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The Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone (EC-SL) yesterday, Thursday, November 17, published the verified and final Provisional Registration Data for the 2023 elections. The list showed a total of 3,269,462 voters that are eligible to cast their ballot in the June 24th, 2023, general election.

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LOCAL NEWS MPs' lateness still notorious in Parliament

By Alfred Koroma

Thinking about a key challenge in the current Parliament of Sierra Leone? That's MPs' persistent lateness and unpunctuality, an issue grumbled about severally by the House Speaker, yet no improvement.

Parliament holds normal plenary sittings at 10 am, but hardly had the House started sittings on time without half of MPs being absent, or the business of the House being delayed on waiting for the required quorum of MPs to avail themselves.

Yesterday, a new Bill was introduced in the House while most MPs were absent, including the Leader of Government Business, Leaders of the Opposition Parties and the Whip of the ruling Sierra Leone's People's Party (SLPP). Similarly, last week, the most sought-after Gender Bill which is now an Act, was read for debate in the absence of most MPs, notably, the Gender Committee Chair, Hon. Catherine Zainab Tarawally with her Deputy whose statement was expected to open debate on the Bill.

In its Second Edition of Parliamentary Performance Tracker, the Institute of Governance Reforms (IGR), a think-tank civil society organization clearly indicated how persistent lateness and absenteeism has increased among Members of the Sierra Leone Parliament.

According to the report, 24 percent, almost a quarter of Sierra Leone MPs,



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did not attend half of the sittings between January and March this year. Parliament rarely met on time, and we recorded an average late start of about 30 minutes for the quarter as the leadership waited to meet the 25%-member presence required to form quorum, IGR says in its report published in July, 2022.

The common habit of MPs being late for Parliamentary sittings is an issue upsetting even to the Speaker of

Parliament, Hon. Dr Abass Bundu. Thursday's sitting started with almost the entire House empty of MPs,

provoking the Speaker to hit back on an issue he had severally admonished MPs on, drawing attention to the persistent absenteeism of the House Whip for the ruling SLPP, Hon. Dixon Rogers, whom the Speaker said he hardly see during Parliamentary sittings as opposed to his colleague on the main opposition side.

"One Whip is consistently here, and that is the Whip of the opposition (Hon Hassan Sesay). His opposite member is hardly ever here (Hon. Dixon Rogers); I don't even know his whereabouts," the Speaker said, noting:

"If we do not change our ways, what justification do we have when we go on oversight and find MDAs empty and officers are not at their desks in their offices. What could we say? Could we comeback and report?"

You have no justification... So you would have lost all moral authority to tell the executive that they are not being punctual in their work place. So please let us continue to be exemplars in our work here. I'm sure after this; I'm looking forward to not making this announcement again, on to the end of life of this Fifth Parliament."

Makeni rioters slammed 18 months imprisonment

By Jeneba A. Conteh

Magistrate Isata Sellu of the Pademba Road Court No.2 has on Wednesday, 16 November, 2022, sentenced John Koroma, Mohamed Samura, Alie Jalloh and Charles Caulker to eighteen months imprisonment and at the same time should also pay a fine of four thousand Leones (NL4,000) to the state.

The convicts were arraigned before the court on two count charges of riotous conduct contrary to Section 12(a) of the Public Order Act of 1965 and insulting behaviour contrary to Section 3(1) of the same Act.

According to the charge sheet, the convicts on Wednesday 10 August 2022, at Makeni behave in a riotous manner. In her ruling, Magistrate Tucker, said

the prosecution called four witnesses to prove their case and the testimonies of the witnesses corroborated against the accused.

She further that the accused relied on their statement they made at the police station.

Magistrate Tucker further stated that she has looked at the evidence before her and she was satisfied that the prosecution has proven their case beyond reasonable doubt.

In their allocutus, all four accused pleaded for mercy.

Defense Counsel, Charles Williams in his plea mitigation, pleaded with Magistrate Tucker to temper justice with mercy on the accused, adding that they were first time offenders.

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According to the data, 677,774 eligible voters were registered in the Eastern Region, 540,715 in the Northern Region, 478,017 in the North-West Region, 645,173 in the Southern Region and 927,783 in Western Rural and Urban respectively.

According to the analysis of provisional registration data Kailahun registered 192,938, Kenema 315,835, and Kono 169,001.

Northern Region- Bombali 195,147, Falaba 65,171, Koinadugu 80,614, Tonkolili 199,783.

North-West- Kambia 146,605, Karene 97,156, Port Loko 234,256.

Southern Region- Bo 286,980, Bonthe 99,953, Moyamba 145,331, Pujehun Pujehun 112,909.



Western Rural registered 336,221 while Western Urban 591,562 and Total 927,783.

The Electoral Commission of Sierra Leone on the 24th August 2022 at the New Brookfields Hotel in Freetown launched the voter registration process that started on September 3, 2022 and will ended October 3, 2022.

Ambassador Omrie Golley set to introduce new agriculture initiative



In a series of ceremonies between the 8-14 November 2022, Sierra Leone's former Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, initiated the construction of agric-education centres in different parts of the country.

Ambassador Omrie Golley is the CEO of the Golley Agriculture Development Company which aims at introducing a new agricultural system based on drip irrigation technology, perfected in Israel, to enable crop production continuously throughout the year, instead of seasonally.

The four agriculture centers are already being constructed in Port Loko City in the Northwestern Region, Bumbuna Town in the Northern Region, Gelehun Town in Bo District Southern Region, and Belabu Town Kenema City Eastern Region.

The 4 locations have been carefully selected to serve as demonstration centres of people of the 4 provincial regions of Sierra Leone.

The purpose of the Agric-Education Centre, is to train local student farmers in the latest agriculture technology, including the use of the drip irrigation.

At the end of the training the beneficiaries would be able to create and manage efficiently local farms.

The vision and direction of this project is for each trainee to be capable of functioning both individually and as a member of a team, and will be skilled in agricultural activities such as planning, growing, storing, and distributing agricultural products to domestic markets. The trainees will also learn how to run agricultural projects as economic and profitable businesses through the use of modern agricultural technologies and management systems, thus increasing production and quality, and reducing costs.

In very colourful and joyful ceremonies across the four regions, Ambassador Golley was feted by the people for bringing in Israeli technology to advance food sufficiency and security as well as an opportunity for export.

The programmes in each of the locations ended with great fanfare and celebration with the traditional 'Matoma' in Bumbuna, Gomboi in Kenema, Ngongor-bee in Bo City, and Bondo women in Port Loko City.



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LOCAL NEWS

Nigerian social enterprise encourages citizens to swap waste for cash

Lagos, Nigeria's commercial hub has many challenges like the traffic grid lock, infrastructure, waste Management among others.

For the city of over 20 million inhabitants, there needs to be a way to sort out its waste management issues. To this end, many organisations in partnership with the Lagos State waste management authority (LAWMA) have come up with a means to effectively deal with waste management in the state.

