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By Yusufu S. Bangura

Citizens across the country through the Citizen's Manifesto launched by the Institute for Governance Reforms (IGR) have urged the next government to introduce traffic light and reduce traffic police officers from the streets, to avoid the incident that occurred on August 10 between citizens

and police officers.
What happened: On Thursday 13th April, with funding from the Ireland Government, IGR launched the Sierra Leone Citizen's Manifesto 2023 at City Hall in Freetown on the theme, 'Making Elections Meaningful, Promoting Electoral Justice and Policy-Based Voting in Sierra Leone'.
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ENVIRONMENT

By Ishmael Kindama Dumbuya,
Senior IEC Officer - EPASL

In 2022, the President of Sierra Leone, Dr. Julius Maada Bio, signed into law the new Environment Protection Agency (EPA) Act of 2022 after constructive debate and enactment- by the Parliament of Sierra Leone. Law on cross curtain and emerging issues were developed through wider consultations involving Members of Parliament, environmental rights groups, civil society organizations, the media, Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of Government, and the public at national and sub-national levels.

The Environment Protection Agency Act of 2022, continues to strengthen and enhance the Environment Protection Agency of Sierra Leone to implement international environmental and climate change laws and policies. It further empowers the Agency to enforce compliance in line with environmental standards.

The EPA Act 2022, is one big achievement under the astute leadership of Dr. Bondi Gevao, Executive Chairman, EPA-SL. The Act received Presidential assent on the 6th of September 2022 through the dynamic leadership of the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Prof. Foday Moriba Jaward.

Environmental protection and management in the country have evolved and passed through several phases with the development of relevant policies and legal frameworks. Before 2008, environmental management and protection functions were placed under the National Commission on the Environment. The first framework legislation on the environment is the Environment Protection Agency Act of 2008 which established the Environment Protection Agency Sierra Leone and placed it under the supervision of the Ministry of Lands and the Environment. The 2008 Act was amended in 2010, placing the Agency under the Office of the President.

To harmonize critical environmental laws and enhance sustainable environmental governance practices, the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change and the Environment Protection Agency initiated a review of the 2008 Act and its 2010 amendment. This led to the enactment of the Environment Protection Agency Act of 2022 which harmonizes the former, strengthens existing provisions, and establishes new legal norms and structures that promote inter-agency and whole-of-society approaches for robust, effective, and efficient protection and management of the environment in the country.

To address existing and emerging environmental challenges, including the three planetary crises- climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss - countries need to strengthen existing institutions and legal frameworks and build stronger ones that adopt whole-of-society approaches. The new Act strengthens existing structures and establishes new ones for enhanced protection and management of the environment at all levels and across all sectors.

The new EPA Act of 2022 is a strategic document for the effective protection & management of the environment in Sierra Leone

Under the new Act, the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change would now play an oversight and supervisory role and provide policy direction and guidance to the Agency. It also coordinates and promotes the implementation of national environmental policies and Multilateral Environmental Agreements signed and ratified by Sierra Leone. The ministry, in consultation with the Board, also has the power to make regulations for the effective implementation of the 2022 EPA Act.

Further, the Board of Directors, consisting of 13 members, serves as the government of the agency. Its membership is constituted mainly to promote and ensure an inclusive and impactful approach to environmental governance. It is responsible for the control, supervision, and overseeing of the sound and proper management of the finances of the Agency, providing policy guidance and advice for the overall efficient performance of its functions, approving environmental impact assessment and public disclosure reports, and direct the Executive Chairman to issue Environmental Impact Assessment Licences to proponents.

The Environmental Protection Agency is the principal organ responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the Act and all other environmental regulations made under the Act. Its functions have been strengthened for greater enforcement actions, coordination, and mobilization for the result-based environment and climate actions. Among others, the Agency performs the following functions: advises the Minister on the formulation of environmental policies, coordinates bodies engaged in the technical or practical aspects of the environmental and promote effective communication between such bodies, collaborates and coordinates with foreign bodies for the implementation of the Act 2022, ensures compliance with Environmental Impact Assessment procedures, act in liaison with other institutions and bodies to control pollution and protect the environment, conduct investigations into environmental issues and advise the Minister, promote studies, research, surveys and analysis for the improvement and protection of the environment, promote formal and informal education programmes to raise public awareness of the environment and its importance to the growth of Sierra Leone, promote effective planning and develop a database for environmental management, make environment data and information available to the public, promote the establishment of national standards and guidelines on ambient air, water and soil quality, and pollution, issue guidelines for the implementation of the Act, coordinate climate change actions for consistency in the development and implementation of policies and laws to address it, act as the focal point on all environmental issues, and develop standards and guidelines for the importation, handling and use of all chemicals.

Moreso, to enhance sound environmental management and protection in the country, committees that promote and ensure a whole-of-society and whole-of-system approaches in the implementation and enforcement of environmental law and climate change policy



have been established in the EPA Act 2022. These committees include the following: Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) Implementation Coordination Committee, the National Compliance and Enforcement Coordination Committee, and the Chiefdom/ Ward Environment Committees.

