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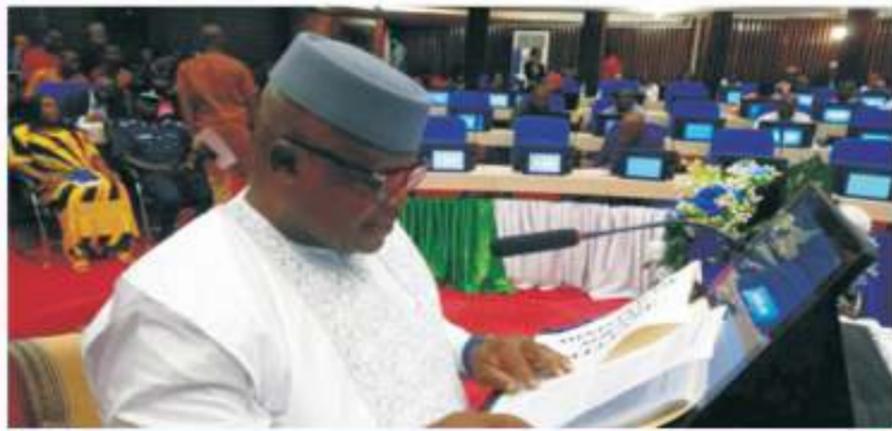
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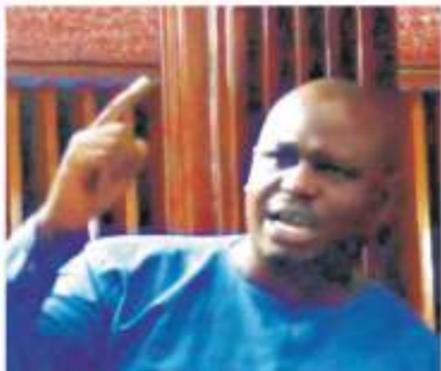
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The Political Parties Registration Commission has written to about thirty elders and senior members of the All People's Congress (APC) Party in relation to the conduct of the Interim

Transitional Governance Committee (ITGC) which is drastically reducing the chances of the party's active participation in the June 24, 2023 elections. In a letter dated 11th November, 2022, PPRC clarified that as an oversight charged with the responsibility of supervising political parties, it has been following the activities of the ITGC.

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LOCAL NEWS

By Jariatu S. Bangura

The Minister of Finance, Dr. Dennis K. Vandi, has on Friday, November 11, presented to Members of Parliament the 2023 Appropriation Act which includes the budgetary allocations for the financial year.

Presenting the bill with the theme "Addressing the needs of the vulnerable in the context of the multiple crises" the minister said the planned expenditure for 2023 is projected at NLe9.35 billion (14.0 percent of GDP) for domestic revenue.

"The expenditure priorities of government focus on expanding production of food, improving education and health services, investing in infrastructure and improving the business environment to promote sustainable, inclusive and greener growth for job creation," he said, adding that the budget will also fund the 2023 general elections.

He noted that of the total projected domestic revenue, Income Taxes will contribute NLe3.7 billion; Goods and Services Tax (GST) NLe1.8 billion, Customs and Excise revenue NLe1.7 billion, Mining Revenues NLe576.8 million, Royalty on Fisheries NLe179.0 million, Parastatals Dividends, including cargo tracking NLe196.0 million, TSA Agencies NLe801.5 million and Road User Charges NLe197.9 million.

He stated that the total expenditure and net lending for 2023 is projected at NLe15.1 billion (22.7 percent of GDP)

compared to NLe13.7 billion (25.7 percent of GDP) for 2022.

Of that, he said the recurrent expenditure will amount to NLe10.9 billion (16.4 percent of GDP).

He said the Capital Expenditure will amount to NLe4.2 billion (6.3 percent of GDP), of which, domestic financed capital expenditures will amount to NLe1.2 billion.

He stated that the government wage bill for 2023 is projected at NLe 4.8 billion (7.2 percent of GDP) compared to NLe4.3 billion (8.1 percent of GDP) in 2022.

He explained that the increase in the nominal wage bill provides for government's commitment to a 45 percent increase in salaries for teachers for the next three years, starting with an annual increase of 15 percent in January 2023. He cited the final 25 percent increase in salaries for the security sector, as pronounced in the 2021 budget speech, implying that the security sector would have received a 75 percent increase from 2021 to 2023.

He said for the recruitment of 2,000 Police Officers, 1,000 will first be recruited effective January 2023 and another 1,000 effective March 2023, citing the recruitment of 500 health workers, which is part of the delayed recruitment for the FY2022 quota.

Minister Vandi, stated that the recruitment for the newly created subvented agencies- National Land Commission, National Cyber Security Coordinating Center, Consumer Protection Commission, Wages and Compensation Commission and one Foreign Mission (UNESCO Desk Paris)



and payment of gratuities for the Ministers, Deputy Ministers, and Leadership and Members of Parliament, Foreign Diplomats in March 2023.

ECOBANK inspires youth in Kingtom community

By Alfred Koroma



Ecobank Staff teaching youth on growing business and financial literacy in Kingtom Community, Freetown

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"As a commission, we have done all what we could, to call them to order, but our efforts in that behalf have so far proven futile. Unfortunately, they are not regular organ of the party, they are a creation of court and therefore, we have little or no oversight authority over them," the statement reads".

On the 28th of April this year, Justice Fisher, presiding in a matter brought against the party and its National Officers, delivered his judgment in same. In the said judgment, Justice Fisher inter alia created a 21-man committee known as the ITGC with a mandate to superintend over the party

till its regular organ are constituted. Since the creation of the 21-man committee, there has been a sharp divide between the interim Chairman and the Secretary of the ITGC Alfred Peter Conteh and Hon. Abdul Kargbo respectively.

PPRC states that it was mindful of the effect of their conduct on the general interest of the party. PPRC Commissioner, Abdulai Bangura said he has written pursuant to a resolution of the commission to invite the APC party stalwarts to a meeting with the commission slated for Monday 14th November at 12:00 noon at the conference room of the Office of the National Security (ONS).

"The purpose of the meeting is to update you as elders and critical stakeholders of the party, on the unsavory happenings in the ITGC and to solicit your elderly intervention, in charting a way-forward for the party".

One of the leading banking groups in Africa, Ecobank has on Thursday October 10 engaged youths in Kingtom Community, training them how to save, manage business and finances.

The engagement is part of an annual celebration of the 'Ecobank Day' which was celebrated on Saturday 12 November, this year, with a focus on 'Financial Inclusion' for all.

Ecobank often use the celebration to give back to society by supporting communities in the 33 African countries where the Bank operates.