These organisations use bin lorry, mini buses and tricycles to evacuate waste generated in the state to a dump site or a recycling centre.

According to the chairman of Lagos Recyclers Association, Femi Idwou-Adegoke, there are over One hundred recycling organisations in Lagos which help to recycle waste generated in the state.

One of such organisations is Wecyclers, an organization which operates using "waste for cash principle".

In one of its facilities in Ebutte metta area of Lagos, southwest Nigeria, women and men from vulnerable and low-income families sort out plastic waste to be recycled.

This task is only one out of the routine jobs of these Lagos residents.

Data from the waste management agency in Lagos, says that over 13,000 metric tonnes are produced daily in this mega city.

Managing Director of the Lagos State waste management authority (LAWMA) Ibrahim Odumboni says each Lagosian generates an average minimum of 0.65kg of waste daily. At least 10% of that is being recycled thanks to initiatives like the Wecyclers.

"Adopting Proper Waste Management helps our environment to become better, because most of these materials that we dispose of as waste can be reused into other products", operations lead at Wecyclers, Oluwabunmi Ayoola says.

She also emphasised the importance of recycling waste, "by reusing them (waste) we are reducing the amount of raw materials that we need to create new materials, we are reducing the energy that we put into the environment which can cause greenhouse gases. Green houses gases help to reduce atmospheric oxygen"

Ayoola adds: "By adopting proper waste management, we are promoting community health, we are preserving marine lives."

Exponential growth
Founded by Bilikiss Adebisi-Abiola in 2012, Wecyclers has grown exponentially using its waste for cash principle.

Speaking on the goal behind initiative, Ayoola said "the goal of creating wecyclers, a recycling company, is to help people capture value from their waste, and low income communities have a source of livelihood. It is also to improve the culture of recycling"

The waste for cash principle has had impact on the lives of wecyclers subscribers.

Kafayat Ibrahim runs a restaurant on Ibadan Street, Ebutte Metta Lagos.

"The initiative helps the unemployed to be engaged, they are able to fend for their family from the funds they get from the organization. Once people knew what they could get from handling over waste to recyclers, many of them especially the unemployed took it to heart. Now, many of them are able to take care of



Waste sorters working for organisation Wecyclers in one of its facilities in the Lagos area. - Copyright © africanews David Agunloye Taylor

their families from what they get from the organization." said Ibrahim
Another subscriber, Femi Taiwo said the organisation has helped with finance to meet some of his needs.

"Most subscribers use the stipends from Wecyclers to take care of their families, especially someone like me." Femi Taiwo.

The end goal amongst others of this initiative is protection, conservation of the environment and sustainable development.

Changing lives

Most of the waste picked up across parts of Lagos are sorted and recycled. "Since the launch of this initiative, Lagos has seen a facelift. You can hardly see plastic bottles in the gutters. We also collect take away packs among others", said Omowunmi Babatunde, a sorter.

"This is my eighth year working with this organization and I have used the proceeds from the job to cater to the need of my family, educate my children among others", she explains.

I must say the management are very nice to us, they provide us with all with equipment for the job, they also help to meet our health needs"

Ridwan Ibrahim, a rider who goes about picking up waste with his tricycle said "if not for this job, I would have been on the street wasting my life. This job helps me to take care of myself and my mother".

Ibrahim adds: "When I completed my secondary school education, I did an engineering job for a while, later I joined Wecyclers.

I am happy to be contributing to a cleaner Lagos."

Correspondent David Agunloye Taylor says

In Nigeria, where the unemployment rate is estimated to be 33 percent, this initiative has become a source of income for many unemployed, low income and underserved citizens. And more importantly it has helped to rid the environment of waste and promote sustainable development.

UNESCO aims to increase African presence as Heritage list turns 50

The pyramids of Giza have been around for thousands of years - and they're celebrating 50th anniversary this week - that of World Heritage sites.

Lazare Eloundou Assomo, director of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, explains the origins of the famous list:

"On 16 November 1972, this important text (Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage) was adopted -- which has a very nice preamble and very precise articles and among them the need to create a list of sites which would be recognized as the most important sites of humanity, allowing the international community to act very quickly to preserve them in the face of (natural) disasters, in the face of conflicts, in the face of other development issues," he says.

Most of the sites are popular tourist

destinations.

Some countries have more than 50 sites, but others - like 12 African countries - have none.

UNESCO says the African continent accounts for just nine percent of World Heritage sites.

"Out of a World Heritage list of 1,154 sites, almost half of these sites are mostly located in Europe and North America region," says Eloundou Assomo.

"Globally, one of the least represented regions on the World Heritage List is sub-Saharan Africa and then the Arab States. So, there is indeed an imbalance in terms of statistics on the list and this is an issue on which we will continue to work together with the member states."

The World Heritage Convention works to preserve and protect its sites, which once inscribed, can access

World Heritage funds.

The recognition usually benefits the area with increased tourism, but this perk can be a double-edged sword.

"When we talk about visited sites, we are talking about where tourism is much more present. And these sites, which are the most visited, for the most part, are certainly in regions like Europe, like in North America. Many sites are also visited in Asia, and we know that tourism brings a lot to the development of sites, but also creates new jobs and helps with the well-being of populations because it is precisely in development. But tourism can also be when it is mass tourism, a factor of concern for World Heritage sites," says Eloundou Assomo.

On the list, 52 sites are currently categorized as 'in danger.'

Eloundou Assomo gives an example of the African continent.

"In Africa, we will take the Virunga

National Park which is a park. There are, for example, very important endemic species, like the last mountain gorillas and many others," he says.

As UNESCO celebrates the 50th anniversary of the convention in Delphi, Greece, the organization wants to stay true to its founding principle.

"It is important that the world heritage sites do not lose their value for the role they play and that we work together so that they can be preserved today and passed on to future generations who will continue to preserve them," says Eloundou Assomo.

UNESCO is expected to announce an action plan for the future of the World Heritage Convention to make the list more representative and make the sites more accessible and sustainable.

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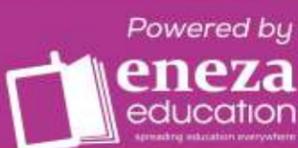
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LOCAL NEWS IFAD's Executive Board Members to visit Sierra Leone

The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) today announced the visit of the delegation of its Executive Board members to Sierra Leone from 19 to 26 November 2022. The Board Members will be accompanied by the Associate Vice President in charge of programme department, the Regional Director for West and Central Africa, the Country Director for Sierra Leone and Liberia of IFAD as well as other IFAD Senior Staff from HQ.

In line with the procedure approved at its session in December 2012 regarding the Executive Board's annual country visits, the Board decided to undertake a country visit to the Republic of Sierra Leone in November 2022.