Chaired by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, the Multilateral Environmental Agreements Implementation Coordination Committee coordinates and enhances the effective implementation of all MEAs signed and ratified by Sierra Leone. It constitutes all focal points of MEAs in different Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs).

It performs the other following functions: gather information and prepare and submit reports on MEAS implementation to sub-regional, regional, and global organizations, reports on the outcomes of conferences, meetings, and training on MEAs, and prepare annual reports on the implementation of MEAs.

The National Compliance and Enforcement Coordination Committee was established to build effective synergies in compliance and enforcement actions in the implementation of environment-related legislations and its core functions include: coordinating inter-agency enforcement actions of environmental law, collaborating with, and building effective synergies among MDAs in the enforcement of environmental law, educate the public on compliance practices and enforcement procedures of environmental law and prepare periodic reports on the discharge of its functions.

The creation of Chiefdom/Ward Environment Committees was necessitated to bring environmental governance, including the sustainable management and conservation of natural resources at the local level across the country. Its key functions are to ensure the conservation, protection, and development of the environment within their localities and to also promote the designation and protection of certain areas in their localities for the provision of ecosystem services.

The EPA Act of 2022 also provides room for incentives to be given out to proponents for their good environmental behavior in the country. If there is any reasonable proof that a proponent or

project developer behaves responsibly towards the protection of the environment, such proponent/project developer may enjoy the following packages: inclusion in the Annual Environmental Award, an environmental tax cut, reduction of the EIA fee and the issuance of a certificate for environmental performance.

The certificate for environmental compliance may be issued to a project developer or owner for satisfactory mitigation and improvement of the quality of the environment. A private sector institution, a Non-Government Organization, or a public or private person may be recognized or awarded for good environmental practices, innovation, or involvement in ensuring a safe, clean, healthy, and sustainable environment. Funds may also be designated to encourage research and innovation in environmental management and protection in educational institutions.

To enhance compliance with and enforcement of, environmental norms and standards, the Act of 2022 creates several offenses which are either criminal, civil, administrative, or regulatory in nature. Among them is undertaking or causing to be undertaken any of the activities set out in the First Schedule without a valid environmental impact assessment license issued by the Agency for that purpose. The Act now sets the new penalty and fines to a minimum fine of SLE 50,000 old leones, or a minimum term of 2 years imprisonment, or both the fine and imprisonment for a citizen of Sierra Leone while SLE 150,000 old leones for a non-citizen and SLE 500,000 old leones for a corporation.

Recognizing the importance of information and education about the environment, the new Act also creates room for information, education, and public awareness of the environment. It is important to note that environmental information, knowledge, and awareness are key for everyone to play a role in the protection and management of the environment. The agency has the responsibility to ensure that the public gets access to environmental information, promotes environmental education, and creates awareness among the people for effective environmental protection and management.

Further, under the 2022 EPA Act, every person has the freedom of access to environmental information submitted to the Agency. Any person who wishes to access information from the Agency should make an application to the Executive Chairman, and the agency should grant access to information with terms and conditions.

The Agency also has the responsibility to gather, analyse, manage, and disseminate environmental information for which it is granted the right of access to all environmental information of a public nature which it shall properly manage and determine the deficiency in any such information. Under the new Act, the Agency, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, may adopt strategies and measures to mainstream environmental education in learning institutions.

In conclusion, therefore, the new EPA Act provides opportunities for the sound and effective protection of the environment through inclusive, participatory, and people-centered approaches. Sierra Leoneans must therefore put all hands on deck to ensure a safer, cleaner, and more sustainable environment.



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LOCAL NEWS Saidu Turay aka Big-Zed wins APC primary for Councilor

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

Saidu Turay alias Big Zed has secured a landslide victory in the just concluded primary election conducted by the main opposition All People's Congress Party (APC) in Ward 435.

Saidu Turay Alias Big Zed polled 14 votes out of the 24 delegates to defeat three other aspirants. His closest rival, Abubakair Bangura, polled 7 votes.

Big Zed has been a household name when it comes to local politics in the New England Ville, Dwarzark, and the Sumaila Town communities.

He has facilitated the implementation of a lot of projects within the Dwarzark and New England Ville communities, respectively.

After he was declared winner, Saidu Turay thanked God for the opportunity given to him by the people of his community to serve as their coordinator for the June 24 general elections.

Turay said the journey has not been easy for him over the past years, and that in 2017, he was an



Saidu Turay Alias Big Zed newly elected aspirant for councilor

aspirant for the same position but was not fortunate to win.

He said after that election in 2018, he had so much courage to run for the second term in which he has emerged as the winner.

He boasted that he deserves the win based on his remarkable contributions to the communities he will be representing.

He added that since the APC lost the presidential election in 2018, he has been supporting the party in so

many ways, ranging from his participation in all internal elections across the country and mobilising community stakeholder meetings in the interest of the party.

He continued that he played pivotal role in the Ward, District and the National Delegates' conference elections, especially as a member of the Task Force of the APC party.

Turay said ward and community executive did no mistake by voting him because his work in the party has spoken a lot for itself, adding that he will continue to preach the good work of the APC party at all times.

He encouraged his opponents to support him so that the party will be at the State House come June 24th 2023.