"Anytime we have Ecobank Day, we look at different things. During Ebola, Ecobank Sierra Leone supported the government and helped the people affected by the disease. We also helped during mudslide..." Hannah Foullah, Ecobank Head of Brand, Communication and Marketing says.

In Kingtom, the Bank gave financial education to over 50 deprived youth hosted by the Word Made Fresh Sierra Leone (WMFSL), a charitable Christian organization based in the Community.

During the event, various Ecobank staff tutored the young people on various topics and allowed questions and reactions from them.

Branch Manager, Ecobank Micro Finance, Kadijatu Kanu spoke about savings and its benefits. She encouraged

the young people to save, telling them that saving money builds self-confidence, self-respect and helps one solve emergency problems.

Saving, Kanu said goes with self-discipline. She encouraged the youth to consider saving from the little they are earning, saying they do not need to have bulky amount of money to start saving.

Druscilla Admire Coker, Head, Local Corporate and SME tutored on how to grow business. Growing a business, Druscilla said, first know the business you want to do, your product and when to sell it, your target customers, your competitor's business strength and weaknesses. It helps you build your network and grow your business, she said.

Separate yourself from your business. Register your business and market it to let people know. The more your customers grow, the more your business grows, she added. Another staff spoke on how to get money to start a business.

The teachings reechoed the message of Ecobank's savings promo campaign, launched couple of weeks ago. The promo which started last month will last for six months. During this period, customers stand chances to win various prizes, including a car, tricycle (Kekeh), motorbike, phones and other prizes just for saving with the Bank.



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LOCAL NEWS

By Alhaji Haruna Sani

The United Bank for Africa Foundation (UBAF) in collaboration with the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education (MBSSE) has set aside old Le100million plus laptops for the top three winners of the National Essay Competition for Senior Secondary School Pupils across Sierra Leone.

While launching the 3rd Edition of the National Essay Competition for Senior Secondary School Pupils across Sierra Leone on November 11th at the Bintumani Conference Hall, Aberdeen in Freetown, Usman Isiaka, Managing Director/CEO, UBA Sierra Leone, said winners of the competition will be given an opportunity to win scholarship grants for their university education in any Africa University of their choice.

He said the winners would receive up to the limits of NLe50,000, NLe30,000 and NLe20,000 for the first, second and third positions respectively. He said the essay offers an opportunity for pupils in examination classes to strengthen their critical thinking, civics and other and other skillset relevant to their growth.

MD Isiaka said the National Essay Competition (NEC) is the UBA Foundation initiative that started in 2011 as part of UBA group's drive to improve the access to education for the underprivileged across Africa. He said this year marks the 3rd edition of the life-changing competition organized by UBA Foundation in collaboration with MBSSE in Sierra Leone.

He assured that UBA Foundation is committed to organizing NEC annually to compliment the Sierra Leone Government's effort in promoting quality education in the country.

"Participants must submit their hand written essays not later than 12th December, 2022 at 5:00 Pm GMT at any of the 16 MBSSE district offices, at UBA headquarters located at 15 Charlotte Street, Freetown, or any of the branches of UBA bank. All essays submitted must

By Alfred Koroma

The result of Phase 1 human trial, testing an experimental breast cancer vaccine has been found to be successful, a new paper in the journal JAMA Oncology reports earlier this month.

Phase 2 trial is ongoing, testing the efficacy of the vaccine in a larger group of HER2 cancer patients.

According to NEW ATLAS, about 30% of breast cancers involve the overproduction of a protein called human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2), breast cancers more aggressive than the other types. They grow faster and are more likely to reoccur.

The vaccine on trial is called Plasmid DNA vaccine. Its trial started 20 years ago, testing 66 patients with advanced HER2-positive breast cancer. The researchers tested three different dose levels of the vaccine were tested, with a focus to evaluate the safety of the vaccine.

NEW ATLAS report that because HER2 proteins can be found on other cell types in the body, the researchers planned a 10-year follow-up for each participant to make sure there were

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include full name, age, town and districts, school name, full name and telephone number of participant's teachers, parents/guardian and the number of words use in the essay (450 to 500 words) and essay must not be submitted at more than one place or time," he explained.

CEO Isiaka furthered that all essays must be about the topic: Transforming Education requires collective effort including that of families and communities and to discuss the specific interventions from families and or communities that can improve quality in education.

He said essays submitted by participants at the 16 district levels will be marked by a panel of academic judges, who will be selected by the MBSSE and UBA and announcement of the 12 finalists of the competition will be made over TV broadcast, radio, and newspaper.

He intimated that UBA will support finalists for travel to Freetown with their teacher, parent or guardian to compete in the final round.

"Finalists will write a second essay, which will be evaluated for selecting the first second and third place national winners that will get the scholarship grant while all the 12 Finalists who sufficiently defend their essays in a 5 minutes interview with the judges and meet a cut-off mark of 40% and above in the second rounds of the essay will each receive a Laptop".

Dr. Claudius Bart-Williams, Board Chairman, UBA Sierra Leone said Last year, the UBA Foundation National Essay Competition event was a huge success, adding the Bank could not have done it better without the Ministry's support.

He said the bank has credited the various accounts of the last three winners with a total sum of Le 100,000 grant scholarship for their tertiary education, maintaining that the 12 Finalists including the winners were each given a brand new laptop computer to support them in their educational research and other academic activities.

"As a board, we remain committed to supporting the management of UBA

Sierra Leone in actualizing the bank's corporate social responsibilities in the following areas: Education, Environment, Economic Empowerment and Special Projects. Not too long ago, the bank participated in the distribution of books to various secondary schools".

Frances M. Kamara, Director of School Quality Assurance, on behalf of MBSSE commended UBA for supporting the government human capital development agenda and encouraged pupils to grab the opportunity to apply in huge number. She expressed disappointment of last year's low turnout by pupils.

"I will also want to urged parents and teachers as well to encourage their children to apply and be part of the competition".

Musa Ayawova Musa of the Sierra Leone Grammar School who was among the 12 finalist o the second edition of the competition said the competition developed his confidence and ability to learn. He said the laptop given to him has been positively contributing to his learning.

Breast cancer vaccine passes first human trial



no lingering problems of immune activity against healthy tissue.

The report says DNA Vaccine delivers blueprints for the production of certain proteins into the nucleus of a cell. The said protein is then produced by the

cell which triggers an immune response. The vaccine being tested prompts cells to produce a specific fragment of the HER2 protein.

"The results showed that the vaccine was very safe. In fact, the most

common side effects that we saw in about half the patients were very similar to what you see with COVID vaccines: redness and swelling at the injection site and maybe some fever, chills and flu-like symptoms," the lead author of the new study Mary Disis, is quoted by NEW ATLAS.

