications Bidders should state the bid number and its nomenclature.
2. The pre-bid meeting and site visit shall be on **9th November 2022** at 10:00 am, **local time in Sierra Leone**, at the African Development Bank Office located in Freetown.
3. The Closing date for these bids is **17th November 2022 at 15.00 hours local time in Sierra Leone**. It is the responsibility of the Bidders to ensure that the bids reach and arrive at the Bank's offices on time, and any late bids will not be considered by the Bank.
4. The sealed bids should be deposited in the tender box installed in the Bank's premises lobby and should be registered by the Security Personnel of the Bank. The Bank's postal address is PMB 355 Freetown Sierra Leone. The Banks address 5th and 6th floors Bishop Building 13 Lamina Sankoh Street Freetown
5. Bidders must originate from the Bank's member countries, a list of which is provided at <http://www.afdb.org/en/about-us/members/> and the list is also on the bid document.
6. Submission may be made by hand or by registered mail or courier and late bids shall be rejected.

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GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL SELECTION)**

Sierra Leone
Accountable Governance for Basic Service Delivery Project
(AGBSDP)
Grant No.: D8380-SL
Issue date: 31st October 2022

Assignment Title: Consultancy Services to hiring of a consultant for to develop templates for preparing citizens financial statement for Local Councils

Reference No.: SL-MOFED-319277-CS-INDV

The Government of Sierra Leone has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Accountable Governance for Basic Service Delivery Project (AGBSDP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") seeks to develop a handbook for local councils to prepare Citizens Financial Reports or otherwise Popular Financial Reports that can easily be understood by the ordinary citizenry within their localities. Thus, to make sure the citizens understand the financial reports and become interested in the public financial management of the local councils. The report seeks helps citizens understand how public funds are allocated and spent, providing citizens with an outlet to voice their opinions and preferences and increasing their ability to evaluate how public officials are acting in the public interest. This handbook will help local council understand how to prepare financial reports that will ease the citizens' understanding of local councils' financial activities

The assignment is expected to be undertaken within 1 month

The consultant will be required to undertake the following tasks:

- i. Develop a handbook that can be used by local councils to prepare popular/citizens financial reports covering the key elements of financial statements such as:
 - Balance Sheet
 - Income and Expenditure Statement
 - Trial Balance
- ii. Show how graphs, photos, and other illustrations can be used to prepare and present financial reports
- iii. Deliver/ Roll out the handbook to the financial management staff of the local councils tasked with the responsibility to prepare financial statement

The Project now invites eligible Individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The minimum qualifications required of the Consultant for this assignment should be:

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Assignment Title: Consulting Services to hire a consulting firm for the preparation of a guide to District Councils Own Source Revenue Administration and Revenue Mobilization and Administration Strategies for Karene, Falaba, Kono and Pujehun District Councils

Reference No.: SL-MOFED-319283-CS-CQS

The Government of Sierra Leone has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Accountable Governance for Basic Service Delivery Project (AGBSDP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") seeks to develop a guide to district local councils' administration of own source revenues and district councils' specific strategies that will enhance the fiscal space of local councils to deliver on their core mandate. The strategies will enhance the resource management systems and delivery of local development and other devolved services to communities. The guide should form the basis for preparing the district specific revenue mobilization strategies. The rationale for this owes to the many commonalities across districts in administering own source revenues. The district level revenue strategies will combine the commonalities and specifics in administration of own source revenues. The latter is to guide the local council to administer own source revenues with consistent and feasible approach that will maximize own source revenue mobilization. The activity is linked to the intermediate indicator, "District Councils that have developed revenue mobilization strategies". It will enhance the capacity of local councils to mobilize local revenues in an equitable and sustainable manner at all levels.

The assignment is expected to be undertaken within 2 months

The firm will be required to undertake the following tasks:

- (i) Conduct a literature review of all relevant documents for own source revenue mobilization in Sierra Leone and developing countries
- (ii) Review the legal and regulatory framework for own source revenue mobilization and make recommendations where applicable to reflect modern trends and developments in local government revenue mobilization
- (iii) Analyse the historical trends for each existing revenue being collected by the local council and identifying the challenges and constraints faced by the local council in maximizing revenue collection
- (iv) Clearly outline all potential own source revenues of the local council, analyzing the potential of the revenue source and proposing clear strategies for collecting each revenue
- (v) Review the institutional framework of each revenue source, viz-a-viz the LC, chiefdoms and other authorities, and proposed mechanisms for better institutional arrangements
- (vi) Identify capacity gaps hindering efficient and maximum revenue collection within the LC and recommend actions to address them
- (vii) Present the draft assignment in a validation workshop and train key staff of 6 local councils on the use of the revenue mobilization strategies
- (viii) Prepare a manual/guide for local tax administration, summarizing the taxes and fees assigned to the local councils and the best practices in their administration
- (ix) Prepare four (4) council specific strategies for Karene, Falaba, Kono and Pujehun district councils on how to improve tax administration arrangements and practices to increase local taxes and fees mobilization and adapted from the manual/guide for local tax administration

The Project now invites eligible Consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consulting firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The minimum qualifications required of the Consulting firm for this assignment are:

The firm must be a registered entity meeting its full obligations with the applicable laws (tax, social security contributions, etc.). The firm must have undertaken at least two similar assignments in the past with reputable institutions. It must have a management team with the required experience and expertise to deliver such

assignment. The firm must ensure that the CVs of the key experts proposed are duly signed and relevant certificates are attached.

The minimum qualifications required of the key experts are

- a. Team Leader
 - \$ The Team Leader should have at least a post graduate degree in Economics, Public Finance, Public Policy or other related fields in the realm of social sciences.
 - \$ S/he should have 8 years of experience working on public finance with at least 3 years of experience on fiscal decentralization
 - \$ The Team Leader should have a working knowledge on financial management with chiefdom councils in Sierra Leone
 - \$ Expert in tax policy and administration at the local level
 - \$ In-depth knowledge of fiscal decentralization and local governance in Sierra Leone
- b. Business Development Specialist
 - \$ The Business Development Specialist should have at least an MBA/ACCA or a post graduate degree marketing
 - \$ s/he must have at least 5 years' experience in business process systems development and rolling out of products or services
 - \$ s/he must have experience in providing ICT solutions in business processes
- c. Valuation Expert
 - \$ The valuation Expert must have at least a first degree in Economics or Business Management with at least three years' experience in property tax valuation
 - \$ A professional certificate in property tax will be an added advantage.
 - \$ s/he must have working knowledge of property tax valuation in developing countries
 - \$ knowledge of property tax valuation in Sierra Leone will be an added advantage

7.0 Deliverables

- \$ A manual/guide for local tax administration, summarizing the taxes and fees assigned to the local councils and the best practices in their administration
- \$ Four Revenue Mobilization Strategies for Karene, Falaba, Kono and Pujehun district councils adapted from the manual/guide for local tax administration
- \$ A 2-days training agenda to roll out the training modules to the beneficiary staff of local councils
- \$ Presentations and support training material to be copied on a memory stick or hardcopies for distribution to participants on the first day of the roll out workshop.

This REoI will lead to the preparation of Short list of Consulting firms

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 Revised November 2017, August 2018 and November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. The Consultant will be selected in accordance with Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below or via email request to agbsdproject2022@gmail.com during office hours 0900 to 1700 hours

Expressions of interest can be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person)

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Gonzalo Higuain beats Kei Kamara to MLS 'Comeback Player of the Year' award



Former Real Madrid and retiring Miami striker Gonzalo Higuain has beaten ex-Sierra Leone veteran Kei Kamara to win this year's Major League Soccer's 'Comeback Player of the Year'.

The 34-year-old Argentina was voted for the award as he enjoyed a good run of the season scoring a team-record 16 goals, including 14 in the final 16 regular-season games after returning from a knee injury.

Higuain received 16.63% in voting by players, media and team official's while San Jose forward Jeremy Ebobisse was second with 14.93% and former Sierra Leone international

and Montreal forward Kei Kamara finished in third with 13.67%.

Higuain joined Miami in September 2020 and scored 12 goals in 2021. He also played for River Plate (2005-07), Real Madrid (2007-13), Napoli (2013-16), Juventus (2016-20), AC Milan (2018-19) and Chelsea (2019). He won three Spanish league titles and three Italian league titles, plus one Europa League.

Higuain scored 31 goals in 75 international appearances for Argentina from 2009-18, playing in the 2014 World Cup final loss to Germany.

Sierra Leone Premier League Build-up:

Old Edwardians still in search of more players

By: Musa K. Baidina



season.