The objective of the visit is to promote strategic partnerships with the government and IFAD on agriculture and rural development. The visit is also a great opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of IFAD's work in the field, including the challenges and constraints faced by IFAD-supported operations.

In Freetown, the Members of the Executive Board will meet with the President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, Julius Maada Bio, the Minister of Agriculture, The Minister of Finance, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, other Government officials of Sierra Leone at the central and local level. They will meet also the United Nations Country Team and the Donors in the country.

The delegation will visit IFAD and the



Harvesting onion in Lungi

Government of Sierra Leone funded projects in Bo, south of the country, Kenema in the east, and Makeni and Lungi in Port Loko, north of the country. They will see first-hand how programme participants, in particular women and young people, have improved their lives, and discuss with them what further challenges they face.

IFAD is the largest and most active donor in Sierra Leone's agricultural sector, and it has supported the government in its fight against the Ebola Outbreak from 2014 to 2016. It has supported many of institutions close or downsized their operations, IFAD supported community banks and financial services associations known as village banks remained the sole providers of banking and financial services in most areas of the country. More recently, the Rural Poor Stimulus Facility, implemented through the Agricultural Value Chain Development



Maramapa Masiemra Community Bank supported rice farmers

Project has helped mitigating the negative impacts of Covid-19 on the livelihoods of the small-scale farmers and other rural people across the country.

"IFAD will never let down Sierra Leone," said Pascaline Barankeba, IFAD Country Director for Sierra Leone. "IFAD is committed to

accompany Sierra Leone in its process of recovery and rural development".

Since 1979, IFAD has partnered with the Government of Sierra Leone to combat hunger and rural poverty. To date, the Fund has invested US\$171.25 million in nine projects and programmes in the country benefiting 547,500 rural households.

National Council for Civic Education and Democracy Agency bill discussed

By Jariatu S. Bangura

The Deputy Minister of Planning and Economic Development, Rev. Jonathan Titus-Williams, yesterday, November 17, introduced the National Council for Civic Education and Democracy Bill 2022, to Members of Parliament for the establishment of an agency.

The bill seeks to establish a National Council for Civic Education and Democracy for the purpose of continuous nationwide civic education on the roles and responsibilities of citizens for the duty of patriotism and nationalism and to bring government and government related development programmes closer to the people for better understanding and ownership of same and to provide for other related matters.

Also, the agency will have an administrative structure that would be headed by the Executive Chairman appointed by the president and his deputy, who is also appointed by the President.

According to Rev. Jonathan Titus-Williams, the National Council for Civic Education and Democracy seeks to maximise the broad benefits of civic awareness and practice to national development, adding that the institution will be well positioned to carry out its mandate.

"This is so because there is the political will to promote civic education nationwide," he said.

He said NaCCED also has the requisite staff base, regional structures, network of relevant stakeholders, unique programmatic approach (360 degree model) and multimedia production capability to effectively carry out its mandate.

He said before the 1980s, Civic Education was a feature of the country's education curricula, but it gradually phased out and ceased, resulting in near total breakdown of civic knowledge and practice.

He said the proclamation made by President Bio, NaCCED became the country's first institution mandated to

the sole purpose of national civic education. He said it was a crucial first step to ensuring the resurgence of civic awareness and practice in nation building.

However, he said it sustainability needs to be established through making it an Act of Parliament, thereby enshrining it in the laws of Sierra Leone.

That development, he said, would reinforce the political will of the government whilst also taking advantage of the country's current inclination towards enhancing civic awareness and practices.

He stated that the establishment of NACCED as an agency was expected to have optimise the use of civic education in building a strong sense of citizenship and nurturing of a culture of patriotism and to serve as a national state vehicle for citizen's wholesome education on national policies legislations, regulations and relevant instruments for effective State management.

He said the agency will provide much critical interface between the government of Sierra Leone and non-state actors in promoting inclusivity, participation and citizens empowerment, using various mechanisms including, but not limited to consultations, dialogue, community and town hall engagements.

Also, he said the council will aid in the development of civic knowledge and understanding, create civic skills and aptitudes, and nurture civic values and dispositions for an informed and engaged citizenry.

He maintained that NaCCED shall develop systems and procedures that provide clear and timely accounts of its financial position, embark on cost cutting measures in terms of delivery of its programmes and review of its structures for implementation, cost recovery through services provided to the communities and other civil society organizations, and generate income through sub-contracting and provision of expertise and materials on civic education to like-minded organizations.

Islamic Development Bank delegation pays courtesy visit to Finance Minister

On 16th November 2022, a delegation from the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) paid a courtesy visit to the Minister of Finance, Dennis K. Vandi, and his team at the Ministry of Finance, George Street in Freetown.

This visit is part of a five-day working visit to Sierra Leone to review ongoing projects and discuss pipeline projects with the Government.

Making his statement, the Country Manager of the Islamic Development Bank, Omar Davies expressed delight to meet with the Minister of Finance and team.

He stated that the focus of the team's visit is to close on the completed projects the Bank is funding and also explore the opportunities for further support to Sierra Leone, especially in the areas of private sector development, health care, and infrastructure.

He acknowledged the current debt situation in the country and intimated that the Bank is willing to increase its concessional financing to the Government of Sierra Leone.

Minister of Finance, Dennis K. Vandi welcomed the team to Freetown and



indicated that the government has been looking forward to such an engagement. He acknowledged the Bank's intervention in key sectors and emphasized the need to scale up investment in road infrastructure.

Hon. Minister also welcomed the idea of funding a private hospital project. He closed with a request to the Bank to consider the Trade Financing Proposal to finance the importation of essential commodities like fuel and foodstuff.

The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) projects portfolio currently stands at about US\$ 169,375,000 covering 10 projects in Agriculture, Road-Infrastructure and Health.

NEWS AROUND AFRICA COMPILED BY GABRIEL BENJAMIN

WHO announces clinical trials of Ebola vaccine in Uganda

The World Health Organization (WHO) announced on Wednesday that three trial vaccines for Ebola will arrive in Uganda next week.

The announcement was made during the G20 meeting in Indonesia.

"Today I'm pleased to announce that the WHO committee of external experts, has evaluated three candidate vaccines and agreed that all three should be included in the planned trial in Uganda. WHO and Uganda's minister of health has conceded and accepted the committee's recommendation. We expect that the first dose of vaccines to be shipped to Uganda next week", announced Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO

Director-General.

An Ebola outbreak in Uganda was declared in late September. Since then, Ebola claimed at least 55 deaths.

"We hope - I dearly hope - that this epidemic goes away. And this epidemic is controllable without vaccines, it's clear that we can get containment without vaccines. But it's also clear from the Congo experience that you can get to control much quicker using effective vaccines and that's where the answers we need to get", said Michael Ryan, WHO health emergencies director.

Two of the three trial vaccines were developed in the UK, the third trial vaccine comes from the US.