According to report, the trial was not geared to evaluate how effective the experimental vaccine is at treating breast cancer. But the ATLAS said Disis did point out promising early signs of efficacy, with 80% of the treated trial participants surviving the full 10-year follow-up, saying only around 50% of patients with advanced HER2 breast cancer would generally be expected to survive more than five years, which shows is likely the vaccine is working.

"If the results of the new randomized-controlled Phase 2 trial of the vaccine are positive, it will be a strong signal for us to rapidly move forward to a definitive phase III trial," Disis added. "I have high hopes that we're close to having a vaccine that can effectively treat patients with breast cancer."

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LOCAL NEWS Lower income countries to suffer more rising food cost

By Alfred Koroma

The world food import bill is estimated to rise nearly to US\$2 trillion in 2022, higher than previously expected, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) warns in its new Food Outlook report, published on Friday 11 November.

The report says high-income countries will account for bulk of the increase, but Low-income countries will suffer more rising food cost.

According to FAO, the aggregate costs for food imports for low-income countries is expected to remain almost unchanged, even though it is predicted to shrink by 10 percent in volume terms, pointing to growing accessibility issues for these countries. "These are alarming signs from a food security perspective, indicating importers are finding it difficult to finance rising international costs, potentially heralding an end of their resilience to higher international prices," FAO warns.

The Food Outlook report says the negative repercussions for global agricultural output and food security are likely to extend into 2023, warning that the existing differences are likely to become more pronounced, in which high-income countries are continuing to import across the entire spectrum of food products, while developing regions are increasingly focused on staple foods.

FAO welcomes the approval by the International Monetary Fund of a Food Shock Window proposal to provide emergence to low income countries.

The report forecast global oilseed production to rebound and reach an



The cost of rice in Sierra Leone is already increasingly alarming

all-time high in the 2022/23 marketing year, with increased outputs of soybean and rapeseed expected to offset a likely drop in sunflower seed production.

Also, outputs of meat and dairy products in 2022 are expected to increase, while total fisheries and aquaculture production is expected to increase globally by 1.2 percent, with a 2.6-percent expansion in aquaculture output anticipated to more than offset

a slight fall in capture fisheries output.

FAO'S Food Outlook which is released twice a year gives a review of market supply and utilization trends for the

world's major foodstuffs. It also looks at trends in ocean freight cost and assesses global expenditures on imported agricultural inputs, including fertilizers.

One year gone: BAN raises red flag on suspension of Auditor General

By Alhaji Haruna Sani

Budget Advocacy Network (BAN) has again expressed grave concern over the snail pace at which the tribunal proceedings were unfolding, which has created uncertainty as to when all of that would end.

Lara Taylor-Pearce and one of her deputy, Tamba Momoh, were suspended one year ago and a tribunal was set up since November 18, 2021, to look into the alleged misconduct for which charges were only brought up by the state almost seven (7) months after their suspension.

"In our previous press statements' dated 11" November 2021 and March 2022 on this matter, Budget Advocacy Network (BAN) reminded the Government of Sierra Leone not to undermine public accountability, which is fundamental for good governance and development. Our press statements also appealed to the government to refrain from actions that would hamper efforts in maintaining fiscal discipline and accountable use of public resources," the release reads.

According to BAN, the Auditor-General and team have over the years offered immense support to uncover corruption and mismanagement of public resources, adding that it is evident in several audit reports, which were also utilized in the last Commission of Inquiry.

"It goes to say that the suspended Auditor General and her team have been very committed to their work to ensure effective financial management of public resources".

BAN pens that it strongly supports the statement of IMF in the Article IV Review calling for the financial and operational independence of the Audit Service Sierra Leone, to be a priority and the need for timely action to ensure the independence to safeguard confidence in the management of public resources.

In the IMF Article IV Review, the government states, "We are also committed to strengthening the ASSL's independence. We are committed to a time-bound and transparent tribunal for the suspended auditor general and her deputy". However, the BAN claimed

Zenith Bank staff in court for allegedly stealing over Le100M

By Jeneba A Conteh

Former staff at Zenith Bank, Mavin Onyedakin Obina and Hassan Morie Jayah, on Friday, November 11, 2022, made another appearance before Magistrate Mark Ngeba of Court No .1 as they were alleged of stealing over one hundred million Leones from the bank.

The accused persons were arraigned on two count charges of conspiracy contrary to Section 4(1)(a) of the Larceny Act of 1916 and larceny contrary to Section 2 of the Larceny Act 1916.

The charge sheet indicated that the first accused, Marvin, between 1 May and 13 July 2021, at Zenith Bank in Freetown, being a servant employed by the bank, stole one hundred and eighty-three million, four hundred and forty-one thousand, six hundred and forty Leones (Le 183, 441,640), property of the bank.

The charge sheet further states that the second accused, Hassan, between 1 March and 18 June 2021, at Zenith

Bank in Freetown, did steal fifty million Leones from the bank. Led in evidence by the prosecutor, Sergeant 955 Marcathy Dwight Sergeant 8576 Issa Kamara attached to the Exhibit Office at CID HQ recognized the accused in the dock. He said his duty is to keep records of all exhibit brought to the station and present them them in court when needed. Sergeant Kamara recalled on 15 July, 2021, when DPC 1374 Bockarie M attached to the Major Incident Unit CID headquarters handed over to him twelve million, five hundred thousand Leones and the money was registered in their court register book against serial number RCE/2021 and that it has since been in his custody. The money was tendered as exhibit FF to form part of the prosecution's case. Defense Counsel M. S Kaniako did not cross examine the witness. The accused are on bail and the matter was adjourned to the 2 December 2022.

that the public was not aware of any timeline set by the tribunal and strongly urged the government to uphold its commitment made in the Article IV Review by publishing a clear and transparent timeline for the tribunal process.

"While we still hold on to our position for His Excellency the President to reverse such a decision, we are equally very much concerned about the Tribunal's slow pace, which tends to further derail the audit accountability architecture in Sierra Leone".

NEWS AROUND AFRICA COMPILED BY GABRIEL BENJAMIN

"There's an urgent need to stave off the growing hunger crisis in parts of East Africa." - IRC head



IRC head visits drought-hit region of Ethiopia - Copyright © africanews AP Photo

International Rescue Committee (IRC) President and CEO David Miliband on Wednesday visited displaced communities that have been impacted by drought in a village in the Somali region of Ethiopia.

During the visit, the former UK Foreign Secretary said there was an "urgent need to stave off the growing hunger crisis in this part of East Africa."