The 1990 champions have a very poor outing last season, battling and surviving the relegation battle as they were able to finish 14th place in the log, with that in mind, the club stakeholders get-off a flying start in re-branding and reshaping their approach to the new season with an administrative ball rolling with Commissioner Richard Hindolo Senessie continues to serve as the substantive Chairman of the Club and renowned Business Man Mamadu Bobor Barrie been appointed Team Manager of the Club.

Among the new appointees was lawyer Africanus Sorie Sesay who is now serving as the new Secretary General of the club to be assisted by former Old Edwardians FC player Amidu Freaky Koroma.

Eminent Old Edwardian Elvis Kargbo Esq. continued to serve as General Manager of the Football Club while the Vice Chairman is Martin Macauley, Assistant Team Manager Abdul Aziz Jalloh, Financial Secretary Augustine Hinga, Treasurer Elizabeth Tity Jalloh Esq, Public Relation Officer Alhaji Mansaray and Technical Director John Ajina Sesay.

As an already indication they meant business, and are ready to face the league challenge, the Executive moved to raise funds for over 160 million old Leones for player transfer with the club already completed a total of 9 signings which includes; Gibrilla Kamara from Champions

With the Sierra Leone Premier League gearing up for the commencement, clubs are under intensive preparation and ready to battle it out for the championship. Last week, Concord Times Sports commenced its official build-up to the new league season with East End Lions and in our second edition, we are now looking at how one of the oldest and most popular clubs, Old Edwardians Football Club better known as the School Boys preparing for the new

NSA Director appointed on advisory board for Union of African Traditional Sports and Games



Sierra Leone's National Sports Authority (NSA) Director of Participation Steven Kaifala has been appointed as a member of the Advisory Board for the Union of African Traditional Sports and Games (UATSG) for year long tenure.

Kaifala is expected to take his expertise, leadership skills and knowledge to this Advisory Board that is made up of professionals from different countries around Africa.

The appointment letter signed by the secretary, Chief Michael Shamsu Mustapha confirmed the development.

"Please accept my heartiest congratulations on your appointment as Member - Advisory Board for the Union of African Traditional Sports and Games (UATSG). I am confident that your input and cooperation for the safeguarding and promotion of TSG around Africa will help us achieve great results in the future together. Wishing you the best of luck and we look forward working together" Chief Mustapha's letter reads in part.

Traditional sports and games contribute to the world heritage of sport culture. Another appointee is Uganda's shrewd sports administrator Andrew Byekwaso, who is the chief executive officer (CEO) of Sports Uganda Limited - United Kingdom, also on this high profile board, is Kenya's David Onyango, while Nigerian Otunba Oiesegun Runsawe is the board

chairperson, with Zambia's Kay Chirwa as the co-chairperson.

The Rapporteur is Boni Nadege Aurore Faoussath from Benin, as the only lady. The Special Advisory Group refers to the Union of African Traditional Sports and Games (hereinafter referred to as "UATSG")'s pool of experts with expertise in fields that have relevance with, but not limited to, Traditional Sports and Games.

Selected candidates are appointed as member of the Special Advisory Group (hereinafter referred to as "Special Advisor") throughout the year. These members are not paid staff of UATSG.

The board is inclined towards research, safeguarding and promotion of traditional sports and games must be at the center of a continental policy on culture and sport.

The Union serves as the continental platform and organization responsible for coordinating Traditional Sports and Games, support their popularization, suggesting of international partners for collaboration, recommendation of initiatives for promotion of UATSG as well as review and suggestion of opinions on articles and writings based on areas of expertise.

Members: Byekwaso (Uganda), Onyango (Kenya), Abdoulaye Bamba Mbaye (Senegal), Steven Kaifala (Sierra Leone), Yayah Sacko (Mali), Djibril Kake (Guinea) and a representative from SASCO (South Africa).

Bo Rangers, Alhassan Jah, Ibrahim Kabbah popularly known as "Taribo", John Obi, Alex Perry.

Alhaji Mansaray, the club's Media and Communication Officer in an interview with Concord Times Newspaper said: "It was a disappointing season for us last time out, so as a football team, we move to start preparing for the upcoming season

immediately the season ended." When asked about the ambition of the club for the upcoming season, Mansaray said that the team is not focused or laying too much emphasis on winning the league this season. He said: "The main aim this season is to rebuild. We want to go back to those days when we are known as a player-producing club."