African students face discrimination in battle for Canada visas



Long viewed as a multicultural and inclusive nation, Canada admitted recently that its immigration system is tinged with racism and concern has risen over high rejection rates for African students.

"I have met people who have had their visas refused more than five times," says Serge Nouemssi, white coat and pipette in hand.

Originally from Cameroon, the 33-year-old biology student has been working on his doctorate for more than three years in a laboratory at the University of Quebec at Trois-Rivieres (UQTR).

Surrounded by greenery, the campus located halfway between Montreal and Quebec City hosts more than 15,000 students, including the largest proportion of Africans in the province -- 65 percent of international students.

But "we have seen rejections of up to 80 percent of applicants coming from Africa," says the school's rector, Christian Blanchette, who noted it has been an ongoing problem "for several years."

In a report quietly released at the end of September, the national immigration department said it "recognizes the presence of racism in Canada and within our own organization."

According to federal data, Quebec is the Canadian province with the highest rejection rate of African students -- around 70 percent from French-speaking African nations between 2017 and 2021.

The data says applications from France, Britain or Germany to study in Quebec are almost always accepted -- approximately a 90 percent approval rate.

'Absurd' refusals

As well as having to pay tuition ranging on average from Can\$17,000 (US\$12,750) to Can\$19,000 per academic year to study in Quebec and rising up to Can\$50,000, African students must also provide financial guarantees.

"For us Africans, generally they (immigration officials) insist on proof of financial means" to be able to afford to live and study in Canada, explains Nouemssi.

"There are cases where we have demonstrated financial resources that were close to one million dollars," explains Caroline Turcotte-Brule, an immigration lawyer. "The agent replied that our client did not have enough financial resources."

"I have the impression that it's a bit random," she adds, specifying that the reason for refusal is often the same: "a fear that the person will not return to his country of origin after" his studies.

"It's a bit of hypocrisy," said Krishna Gagne, another lawyer who notes that students have the legal right to consider staying in Canada after their studies.

Ottawa has even been encouraging foreign students to do so as it rolled out incentives in recent months in order to help deal with a labor shortage.

Sitting at her desk in a small laboratory at the end of a maze of underground corridors, Imene Fahmi says that she had to try twice before being able to come and study in Quebec.

"I encountered a lot of difficulties", explains the Algerian-born doctor, who was refused the first time because the program she'd chosen was "not related to her previous studies," even though she had been aggressively recruited by her future research director.

She had to apply a second time and wait eight months before finally getting approvals.

"In regards to immigration, there doesn't seem to be an understanding of the nuances and backgrounds of certain students, so we have refusals which are a bit absurd," her research supervisor Mathieu Piche says, unable to hide his frustrations.

Refusals and delays have consequences on the students but also "on the work of the teachers," he adds.

'Systemic racism'?

The problem does not only affect students. In July, Canada faced a backlash over its denials of visas for hundreds of delegates, including Africans, that were to attend the AIDS 2022 conference in Montreal.

In its September report, the government promised better training for its immigration agents, consider creating an ombudsman post to manage disputes and review its much maligned case processing software.

Those efforts are welcomed by Turcotte-Brule, but she underscores that there has been "a problem of systemic racism for a long time" in Canada and that "it will not be resolved overnight."

Language proposal stirs thorny debate in troubled Mali

Mali gained independence from France in 1960, yet even today French is the language of government business, used on road signs and in state TV broadcasts. But on Bamako's streets, French is rarely heard, and out in the bush even less so.

Mali has scores of its own languages -- which is why, for some, it rankles that the tongue of the former colonial ruler is the only official language.

A few lines in the country's draft constitution are now fanning calls for change, albeit at the cost of reminding the West African nation of some of its many problems.

"It's been 60 years since independence -- is it normal that French is our only official language?" asked Ali Guindo, a resident of the capital Bamako.

"We have lots of languages here in Mali," he said outside his home in Torokorobougou district. "It would be good to cement them in our official culture."

The debate has been sparked by the unveiling last month of a draft constitution, billed by the ruling junta as crucial for saving Mali from jihadist insurgents.

As in the 1992 constitution it is designed to replace, the charter identifies French as the "language of official expression."

But, in a change, it also says local languages are "intended to become official languages."

More than 70 languages are spoken in Mali, a deeply poor Sahel nation with a fast-growing population of some 21 million.

Of these 13 are recognised as "national" languages but French is the only official one, meaning that it is used for government and regulatory business, said Amadou Salifou Guindo, a specialist in sociolinguistics.

Among the major local languages, Songhay and Tamashek are widely spoken in the north; Fulfulde in central areas by the Fulani, an ethnic group also known as Peul; Bambara predominates in Bamako; and in the country's far south, Senufo and Soninke prevail.

- Difficult debate -

The few words in the proposed Article 31 have now fired up discussion, from TV talk shows to chats over tea in informal get-togethers known as grins. Among the questions: is it time to elevate vernacular languages to the status of official tongues? If so, which ones? And how can this be achieved?

But these questions also have swirling undercurrents.

One is Mali's relationship with France, the country's traditional ally, which has hit rock-bottom since the junta came to power in August 2020.



Some have used the bust-up to seize on Article 31 as a means to phase out French and make Bambara, the most-used language in Bamako, the official one instead.

But to do so touches on the sensitive question of national identity, potentially alienating speakers of other languages.

"Maliens are afraid of an official language being imposed to the detriment of others," said Guindo the linguist.

Another problem is rather more basic: teaching children to read and write in their local languages, which are rooted in oral traditions.

Tech support: A woman uses a dictionary app to help her type a message in Bambara on her smartphone

Under former president Moussa Traore who was ousted in 1991, experimental schools were set up that taught in vernacular languages.

The "revolutionary" idea foundered on a lack of state investment, and the schools came to be seen by parents and teachers as second class, writer and publisher Ismaila Samba Traore said.

- French dominates -

Local languages are still being taught, but on a small scale.

At the languages faculty at the University of Bamako, department head Mahamadou Kounta teaches Bambara to around 20 students.

The work, he says, is akin to sowing seed.

"When our students graduate, they will be able to read and write in the national languages and they in turn will be able to work to perpetuate them."

Traore, who runs a publishing company called La Sahelienne, has been in business for 30 years.

He is one of the few publishers in Mali to bring out books in local languages -- typically educational works ordered by international NGOs.

Other than that, publishing remains overwhelmingly in French.

Changing the constitution will not by itself alter habits that have been entrenched for decades, Traore admitted.

"Certain processes cannot be achieved from one day to the other -- you have to let things incubate," he said.

Ramaphosa's alleged corruption report to be examined on December 6

A long-awaited report on an alleged corruption scandal targeted at South African President Cyril Ramaphosa a month before a crucial deadline for his political future, will be examined on December 6, the parliament announced Thursday.

An independent parliamentary committee was tasked in September with examining President Ramaphosa's accountability in the 2020 case and issuing findings that could lead to a possible vote for his impeachment.