The severe drought in the Horn of Africa has pushed people to the brink of starvation, destroying crops and killing livestock on which their survival depends.

He urged leaders attending the United Nations Climate

Change Conference, COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, to "address the needs of the people here today," because they are "paying the price of the climate crisis already." Acute food insecurity is rising fast and spreading across the world.

According to the WFP report, an all-time high of 970 000 people are expected to face catastrophic hunger (IPC Phase 5) and are starving or projected to starve or at risk of deterioration to catastrophic conditions in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Somalia, and Yemen – ten times more than six years ago.

Angolan high-ranking military official jailed for fraud, embezzlement



A lawyer raising his hand during a court session in the case of major Lussati in Angola - Copyright © africanews Lusa

Angolan major Pedro Lussati was sentenced today to 14 years in prison and a further 100 days after he was found guilty of embezzlement, fraud in transporting currency abroad and money laundering. According to the judge, it was proven in the trial that Pedro Lussati committed the crimes of embezzlement, by adulterating and inflating salary sheets of the Security House of the President of the Republic of Angola, in the period between 2008 and 2018.

The well-known "Lussati case" involves 49 defendants, including high-ranking military and civilian officials, allegedly involved in the embezzlement of millions of dollars through a fraudulent scheme of payments of inflated salaries and to "ghost" employees in the units

assigned to the Angolan President's House of Security.

The co-accused Jacinto Hengombe, the assistant to the secretary general of the Angolan President's Security House, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for the crime of embezzlement and three years in prison for the crime of money laundering.

All the defendants were acquitted of the crime of criminal association for insufficient evidence, while the defendants Frenado Moisés Dumbo, Manuel Correia and Francisco Ventura were acquitted of all the crimes they were accused of.

The remaining defendants were sentenced to between three and seven years in prison.

Egypt: Family of imprisoned activist Alaa Abdel-Fattah demand word on his state of health

The family of imprisoned Egyptian pro-democracy activist Alaa Abdel-Fattah demanded word on his condition after prison authorities on Thursday told them he was undergoing an undefined medical intervention and blocked a lawyer from seeing him. The dramatic developments came days after Abdel-Fattah escalated a hunger strike and stopped drinking water.

His mother, Laila Soueif, said she was having difficulty imagining that authorities would actually let her son go after the years-long ordeal.

"I think the chances are very high that he will not get out and he will not be safe. So I can't really imagine after. I know that everyone is trying and stuff like that, but, the way I see it, nobody within power is trying seriously enough," she said.

Abdel-Fattah, who has been imprisoned for most of the past decade, had been consuming minimal calories for months but stopped all intake of food and water on Sunday, the first day of the COP27 climate conference.

At the Sharm el-Sheikh gathering, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz raised the activist's case in their talks with el-Sissi.

Abdel-Fattah gained British citizenship through his mother, who was born in London.

Late Thursday, Egypt's public prosecutor released a

statement, saying a medical team had examined Abdel-Fattah after receiving a complaint from him on 1 Nov. and that he was found to be in stable health. The statement did not specify when exactly the checkups took place, or at what stage in his hunger or water strike, only that Abdel-Fattah had willingly undergone them.

The nature of the most recent medical intervention was also not immediately known, and it was not clear if he was moved to a prison hospital.

Soueif has been waiting outside the Wadi el-Natroun prison complex in the desert north of Cairo every day this week, seeking proof of life of her son. She said Thursday that prison officials spoke to her outside the prison gates but refused to take a letter from her to him.

She asked them if he was undergoing any medical procedure and they said he was.

"I said I want to know if Alaa is alive, if he is alive I want to know if he is conscious, I want to know if he's had any medical intervention, and if it's been done by force or by consent. And he said Alaa is alive, he is well, he has had medical intervention, we don't do things by force," she said.

Abdel-Fattah is serving a five-year sentence on charges of disseminating false news for sharing a Facebook post about a prisoner who died in custody in 2019.

CITES mulls tightening rules around trade in endangered species



Hippos in the Rusizi National Park in Burundi - Copyright © africanews Fernando Vergara/Copyright 2021 The AP. All rights reserved.

The Rusizi National Park in Burundi covers more 10 000 hectares.

The dominant species here is the hippo, often the target of poachers who kill it for its meat or farmers who fear damage to their crops.

"There are in fact traps that are very common against hippos in the locality of Gatumba. Those who have dug pit traps, and when the hippos fall there, it is death. The perpetrators were farmers", denounced Jean-Bosco Sinzohagera, ranger at the Rusizi National Park.

Numbers of hippos have recently increased but decades of civil war in Burundi have severely reduced their habitat.

"We notice that the number of hippos has increased significantly (in this area), it is noticeable because for example, sometimes, we observe conflicts of territories between hippos, and we say that it is due to the fact that their number has increased compared to the surface they

must share", explained Pacifique Ininahazwe, chief wildlife conservationist at the Rusizi National Park.

A government ban on the hunting of hippos remains in force, but a killing can be ordered when a hippo is proven to be a danger to inhabitants.

"We need to make an inventory. The issue is that it requires a lot of money. Elsewhere, when we do an inventory and notice that the population has increased in relation to the surface area we authorise selling a part of our hippo populations, perhaps the oldest ones, to revalue (cull them for their meat, Ed.) them before they can kill each other or die", concluded the chief wildlife conservationist.

Over the next two weeks in Panama, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora or (CITES) will consider tightening trade regulations on around 600 plants and animals potentially at risk of extinction.

South African court greenlights Amazon's new Africa headquarters



Hundreds of people, consisting of Khoi and other First Nation, environmental and civic activists, march through the streets of the city protesting - Copyright © africanews RODGER BOSCHI/AFP or licensors

Campaigners on Wednesday slammed a South African court ruling to allow construction to go ahead on Amazon's new African headquarters, dealing a blow to indigenous groups who say the development will desecrate ancestral land.

Developers now have the go-ahead to re-start work on a multi-million-dollar project that is to host the US tech giant's offices -- which had been halted by a previous court decision.

The High Court in Cape Town concluded Tuesday that a representative for several groups opposing the construction had "misrepresented the views of some indigenous leaders without consulting with them". Campaigners opposing the development said they were "deeply disappointed" at ruling.

"We do not believe that the facts put before the court enabled the court to make a fair judgement," a collective of campaign groups representing indigenous people said in a statement.

Amazon was not directly named in the case that has pitted indigenous groups against property developers.

Construction of a nine-storey business and residential complex on a greenfield site that will be anchored by Amazon was first approved by city authorities last year.

But work on the four-billion-rand (\$225 million) complex were suspended in March this year after indigenous people took legal action.

Some of the country's first inhabitants, the Khoisan, said the development lies on a battlefield where their ancestors fought Portuguese colonisers in 1510.

Once hunter-gatherers known under the now-discarded label of Bushmen, the Khoisan suffered deeply during the colonial-era and under apartheid.

Indigenous communities in South Africa still face vast social inequalities and lack of economic activities, with their history often overlooked.

Located on what was previously a golf course, Amazon's new HQ will have a total floor space of 70,000 square metres (7.5 million feet) -- equivalent to almost 10 football pitches.

The project holds the promise of thousands of jobs in a country where unemployment is crippling high.

Several Khoisan groups had thrown their support behind the project after the developers agreed to build a heritage, cultural and media centre that will be operated by indigenous groups.

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LOCAL NEWS

President Macky Sall calls for affirmative action against violence against women, girls

The President of Senegal, and Chairperson of the African Union, H.E Macky Sall on Thursday 10 November 2022, said, African countries must raise their voices and speak against harassment, rape and all undesired advancement on women and girls if the continent should be seen as an example in promoting gender equality, protection of the right of women and girls and in ending gender-based violence against them.

President Macky Sall spoke at the Abdou Diouf International Conference Center, in Dakar, Senegal's capital, at the second Conference on Positive Masculinity in Leadership to End Violence against Women and Girls, organised by the African Union (AU) in partnership with the Government of Senegal with the support of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and other partners.

Youth and Women's consultations were held on 8 and 9 November respectively, in the build up to the main conference held on the theme: "Accelerating actions and Promoting Positive Masculinity to End Violence against Women and Girls."

Addressing over 1,000 in-person participants from across Africa, President Macky Sall said, tackling violence against women and girls should begin in the families, and called for on the continent to make positive masculinity a state of mind. Africans should raise their voices and say enough to all forms of gender based



violence against women and girls, and address issues of silence, all in line with the AU Agenda 2063, he said. "This is not just about laws; it is about mindset if we want Africa to be an example to other continents."

With the involvement of traditional and religious leaders, and civil society, president Sall expressed optimism of a change in norms and was therefore, "assured of the future of positive masculinity in the continent."

Also speaking at the event via video was President of South Africa, H.E Cyril Ramaphosa. He called for mechanism for African Union funds on ending violence against women and girls and men, adding that men should

take ownership of positive values to address the issue of violence against women and girls.

Other speakers included Ms. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, former president of Liberia, Moussa Faki Mahamat of the AU Commission, Ameenah Gurib-Fakim former President of Mauritius and Catherine Samba-Panza, former Interim President of the Central African Republic.

Madam Ellen Johnson Sirleaf referred to women and girls as the engine of Africa's development and therefore, called on the world to end impunity against them. "Violence against women and girls must not be accepted and we must commit to ensure women

achieve their goals" the Madam Sirleaf said.

The fight against discrimination and violence is one of those causes that leave no room for neutrality, as they impose only one choice: commitment and action. It is in this context, that the Inaugural African Union Men's Conference was held on Positive Masculinity in Leadership to End Violence against Women and Girls on November 25, 2021 in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and the girls.

The 2021 DRC Conference saw the adoption of the Kinshasa Declaration and Call for Action on Positive Masculinity, later adopted as a decision of the AU Assembly at the AU Heads of State Summit in February 2022 enjoining AU Heads of State to report annually on measures taken and progress made to end violence against women and girls in Africa.

The 2022 conference took stock of progress made in the implementation of the 2021 Kinshasa Declaration. Key recommendations by civil society groups, traditional and religious leaders, youth participants and the private sector made on the advancement of the right of women and girls: included the need to allocate budgetary support to programmes and setting up a committee to follow-up on the last commitments and recommendations of the Kinshasa Declaration, among others.



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

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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



Company Secretary
Freetown Nominees Limited
55 Sir Samuel Lewis Road
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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.

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK GROUP



SIERRA LEONE COUNTRY OFFICE (COSL)

5th AND 6th FLOORS
BISHOP BUILDING
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FREETOWN

Tenders_SLFO@AFDB.ORG

Date: 26th OCTOBER 2022

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.

Tel: (+232-76-672-186)
Email: pfm2018@gmail.com



Project Fiduciary Management Unit
Ministry of Finance
13A Howe Street
Freetown
Sierra Leone

GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE
Project Fiduciary Management Unit
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES –INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Date of issue: 10th November 2022

COUNTRY: Sierra Leone

NAME OF PROJECT: Sierra Leone Agro-Processing Competitiveness Project (SLAPCP)

Loan No./Credit No./Grant No.: P160295.

Assignment Title: Consultancy Services to Conduct Training on Food Microbiology to upgrade Institutional Capacity of Sierra Leone Standards Bureau

Reference No: SL-MoFED-303477-CS-INDV

A. Background and Brief Description

The Government of Sierra Leone, through the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI), is implementing the Sierra Leone Agro-processing Competitiveness Project with financing from the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank Group. This project was developed to support the government's strategic objectives to promote private sector development, achieve economic diversification and boost agricultural productivity.

The project development objective is to improve the business environment in agribusiness sector and increase productivity of targeted agro processing firms in Sierra Leone. Achieving the project objective contributes directly to strengthening agro processing competitiveness, which is defined as the ability of agro-processing firms to generate new investments and increase market share in goods and services through improved productivity.

The project consists of three components:

- ü Component 1: Promote enabling environment for agro-processing sector competitiveness and growth of agribusiness firms.
- ü Component 2: Firm-level support to increase productivity and strengthen competitiveness of agro-processing firms and SMEs in selected value chains.
- ü Component 3: Project implementation, coordination, and monitoring and evaluation (M&E)

B. Scope of the consultancy

In the diagnostic assessment of the NQI, the report recommended that SLQI needs technical support to strengthen the capacity of the testing laboratories to implement their quality management systems to conform to the requirement of ISO 17025:2017. Thus, it has become necessary to:

- § Train laboratory personnel in the test methods for which accreditation against ISO 17025:2017 are being sought for:
- § Enhance the knowledge and understanding of trainees in technical requirements of the ISO 17025:2017 standard.

C. Objectives

The main objectives of the training are:

- § To train participants of the Food Microbiology Laboratory in the application of the requirements of each technical standard below:
 - o Aerobic Plate Count (APC) in Food (ISO 4833)
 - o Aerobic Plate Count (APC) in Water (ISO 6222)
 - o Enumeration of E. Coli (ISO 16649-1 and 16649-2)
 - o Enumeration of Coliform by colony count (ISO 4832)
 - o Enumeration of E. Coli and Coliform Bacteria in water by membrane Filtration (ISO 9308 -1)
 - o Enumeration of Staph aureus (ISO 6888-2)
 - o Enumeration of Yeast and Mould (ISO 21527-2)
 - o Enumeration of Listeria Monocytogenes (ISO 11290-1)
 - o Detection of Salmonella (ISO 6579-2)
 - o Uncertainty of Measurement determination in Microbiological analysis of products.