"The parliamentary committee met this morning. The date for the submission of the report was extended to November 30. It was decided that the National Assembly would examine this report on December 6," ten days before the congress of the historic ruling party, the ANC, parliamentary spokesman Moloto Mthapo told AFP.

The parliamentary recess that was supposed to start on December 1 has been postponed to consider the report, which was originally due by Thursday.

The African National Congress (ANC) must meet from December 16 to choose whether or not to invest Mr. Ramaphosa's candidate for a second term in the presidential election of 2024, re-electing him president of the party.

The successor to Jacob Zuma, who was forced to resign in 2018 after a series of scandals, the current president is expected to tackle the corruption front that he has vowed to eradicate.

According to a complaint filed in June by former South African intelligence chief Arthur Fraser, burglars broke into a farm owned by the president in Phala Phala, in the country's northeast, in February 2020. They found large sums of money in cash.

Cyril Ramaphosa is accused of concealing the robbery from the police and the money from the tax authorities, organizing the kidnapping and interrogation of the robbers, and then bribing them to keep quiet.

The President, who was repeatedly attacked on the subject during heated sessions in the Assembly, denied the accusations, questioning the amounts mentioned and maintaining that the money found was in fact from the sale of livestock. He also denounced the political aims of his opponents.

In South Africa, the impeachment of the head of state is subject to a two-thirds majority vote in the National Assembly. The ANC led by Cyril Ramaphosa holds more than two-thirds of the seats.

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LOCAL NEWS Two sentenced to 80 years imprisonment for Robbery

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

Justice Momoh Jah Stevens (JA) has sentenced 24-year-old Chernoh Jalloh and 28-year-old Yomie Strasser King to 80 years imprisonment each, after they were found guilty of robbery with aggravation.

The Judge handed down the sentence after the accused person were found guilty of the

three counts of conspiracy, robbery with aggravation, and causing grievous bodily harm.

It was alleged that the convict on diverse dates between the 23rd May, 2022, and 27th May, 2022, in the Western Area of Freetown, conspired together with other persons unknown to commit a felony to wit robbery with aggravation.

It was alleged that the accused

person being armed with a black Knive robbed Bintu Turay of barbing machine, Puma Slippers, wedding ring, and other items with the total value of eleven million Leones, property of Bintu Turay.

Justice Stevens said the accused persons pleaded guilty when the charges were read to him and didn't waste the court time after the charges were read to them.

"I submit that the prosecution has proven it case beyond all reasonable doubt against the accused persons. I therefore hold the accused person guilty as charged of three count charges of conspiracy, robbery with aggravation, and causing grievous bodily harm. The two convict are therefore sentenced to eighty years imprisonment," he ordered

Man sentenced 3 years for land fraud

By Jeneba A. Conteh

24-year-old Abdulai Mustapha Jabbe made his first appearance before Magistrate Peter Gogra of the Pademba Road Court No.6 in Freetown on four count charges of obtaining money by false pretences contrary to Section 32 (1) of the Larceny Act of 1916.

According to the particulars of offence, on diverse dates between Wednesday 18th May to 28th July 2022, at Leicester, in Mountain Rural District in Freetown, with intent to defraud, obtained the sum of

thirty four million Leones (34,000,00) from Joseph Omeh Kallon by falsely pretending that he had two town lots of land at Gloucester Village for sale, knowing same to be false.

The charges were read and explained to the accused person and he pleaded guilty.

The accused person was unrepresented but he pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy

However, Magistrate Gogra due to the plea mitigation from the accused person, he sentenced him to thirty six months.

Foreign Ministry Bags Chinese scholarships for 28 Sierra Leonean students

By Alhaji Haruna Sani

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Professor David John Francis has through his lobbying influences secured 28 Scholarships for Sierra Leonean students to study in twenty different Universities in China this year.

The Scholarship which covers Tuition waiver, free on-campus accommodation, monthly stipend and comprehensive medical insurance was awarded to deserving Sierra Leonean students as part of the Human Capital Development campaign of President Julius Maada Bio.

Since the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Sierra Leone on July 29th, 1971, the

Chinese government and people have provided valuable assistance to Sierra Leone's economic and social developments.

"China is a reliable and strong partner for Sierra Leone. The country looks forward to deepening cooperation with China in various fields. Sound relationship and meaningful cooperation between countries require solid political foundation and enabling social atmosphere. I'm glad to see that China-Sierra Leone traditional friendship is deep-rooted in the fertile political and social soils of our two countries," Minister Francis said.

He advises and welcomes Sierra Leonean students to study hard in science and technology and explore the opportunity of exchange and cooperation in the future.

Alleged Sexual predator remanded

By Mohamed J Kargbo

Justice Emmanuella Harding of the Freetown High Court has remanded Alpha Bangura who was accused of sexually penetrating a 17-year-old girl on July 18, 2022 at Shebro Tong, Goderich in Freetown.

The accused is standing trial on one count charge of sexual penetration of a child contrary to Section 19 of the Sexual Offences Act of 2012.

The indictment was read out to

the accused by the court Register, but which he plead not guilty of the allegation made against him

The state prosecutor, Robin-Mason Jr, said that they intended to bring four witnesses in the next adjourned date to testify in court and strengthen their case.

Due to the absence of witnesses, the court was unable to proceed so the matter was adjourned to the 12 of December 2022 for further hearings.

Change of Name



I, Adama Oury Toure of 19, Korombo Lane, Wellington, Freetown wish the public to know that I have relinquished my former name, Adama Wurie Turay, and now wish to be known and addressed as Adama Oury Toure. All documents bearing my former names remain valid.

The general public should please take note.

By: Adama Oury Toure.



Sierra Leone Compact
Development Unit
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SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)

Country	Sierra Leone
Project Name	Sierra Leone Compact Development Program
Procurement Title	Individual Consultant Services for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Consultant
Procurement Ref. Number	SLCDU/CDF/IC/2022/09
Type of Procurement	Consulting Services (Individual Consultant)
Employer	Sierra Leone Compact Development Unit (SLCDU)
Publication Date	November 7, 2022
Submission Deadline	10:00am GMT, November 30, 2022