D. Expected Outcomes

At the end of the training Laboratory staff would have:

- * Acquired better understanding in the application of the technical requirement of the ISO 17025:2017.
- * Enhanced their knowledge and skills in the application of the above testing scopes and methods.
- * Gained better understanding in the determination of uncertainty of measurement in test methods analysis.

E. Deliverables

- * Training of Laboratory of Laboratory staff would have a good working knowledge in the application of ISO Microbiological test methods, determination of uncertainty measurement

and an in-depth understanding of ISO 17025 technical requirement.

- * At the beginning of each day of the training, a paper copy and electronic copy of the training material should be made available to each participant. The training material should consist of the course program, workbook and supporting materials (reference documentation, reading materials, handouts, presenter notes etc).
- * Final Report should contain summary of the course, lessons learned and include the following:

Certificate of Attendance to all participants

Course evaluation sheets completed by all participants.

Daily attendance rosters signed by participants.

F. Implementation and Reporting Arrangements

The successful consultant will sign a contract with the Government of Sierra Leone through the Project Fiduciary and Management Unit (PFMU). The PCU will provide oversight and verification during the implementation of the assignment. The consultant will provide updates and reports to SLSB through Executive Director

G. Qualification and Experience

- o Minimum education qualification master's degree or above in relevant sciences Microbiology, Food Science (specialization in Microbiology, Food Safety.
- o Proven experience in Laboratory Capacity Building
- o At least 10 years of professional experience of work particularly to an accredited Laboratory.
- o Excellent written and verbal Communication skills.
- o Proven record of training on the specific areas as stipulated in the scope of work.
- o Requesting references from previous training delivered.

H. Duration of Consultancy

The Individual consultancy service shall be for a maximum period of 15 working days from the signing of the contract at Sierra Leone Standards Bureau

The attention of interested Individual 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, July 2018 and November 2020] ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant Selection Method set out in the Procurement Regulations: The following is the link to the World Bank's website:

<https://policies.worldbank.org/sites/ppf3/PPFDocuments/Forms/DispPage.aspx?d ocid=083b3f94-a932-4395-a410-834f8bc14f8c>

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the "Selection of Individual Consultants (SIC)" method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 0900 to 1700 hours.

Expressions of interest must be submitted via e-mail to the address below on or before Friday 25th November, 2022 at 3:00 pm.
pfm2018@gmail.com

All enquiries must be sought to the address below:

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Republic of Sierra Leone

Ministry of Health and Sanitation National Competitive Bidding

Date of First Issue: 11th November, 2022

Procurement of Laboratory Reagents and Consumable for Diagnostic Testing for Epidemic Prone Diseases

The Ministry of Health and Sanitation has received funds from the Government of Sierra Leone for the Procurement of Laboratory Reagents and Consumable for Diagnostic Testing for Epidemic Prone Diseases and now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Procurement of: Laboratory Reagents and Consumable for Diagnostic Testing for Epidemic Prone Diseases

No partial bidding is allowed.

Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding Procurement Process specified in the Sierra Leone Public Procurement Act of 2016 Section (39).

Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the address below between 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Mondays through Fridays, Ministry of Health and Sanitation, Procurement Unit, 4th Floor, Youyi Building, Brookfields, Freetown. Bidding documents may be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fee of SLe 1,000.00 (One Thousand Sierra Leone New Leones) at the following Bank details:

- Bank:** Bank of Sierra Leone
Account Number: NPPA–Revenue from the sale of Bidding Documents
Account Number: 0111003981
BBAN: 000001011100398165
- Bank:** Sierra Leone Commercial Bank
Account Name: NPPA–Revenue from the sale of Bidding Documents
Account Number: 0111003981
BBAN: 003001081791112183
- Bank:** Union Trust Bank
Account Name: NPPA–Revenue from the sale of Bidding Documents
Account Number: 0111003981
BBAN: 002001002101242863
- Bank:** Rokel Commercial Bank
Account Name: NPPA–Revenue from the sale of Bidding Documents
Account Number: 0111003981
BBAN: 002001002101242863

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before Thursday 24th November, 2022. All bids must be accompanied by:

- ü A valid Business registration certificate
- ü Bid Security of SLe 120,000.00 (One Hundred and Twenty Thousand New Leones Only) from a reputable Commercial Bank;
- ü A valid tax clearance certificate;
- ü A valid NASSIT clearance certificate;
- ü A signed Integrity Pact;
- ü Municipal/Local Council License Certificate;
- ü Experience in Similar supplies for the past two (2) years;
- ü Signed and Stamp Bid Form;

Bids will be publicly opened on Thursday 24th November, at 12:00 noon, 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.

The Assistant Director of Procurement/Head of Unit
 Ministry of Health and Sanitation
 Fourth (4th) Floor
 Youyi Building
 Freetown
 Tel: +23278957533
 Email: sartiek7313@gmail.com



AVDP

Agricultural Value Chain Development Project



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:



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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 sealed 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 5 MP, f/2.2, 123° (ultrawide), 1/5", 1.12µm MP, 2f/2.4, (macro) 2 MP, f/2.4, (depth)		
	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	40,000mAh	Per Pcs	66

IMPORTANT – ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

a) The proposals will be opened by the WVISL'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 WVISL, 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 WVISL 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: wvisl_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.

i. Each bidder **must** meet the following **qualification criteria** with evidence of the relevant documentation:

- Valid business registration certificate
- 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

wvisl_supplychain@wvi.org

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



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About Us:

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Founded in 2013, Serengeti Energy (formerly responsAbility Renewable Energy Holding) received initial backing from Swiss impact asset manager responsAbility Investments AG, alongside investments from partners KfW, Norfund and NDF. In 2021 Serengeti Energy acquired and thereafter merged with the REH Group, based in Cape Town. On 1 October 2021, Serengeti Energy became independent of responsAbility Investments AG and is now well positioned to continue its growth path as Serengeti Energy.

Serengeti Energy is building a strong reputation for quality clean energy project development, construction, creative deal making, renewable industry thought leadership, efficient operations, and trusted partnerships with customers, communities, and industry counterparties. More information on Serengeti Energy can be found at <https://www.serengetienergy.com>

Dispatch Technician

Serengeti Energy is seeking to hire a Dispatch Technician in charge of executing operations activities at Baoma 1 in a safe, effective, and cost-efficient manner. The incumbent will work with the off taker (EDSA), and will manage matters relating to operational, technical, safety, environmental and local community relations in the operations of the plant.

Reports to: Plant Manager, Baoma 1 **Workstation:** Baoma 1 Solar PV plant, Sierra Leone

Department: Operations and Engineering **Direct Reports:** None

Your Tasks:

- a) Collecting, analysing, preparing and sending generation data to EDSA to enable them issue dispatch of power instructions to the plant.
- b) Executing dispatch of power instruction as requested by EDSA.
- c) Daily reading and recording of bulk energy meters
- d) Monthly reading of bulk energy meters and sending to relevant parties.
- e) Operation of Serengeti substation equipment and its associated auxiliaries.
- f) Monitor, operate, and control electrical equipment in the control room.
- g) Physically inspect plant equipment at regular intervals and troubleshoot minor technical issues related to plant equipment operation.
- h) Monitor and control the SCADA system for safe and efficient operations.
- i) Monitor breakdown and scheduled maintenance of all plant/equipment at site.
- j) Assist the Plant Manager in preparation of outage schedules, forecasts, and timely monthly and annual report of operation of the plant.
- k) Supervise junior staff and/or service providers assigned to work with him/her.
- l) Ensure safety of staff and equipment and adherence to Health, Safety and Environmental (HSE) Management systems.
- m) Assist in preparation of Annual Plans and Budgets for the plant and the assessment of the suitability of the plans.
- n) Working with relevant colleagues to review the HSE plan and to track implementation of HSE improvements as agreed with all stakeholders.
- o) Assist in reviewing service provider technical reports.
- p) Supporting the Plant Manager in the production of an annual Plant Status Review for the plant.
- q) Identifying worthwhile plant modifications and improvements to reduce risk and improve commercial performance.
- r) Work closely with the maintenance technician(s) to relay information on how the site is operating or malfunctioning and contact maintenance technician(s) to follow up on work as needed
- s) Communicating incidents and events to the Plant Manager in a timely manner.
- t) Any other responsibilities that may be assigned to the job holder by the supervisor from time to time.

Working Relationships

- Internal Relationships: All site staff
- External Relationships: contractors, government agencies, regulatory authorities, suppliers/vendors, community

Knowledge, experience, and qualifications

- National Diploma or Advanced Craft Certificate (Sierra Leone) or equivalent from a recognized institution in: Electrical Power, Electronics, Mechanical and Process Control.
- Minimum 3 years' experience in a grid-connected or off-grid power plant or process/manufacturing plant in an operations role.
- Conversant in electricity grids, SCADA, auxiliary systems in a plant, electricity distribution systems and protection systems.
- Ability to interpret electrical schematics and drawings, process flow charts, and troubleshoot faults.
- Basic understanding of Computerized Maintenance Management Systems, SCADA or Distribution Control Systems, PLCs, quality and environmental management systems, power systems and health and safety requirements in a hazardous environment.

Technical Skills

- L Electrical and Electronics maintenance
- L Basic understanding of PV solar production and operation
- ▢ Troubleshooting
- I Analytical skills for SCADA report, technical data sheets, reports and drawings
- ▢ Competent knowledge and use of MS Office and general IT skills
- ▢ Working knowledge of switching and clearance procedures
- I HV or MV Switching Authorization /Training would be an added advantage.

Behavioral Skills

- ▢ Self-driven/entrepreneurial personality with managerial capabilities/experiences
- L Knowledge of renewable energy technologies
- L Team player
- ▢ Ability to work under minimal supervision
- ▢ Ability to give / receive orders and reports over radio/telephone circuits
- L Exercise mature judgment, make decisions responsibly considering the consequences of actions taken
- ▢ Excellent communication skills at all levels; and
- L Attention to detail and pride in work.

About You:

Working Conditions

- Working Environment: Mainly field-based with Control Room duties within the plant.
- Job Hazards: High chance of accidents or hazards e.g., electricity, dust, noise and heat.

Application Details:

Interested candidates are requested to forward their updated CVs to hr@serengetienergy.com stating the subject heading "Dispatch Technician - Baoma 1" on or before 5:00 P.M, **Monday 21 November 2022.**



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Serengeti Energy is building a strong reputation for quality clean energy project development, construction, creative deal making, renewable industry thought leadership, efficient operations, and trusted partnerships with customers, communities, and industry counterparties. More information on Serengeti Energy can be found at <https://www.serengetienergy.com>

Maintenance technician

Serengeti Energy is seeking to hire a Dispatch Technician in charge of executing operations activities at Baoma 1 in a safe, effective, and cost-efficient manner. The overall purpose of this role is to ensure the safe and effective maintenance of all plant mechanical equipment and systems in support of the Power Plant.

Reports to: Plant Manager, Baoma 1 **Workstation:** Baoma 1 Solar PV plant, Sierra Leone

Department: Operations and Engineering **Direct Reports:** None

Your Tasks:

- a) Carry out breakdown and scheduled maintenance of all plant/equipment at site or as assigned.
- b) Perform field diagnosis and troubleshoot various project systems issues such as inverters, switchgear, transformers, breakers, communications equipment, etc.
- c) Apply root cause analysis techniques on all major and recurring faults.
- d) Investigate technical failures and prepare formal technical reports.
- e) Assist the Plant Manager in preparation of scheduled maintenance programs and timely monthly and annual report of maintenance of the plant.
- f) Facilitate vegetation management plans and tasks as and when required.
- g) Ensure that maintenance schedules are adhered to.
- h) Test photovoltaic systems functionality and conformity to performance expectations and perform testing using IV Curve Tracers, Power Quality Meters, Insulation Resistance Testers, Multimeters, and other equipment as needed.
- i) Fill out daily work requests, document maintenance activities and complete checklists via spreadsheet, photography, and on the company's work order management system. Also, record and report all faults, deficiencies, and other unusual occurrences, as well as the time and materials expended on work orders.
- j) Use all appropriate PPE while on the job site and practice utmost safety for yourself, others, and equipment.
- k) Supervise junior staff and/or service providers assigned to work with him/her.
- l) Ensure safety of staff and equipment and adherence to Health, Safety and Environmental (HSE) Management systems.
- m) Assist in preparation of Annual Plans and Budgets for the plant and the assessment of the suitability of the plans.
- n) Work with other members of the operations and maintenance team, and sub-contractors (when applicable) to continuously improve system performance, and maintenance cost improvement
- o) Working with relevant colleagues to review the HSE plan and to track implementation of HSE improvements as agreed with all stakeholders.
- p) Assist in reviewing service provider technical reports, ensuring that service providers have appropriate O&M procedures documented and in operation, regularly reviewing the application of the procedures. Supporting the Plant Manager in the production of an annual Plant Status Review for the plant.
- q) Identifying worthwhile plant modifications and improvements to reduce risk and improve commercial performance.
- r) Ensuring that plant modifications and changes are properly specified, approved and carried out (including changes to drawings, procedures, O&M manuals, plant spares if required)

- s) Work closely with the dispatch technician(s) to relay information on how the site is operating or malfunctioning and make known to the dispatch technician(s) the progress of ongoing work
- t) Communicating incidents and events to the Plant Manager in a timely manner.
- u) Any other responsibilities that may be assigned to the job holder by the supervisor from time to time.