- The United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation (“MCC”), and the Republic of Sierra Leone (the “Government”) signed a Compact Development Funding Agreement (as amended or otherwise modified, the “Grant Agreement”) on March 3, 2022, pursuant to which MCC agreed to provide a grant of up to **Eleven Million, Nine Hundred and Seventy Thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy-Five U.S Dollars (\$11,970,375)** (“MCC Funding”) to the Government to facilitate the development and implementation of a proposed Millennium Challenge Compact between the United States of America and Sierra Leone (such processes, collectively, “Compact Facilitation”).
 - The Government has designated the Sierra Leone Compact Development Unit (SLCDU) to oversee and implement the compact development process in accordance with the terms of the Grant Agreement. The Grant Agreement requires the Government (including any designee) to ensure that it procures all goods, works and services related to Compact Facilitation in accordance with the MCC Program Procurement Guidelines (“PPG”). The Government, acting through the Sierra Leone Compact Development Unit, intends to apply a portion of the MCC Funding to eligible payments under a contract for which this Specific Procurement Notice (“SPN”) is issued.
 - Any payments made by the SLCDU under the proposed contract will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement and related documents, including restrictions on the use and distribution of MCC Funding. No party other than the Government and the SLCDU shall derive any rights from the proposed Compact or have any claim to the proceeds of MCC Funding. The Compact Development Funding Agreement and its related documents can be found on the MCC website (www.mcc.gov).
 - MCC requires that all beneficiaries of MCC Funding, including the MCA Entity and any applicants, Bidders, Suppliers, contractors, Subcontractors, consultants, and sub-consultants under any MCC-funded contracts, observe the highest standards of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. MCC’s Policy on *Preventing, Detecting and Remediating Fraud and Corruption in MCC Operations* (“MCC’s AFC Policy”) is applicable to all procurements and contracts involving MCC Funding and can be found on the MCC website at: <https://www.mcc.gov/resources/doc/policy-fraud-and-corruption>.
 - SLCDU now invites Applications from eligible **Individual Consultants** to provide the consultant services for **GIS Consultant**.
- More details are provided in the Terms of Reference of the Request for Application (RFA).**
- Location: The location of the assignment is **Freetown, Sierra Leone**.
 - Anticipated Start Date: **January 2023**.
 - Duration of Assignment: **6 Months**
 - Individual Consultants will be selected under the Individual Consultants Selection (ICS) method in accordance with the procedures set out in the MCC Program Procurement Guidelines which are provided on the MCC website (www.mcc.gov/ppg). The selection process, as described, will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.
 - Consultants interested in receiving the RFA and submitting Application should register their interest by sending an e-mail to The Interim Procurement Agent, Zenobia.Maddy@crowagents.co.uk, copy to The Procurement Manager SLCDU, SLCDU.procurement@gmail.com with subject: (**Request for GIS Consultant RFA**) giving full contact details of the Consultant. This will ensure that the Consultants receive updates regarding the RFA.
 - The deadline for submission of Applications is **10:00 am GMT, November 30, 2022**.
- Yours sincerely,
Ndeye Fatu Koroma
National Coordinator, Sierra Leone Compact Development Unit



UNICEF Public Notice for Sale of Used Items November 2022

UNICEF intends to dispose of two used Toyota Hilux Pick up 4x4 vehicles and one used Toyota Hiace Minibus. Sealed bids are invited from interested persons.

Conditions

1. The 3 vehicles can be inspected at the UNICEF Country Office within the Central Medical Stores Compound, New England, Freetown, on Thursday 17th November and Monday 21st – Thursday 24th November, from 2pm- 4pm on these stated days.
2. During inspection standard COVID-19 procedures will be followed including temperature checking, hand washing, and regulating number of persons entering the premises.
3. The items will be sold to the bidder with the **highest acceptable bid** on an "as is where is basis".
4. After inspection interested persons may collect **BID FORMS** from UNICEF Offices at Central Medical Stores - Freetown, Caritas/Pastoral Centre, Teko Road – Makeni or 51 Maxwell Kobi Street – Kenema.
5. **An advance payment of 10% of the offer price is required (in the form of a certified cheque in the name of UNICEF Sierra Leone) when sending sealed bids. The certified cheque should be enclosed in the sealed bid. Bank certified checks are bank checks guaranteed by the bank that funds stated on the check are available for payment to UNICEF. This advance is non-refundable for all successful bidders.** The successful bidder will be required to make payment of the remaining 90% within five working days after the offer is given by UNICEF; and to take possession of the items won for immediate removal from the office premises. Unsuccessful bidders will have their cheques returned to them.
6. UNICEF agrees to sign the Sierra Leone Road Safety Authority (SLRSA) Vehicle Transfer Form for transfer of ownership of the vehicle from UNICEF to the successful bidders.
7. UNICEF was exempted from taxes on these vehicles, successful bidders will now be required to pay the applicable taxes to the government through the National Revenue Authority. The taxes will be determined by the National Revenue Authority based on the value and physical condition of the vehicle.
8. Items once sold will not be returned to UNICEF under any circumstances.
9. Sealed bids containing the completed BID FORM and cheque, clearly marked "BID FOR USED UNICEF ITEMS November 2022" on the envelopes' front side and addressed to:

The Secretary, Property Survey Board,
UNICEF Freetown Office,
Central Medical Stores Compound,
New England Freetown
10. Bidders are responsible for the accuracy of their bids and for meeting all conditions set out in the advertisement, including enclosing the 10% certified cheque in the required format. Non-compliance with any element of the guidelines in the advert for preparation and submission of bids may be grounds for disqualification and declaration of bids as invalid.
11. UNICEF reserves the right to accept or reject any bid AT ITS SOLE DISCRETION.

should be dropped in the bid box at the above address not later than 10 am on Monday 28th November 2022. Bidders in the provinces can drop their sealed bids at the offices in Kenema or Makeni observing the same deadline above.

Educating girl child leads to every perspective of education

-CEO Madina Lewis Foundation

By Yusufu S. Bangura



CEO of MLCF & beneficiaries pose for photo

Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Madina Lewis Children's Foundation (MLCF), Juliett E.B Bright, has noted that educating girl child leads to every perspective of education that strives at improving the skill and experience of girls. She made the above statement during a donation ceremony at Murray Town community in Freetown where they donated learning materials to both primary and secondary pupils. "Educating girl child leads to every perspective of education that strives at improving the skill and experience of girls which comprises the general education at schools, colleges, professional education, vocational education, and technical education," she said. Madam Bright said supporting and promoting girl child education and health sensitization are the main teams for them because girls who receive education are less likely to marry young and more likely to lead healthy and productive lives. She continued that if a girl is educated, she can earn higher incomes, participate in the decisions that mostly affect them, and they could also build better future for themselves and their families. "It is of essence that we know the importance of girl child education in our society. Education is a vital part of a living being, whether it is a boy or a girl. Education assists an individual to be smarter, to learn new things, and to know about the facts across the globe. It is perceived to be the important key to terminating poverty, crime, health issues, and child marriage towards females," she said. MLCF Chief Executive Officer said an educated girl can educate her

entire family for the improvement of a Sierra Leonean society or the complete world, girls should be well educated for a better future.

"We do not have much or neither do we have sponsors, but because we are committed and passionate about girl child education and health sensitization we have been able to fulfill this commitment every year. It has not been easy for us considering the current state of prices of commodities globally that is why we are calling on NGOs and other partners to partner with us so we can make the world a better place for everyone," she said.

Giving brief background of the foundation, elderly daughter of the CEO, Kumba Turay said the foundation was established in 2015 as a result of the increase of drop out of girls from school due to the lack of funds.

She said their parents were not able to pay school fees them and purchase other necessary school materials for them.

She said before the establishment of the foundation, there was a lot of girl children in the communities that were not attending school, but instead they were out there doing street trading and living in brothels.

She continued that the foundation was seeking to give helping hands to the less privileged girls by empowering them to be educated in the future, adding that they also care for their wellbeing in growing up to be good examples to their fellow sisters in the communities.

One of the beneficiaries, Etmonia Thomas from Methodist Girls High school thanked the CEO for the learning materials given to them and promised to make good use of the materials donated to them.



GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE
Environment Protection Agency
Office of the President
92 Dundas Street, Freetown



The Environment Protection Agency Sierra Leone (EPA-SL) is the Agency responsible for providing adequate environmental protection and other related matters. The EPA-SL continues to grow to meet environmental management challenges and has the following available position.

ENVIRONMENT OFFICER

Closing date: 30th November 2022.

Duties

- To assist in collecting data and information on the environment for the state of the environment report.
- To assist in developing environmental education and awareness-raising programmes in the Agency.
- To assist in organizing schools, farmer base organizations, and civil society groups to take active roles in environmental education and awareness programmes.
- To assist in preparing periodic reports on monitoring exercises and other activities of the Agency.
- To provide input into quarterly and annual reports, work plans, and emerging programmes.
- To assist in the investigation of public complaints and undertake monitoring of activities of establishments as directed by his or her Superiors.
- To regularly provide information on the Agency's programme to proponents, interested stakeholders, and departments.
- To assist in preparing and writing quarterly/annual reports on programme activities and projects.
- To assist in carrying out sensitization and public awareness programmes
- To assist in the organization of seminars and workshops on national environmental programmes.
- To assist in the review of Environmental Impact Assessment Reports.
- To liaise with Non-Governmental Organizations to carry out the Agency's mandate.
- Participate in implementing the Agency's Strategic and Action Plan at the Regional and District levels.
- To assist Local Council Environmental Units in developing their work plans per EPA's mandates.
- Any other duties assigned following the mandate of the Agency.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Degree in Environmental science or Chemistry with a minimum of 2 years' Work experience on environmental issues, especially in Forest management or biodiversity protection and conservation in an environment-related institution, environmental pollution and Waste management.
- Knowledge in research work ;
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Applications.
- Knowledge of the Environment Impact Assessment process.
- Conversant with drafting project proposals and reporting; Strong laboratory management and research.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.

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Interested candidates should forward applications indicating the position applied for at the top right-hand corner of a sealed envelope, together with credentials and updated Curriculum Vitae, including the name and addresses of three (3) referees, to:

The Executive Chairman
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Or email: hr@epa.gov.sl.

Women are strongly encouraged to apply.



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INFORMATION EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION OFFICER

Closing date: 30th November 2022.

Duties

- To promote and enforce behavioral change through information, communication and education of the Sierra Leonean population.
- Coordinate environmental education awareness raising activities of the Agency.
- Develop booklets on local and ecological issues
- Perform qualitative research in support of communication activities.
- Develop programmes on environmental education with government ministries, departments, local councils and NGOs.
- Assist in the planning and implementation of formal environmental education in schools.
- Organize environmental educational seminars workshops and facilitate training of local group leaders.
- Develop quarterly news bulletins on behalf of the Agency.
- Assist in the development of environmental management programmes and communication development plans.
- Any other duties assigned in accordance with the mandate of the Agency.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Degree in Mass Communication, Education, English, Law or Political Science
- Minimum of 2 years' experience in a similar capacity.
- Professional experience in environmental management or an educational institution, or community relations or media relations.
- Proficient in Microsoft office applications
- Strong communication skills
- Ability for analytical and strategic thinking and result oriented
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.

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Invitation for Bids

Action to Empower Marginalised Adolescent Girls (AEMAG) Project

Introduction

ActionAid Sierra Leone is a registered international organization (NO: 27264198) founded in 1972 operating in more than 45 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. ActionAid started operations in Sierra Leone in October 1988, ActionAid Sierra Leone is operating in the Western Area, Kambia, Bombali, Tonkolili, Bo, Kono and Moyamba Districts. The agency works in partnership with poor and marginalized people to eradicate poverty by overcoming the injustice and inequity that causes it.

Project Overview

People's Postcode Lottery has recently awarded a fifteen-month project to ActionAid Sierra Leone and its Partners: titled "Action to Empower Marginalized Adolescent Girls". One of ActionAid's key activities provide start up kits to skills training Beneficiaries. The project will be implemented in Bo District and Western Area. ActionAid, therefore, seeks a supplier to bid for the following Lot of items:

LOT ONE (1):

Skills Centre Start-up Kits Listing Information				
Sn	Description of Catering items	Unit of measurement	No. of item per student	Quantity
1.	Locally made Aluminum Pots (set)	Set of 1	1	17
2.	I. Manual Oven (same as Wonder stove) built with clay – 031 631003 – Mr. Turay II. Portable oven/coal pot	Pieces	1	17
3.	Sets of Assorted Cooking Spoons, both wooden and metal: I. Flat spoons, II. Dip spoons, III. Perforated Frying spoons IV. Mixing spoons	Sets of 2	1	17
4.	Sets of Assorted kitchen Knives	Set of 1	1	17
5.	Local Assorted cake baking pans (round, square, heart shaped)	Set of 1	1	17
6.	Serving Tray (Aluminum big size)	Pieces	2	17
7.	Frying Pan (Aluminum)	Pieces	1	17
8.	Big Chopping Board	Pieces	1	17
9.	Hand Cake Mixer – Aluminum	Pieces	1	17
10.	Cake Decorating Set: I. Piping tube and tips II. Turntable – is use during piping III. Cake knife IV. Fondant cutter (like a wheel) V. Cake Spatula	Set of 1	1	17
11.	Rolling Pin (Board)	Pieces	1	17
12.	Founting	Pieces	1	17
13.	Plastic Table	Pieces	1	17
14.	Food Warmer (set) OR Coolman	Pieces	1	17
15.	Blender - normal blending			

LOT TWO (2):

Skills Centre Start-up Kits Listing Information				
Sn	Description of Hairdressing items	Unit of measurement	No. of item per student	Quantity
1.	Plastic stools – (Low and High)	Pieces	1	9
2.	Handheld Hair Dryer – (Medium size electric)	Pieces	1	9
3.	Hairdresser Mirror – (Big size)	Pieces	1	9
4.	Stretching Comb	Pieces	1	9
5.	Curling Pin	Pieces	1	9
6.	Flatter (Electric)	Pieces	1	9
7.	Rollers – (Assorted)	Pkts	3	9
8.	Hair for Braiding (Expression) Assorted	Pkts	4	9