Working Relationships

- Internal Relationships: All site staff
- External Relationships: contractors, government agencies, regulatory authorities, suppliers/vendors, community

Knowledge, experience, and qualifications

- National Diploma or Advanced Craft Certificate (Sierra Leone) or equivalent from a recognized institution in: Electrical Power, Electronics, Mechanical and Production
- Minimum 3 years' experience in maintenance of a power plant or process/manufacturing plant
- Ability to interpret electrical schematics and drawings, process flow charts, and troubleshoot faults.
- Experience in maintenance of PV systems, power transformers, power transmission/distribution lines, diesel generators and electrical protection relays is desirable.
- Basic understanding of Computerized Maintenance Management Systems, SCADA or Distribution Control Systems, PLCs, quality and environmental management systems, power systems and health and safety requirements in a hazardous environment.
- Basic understanding of budgeting and financial controls.

Technical Skills

- ▢ Electrical and Electronic maintenance
- L Basic understanding of PV solar production and operation
- L Troubleshooting
- ▢ Working knowledge of Lock Out/Tag Out (LOTO) procedures / criteria
- L Aptitude for learning and understanding operation of various testing equipment, tools and procedures utilized in the maintenance of PV power generation systems
- ▢ Analytical skills for technical data sheets, reports and drawings.
- L Competent knowledge and use of MS Office and general IT skills.

Behavioral Skills

- ▢ Self-driven/entrepreneurial personality with managerial capabilities/experiences
- L Knowledge of renewable energy technologies
- ▢ Team player
- ▢ Ability to work under minimal supervision
- L Excellent communication skills at all levels; and
- L Attention to detail and pride in work.
- ▢ Maintain a clean and orderly workspace whether in office or onsite
- ▢ Demonstrate exemplary ethics and professionalism at all times

Working Conditions

- Working Environment: Mainly field-based with office duties within the plant.
- Job Hazards: High chance of accidents or hazards e.g., electricity, dust, noise and heat.

About You:

Application Details:

Interested candidates are requested to forward their updated CVs to hr@serengetienergy.com stating the subject heading "Dispatch Technician - Baoma 1" on or before 5:00 P.M, **Monday 21 November 2022.**

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1	8/5/2022 13:55	Romania 2	UNIREA SLOBOZIA	12	v	14	FCM BAI A MARE	2.35	14.00	45.00	4.00	4.90	8.80	23.00	15.00	7.00
2	8/5/2022 15:40	Italy Cup	CAGLIARI	0	v	0	PERUGIA	2.85	16.00	50.00	4.40	4.60	8.20	29.00	16.00	6.80
3	8/5/2022 15:55	Poland	FKS STAL MIELEC	5	v	2	CRACOVIA	5.20	14.00	29.00	7.00	4.70	5.20	35.00	14.00	3.35
4	8/5/2022 15:55	Denmark	RANDERS FC	7	v	3	HORSENS	2.80	15.00	45.00	4.60	4.80	8.60	27.00	15.00	6.60
5	8/5/2022 15:55	Romania	UNIVERSITATEA CLUJ	13	v	15	PETROLUL	3.70	15.00	40.00	5.20	4.20	6.40	35.00	15.00	5.00
6	8/5/2022 15:55	Italy Cup	UDINESE	0	v	0	FERALPISALO	1.79	22.00	99.00	3.60	7.00	18.00	25.00	23.00	15.00
7	8/5/2022 16:25	Bundesliga 2	GREUTHER FURTH	15	v	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	v	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	v	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	v	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	v	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	v	6	FC EINDHOVEN	4.90	14.00	25.00	7.40	5.60	5.20	35.00	14.00	3.15
13	8/5/2022 17:55	Holland 2	DORDRECHT	5	v	16	RODA	8.40	17.00	20.00	13.00	7.80	4.30	50.00	17.00	2.02
14	8/5/2022 17:55	Holland 2	HERACLES	8	v	1	ADO DEN HAAG	2.65	15.00	40.00	4.70	5.80	8.60	23.00	15.00	6.20
15	8/5/2022 17:55	Holland 2	BREDA	14	v	7	HELMOND	1.95	18.00	70.00	4.00	7.00	14.00	22.00	19.00	11.00
16	8/5/2022 17:55	Holland 2	TOP OSS	17	v	11	JONG UTRECHT	3.00	14.00	35.00	5.20	5.80	7.60	24.00	14.00	5.20
17	8/5/2022 17:55	Holland 2	VENLO	19	v	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	v	12	JONG PSV	2.28	16.00	45.00	4.30	6.60	10.00	22.00	17.00	7.40
19	8/5/2022 17:55	Slovenia 2	TRIGLAV KRANJ	13	v	16	PRIMORJE AJDOVSCINA	1.94	16.00	60.00	3.65	5.80	12.00	21.00	17.00	9.20
20	8/5/2022 17:55	Hungary	VASAS	9	v	1	PAKSI	3.80	13.00	30.00	6.00	5.20	6.40	28.00	13.00	4.20
21	8/5/2022 17:55	Turkey	ISTANBULSPOR AS	13	v	18	TRABZONSPOR	7.40	15.00	25.00	9.80	5.20	4.50	50.00	15.00	2.50
22	8/5/2022 18:10	Switzerland 2	XAMAX	10	v	1	YVERDON-SPORT	3.95	14.00	28.00	6.20	5.40	6.20	29.00	14.00	3.90
23	8/5/2022 18:10	Switzerland 2	THUN	9	v	6	AARAU	3.45	14.00	27.00	6.00	6.20	6.60	25.00	14.00	4.10
24	8/5/2022 18:25	Poland	LEGIA WARSZAWA	7	v	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	v	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	v	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	v	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	v	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	v	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	v	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	v	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	v	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	v	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	v	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	v	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	v	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	v	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	v	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	v	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	v	0	REGGINA	2.04	19.00	80.00	3.75	5.80	14.00	26.00	20.00	12.00

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