9.	Weavens Assorted	Pieces	3	9
10.	Wool	Roll	1	9
11.	Mannequin Head/ Dummy Head	Pieces	1	9
12.	Perming Kits: I. Perming cream, II. Vaseline, III. Comb, IV. Styling gel, V. Oil sheen,	Set of 1	1	9
13.	Big Weavon Needle	Pkts	1	9
14.	Scissors (small size)	Set of 2	1	9
15.	Black Weavon Threads	Pkts	1	9
16.	Assorted Hair Exits	Pieces	1	9
17.	Foot Spar – (A bowl that feet of pedicure customers are placed for the purpose of washing them with chemical).	Pieces	1	9

LOT THREE (3):

Skills Centre Start-up Kits Listing Information				
Sn	Description of Tailoring items	Unit of measurement	No. of item per student	Quantity
1.	Pedal Butterfly Sewing Machine	Pieces	1	34
2.	Machine needles	Box	1	34
3.	Machine oil	Can	1	34
4.	Shuttle	Pieces	3	34
5.	Riller	Pieces	5	34
6.	Charcoal pressing IRON	Pieces	1	34
7.	Tape Measure	Pieces	1	34
8.	Pair of Scissors	Pieces	1	34
9.	Hand needle	Box	1	34
10.	Needle clap	Pieces	3	34
11.	Wax Cotton Material	Pieces of 12 yards	1	34
12.	Poplin Material	Roll	1	34
13.	Sticker	Roll	1	34
14.	Assorted Threads	Pkt of 12pcs	1	34
15.	High Stool	Pieces	1	34

- Bidders should quote for above item in Leones, Bids will be evaluated, and contract will be awarded to the Bidder meeting the required qualification criteria.
- The selected supplier should supply 100% of the goods within 2 (two) weeks after receiving the purchase order.
- Payment will be done within 2 (two) weeks after 100% supply of goods is received with invoice, and delivery note.

3 This requirement is for National bidders only

- *A Certified True Copy of a Valid Business Registration/Renewal Certificate
 - *A Certified True Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate from the National Revenue Authority (NRA)
 - *A Certified True Copy of National Social Security and Insurance Trust (NASSIT) clearance certificate
 - *Valid Municipal/Local Council license
- Bids must be sent in either hard or soft copies. Hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to:

Procurement Committee
ActionAid Sierra Leone Head Office
97c Wilkinson Road, Off Thompson Bay
Church Yard Junction
Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Soft copies can be submitted to AASL's procurement committee with
Email: procurement.aasl@actionaid.org

Bids must be delivered to the above address on or before **3Pm** Wednesday 23rd November 2022.
Late Bids will be rejected.

Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders or representatives at the above address on
Thursday 24th November 2022 at 10:00 AM at the Head Office ActionAid Sierra Leone – 97
Wilkinson Road; Church Yard – Freetown.
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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
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- 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.**



About Us:

Serengeti Energy has an ambitious mandate to create positive impact from its activities in markets across Sub-Saharan Africa. The company invests in and co-develops small and medium-sized renewable energy projects of up to 50 MW in Sub-Saharan Africa at various stages of the project life cycle (development, construction, and operations). Serengeti Energy is committed to long-term investments, deploying patient capital in the form of equity and quasi-equity financing.

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>

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:

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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
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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
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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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Sports Writers call on Anti-Corruption to investigate Leone Stars UAE friendly

The Sports Writers Association of Sierra Leone (SWASAL) has in a presser expressed their dismay and called on the country's Anti-Corruption Commission to investigate the Sierra Leone Football Association (SLFA), Ministry of Sports, and the National Sports Authority (NSA) over what they described as a clandestine trip to the UAE with the Sierra Leone senior national football team, Leone Stars, for "so called" friendly matches.

According to a SWASAL statement signed by their Secretary General, Fracess Bernard Bundur, the Sports journalists body is disappointed that the trip was shrouded in secrecy as local sports journalists were not even aware of their departure to UAE for the two scheduled 'unofficial friendlies'.

The Association further stated that the football authorities did not even publish the list of the official delegation to UAE.

"SWASAL is also concerned when it learned that majority of the officials who made the trip had no significance to either the players or the friendlies but were included for probably a jolly ride and the collection of per-diems. These people owe Sierra Leoneans a lot of explanation; they need to answer so many questions including the total cost of the trip and how much the Government of Sierra Leone contributed."

"Other important questions the authorities need to answer include: Who organized the said friendly and what is the engagement fee? Who are the opponent teams?"

"This is a very unfortunate and sheer waste of limited resources that could be utilized for the development of other sporting disciplines, for example, the national cricket team that is scheduled to play in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup sub-regional qualifiers. We know football is



popular but other sporting disciplines are in dire need of support to bring laurels to our country. Look at the recent achievement of Canadian-Sierra Leonean female boxer, Sara Haghighat-Joo, Sierra Leone's first Gold medalist in the 2022 AFBC Women Boxing Championship in Mobuto, Mozambique," the SWASAL President, Sahr Morris Jnr was quoted in the release.

They further stated that "SWASAL Calls on the Anti-Corruption Commission to investigate the UAE international friendlies. The UAE trip is suspicious and it calls for an investigation. The government

and its agencies responsible for sports in the country should be more responsible, transparent, and accountable in carrying out their duties. It is a disrespect to the local media and citizens for the authorities to make such an international trip without officially informing the public."

However, the Associated applauds the Government for its continued support of football but also urges them to seriously consider the allocation of funds and other resources for the development of other sporting disciplines and the much-needed sporting infrastructure.



Boxing: AFBC educates & cautions aggrieved boxing faction

The African Boxing Confederation (AFBC) has in a letter educate and warn members of the Sierra Leone Boxing Association faction over issues within their Association.

An email from AFBC Secretary General, André Basile Kalong informed the faction that issues within SLBA should be settled and resolved internally adding that the Solomon Kargbo-led executive is the sole interlocutor towards the International bodies.

The email reads: "I hope this email finds you and your family in good health. Following your email dated October 28, 2022, I would like to let you know that the Sierra Leone federation executive led by Mr Solomon Desmond Kargbo is the sole interlocutor towards the International bodies."

"As you seem to have some misunderstandings or conflict in your federation, be advised that it's an internal matter that has to be solved by the disciplinary

bodies through the mechanism provided in the federation's constitution instead of exposing it."

AFBC further stated that: "They will not accept local matters should be carried out of the federation and by somebody or a group of persons who has no quality."

The letter from AFBC was a direct reply from John Fobe, Executive Vice President who stated that boxers, coaches and team/member officials list submitted for the IBA World Youth Boxing Championships in La Nucia, Spain this November were processed and forwarded without due consultation and approval of the SLBA Executive Committee members and Technical and Coaches Committee.

He stated that the list comprises a sizeable contingent that is not even members of the Sierra Leone Boxing Association (SLBA).