Citizens demand traffic lights, want traffic police out of the street

From Cover



Representatives from Bonthe district presenting their demands & commitments

In 2018, IGR launched the first Citizen's Manifesto where citizens highlighted seven demands for government to focus on after elections, but most of the demands were not met.

What citizens said in the Manifesto?

Representatives of various districts right across the country emphasised the need for more street lights and the reduction of police personnel in the street, as a way of eradicating bribery or minimizing it. They said if police are reduced from the streets, provision of jobs for youths and skills development will be easily attained.

They also stated in their resolutions that they are committed to keeping their districts clean, stop begging politicians, stop bribing police and people of authority and allow the law to take course.

What IGR said: Andrew Lavalie, IGR boss said during the survey, they conducted 2,400 interviews across the 16 districts where citizens demanded five key things for political parties to bear in mind or be included in their manifestos once they win the 2023 national elections.

"By harnessing the power of technology, we can significantly increase citizens' trust of the police and build a more secure country," he said, adding that after the August 10th incidence, it was established that police accountability had gone very low since 2012 to date.

He went on to state that a section of the August 10th report shows that the fall in police moral was as a result of the police traffic management, which has implication on market women increasing the price of their goods after calculating what they have spent along the way to the market.

What Ireland Ambassador said? The Irish Ambassador, Clarie Buckle said it is a priority for them to work with civil society organizations to engage citizens on developmental issues, noting that the citizens Manifesto is one of such issue.

"This Manifesto is the voices of citizens of their lives experiences and this should be closely reviewed by those who wish to represent them. Proudly we see from the outcome of this process the importance placed by citizens on accountability, transparency and issues with they are

Leone Stars Coach testifies in court

By Jeneba A Conteh

The National Coach of Leone Stars, John Keister, was before the principal Magistrate of the Freetown Magistrate Court No 1, Mark Ngeba to testify against Abdul Kasim Bangura, whom he alleged of stealing huge sum of money in his vehicle.

The accused was arraigned before the court on one count charge of Larceny contrary to Section 2 of the Larceny Act 1916.

According to the charge sheet, the accused on Thursday, 30 March, 2023, at Wilkinson Road in Freetown, entered into the vehicle of John Keister and stole there the sum of thirty-two thousand, seven hundred and fifty Leones (NLe 32,750), property of John Keister.

Led in evidence by the prosecutor, ASP Christiana Davies Cole, the witness John Samuel John Keister recognised the accused in the dock and recalled on the 30 March, 2023.

He said on that day, at around 2:00pm, he packed his Lexus Jeep with registration number AOB 111 along NASSIT drive, with two ladies standing beside the vehicle, adding that he left his green bag at the back seat of the vehicle and went to buy something.

He said upon his return he met the right side glass of the vehicle damaged and that he tried to open his vehicle with the car key but was unable to do so.

He continues that he called his mechanic, who helped him opened the vehicle door.

Keister further testified that after the vehicle had been opened, he immediately checked for his green bag and that to his surprise the bag was not in the vehicle.

He added that the bag contained his computer laptop, hand drive and fifty Leones note with his official documents.

He said he asked the two ladies about what happened with his vehicle but they replied that they had not knowledge and that he immediately went to Lumley Police Station and made a report.

He said he and the police officers went to the scene of crime and his mechanic drove the vehicle from the scene of crime to fix it.

The witness was cross examined by the accused himself as he was unrepresented in court.

Meanwhile, Magistrate Ngegba refused bail and adjourned the matter to the 25 April 2023 for further hearing.

LOCAL NEWS

By Hassan Gbassay Koroma

Chief Electoral Commissioner and Chairman of the Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone (ECSL), Mohamed Kenewui Konneh, has disclosed that about 2,613,655 voters have collected their voter identity cards, representing about 77% of total registered voters.

The distribution process which started on April 7, at all the 3,630 Centres across the country, ended last Sunday, April 16.

"Provisionally, about 2,613,655 voters have collected their voter registration cards. This represents about 77% of total registered voters. This figure is provisional as not all centres were reported on during the process," he said.

He made the disclosure at the Commission's conference room, Tower Hill in Freetown, while briefing the press about the development of the collection of the ID cards and other developments within the commission.

He stated that throughout the ten-day period, the process was generally peaceful, and thanked and appreciated the significant role played by the Sierra Leone police

and the Office of National Security (ONS) in providing security during the card distribution exercise.

He also noted that, there were 5,205 photoless registrants, 502 mismatched and 9,061 misplaced voters, adding that procedures dealing with those cases were strictly followed during the exercise, including issuing of cards and attestations and relocation voters to their correct registration centres.

He said the collection of voter registration cards will continue at the various district offices nationwide from Monday 24th April 2023.

In another development, he stated that, on April 17, the Commission signed contract with 25 Civil Society Organizations (CSO's) to strengthen electoral education and sensitization on the Proportional Representation.

As National Returning Officer, he also declared uncontested paramount chief members of parliament duly elected as paramount chief members of parliament.

Over 2,613, voter ID cards collected



He stated that by the powers vested in him under Section 33 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991 (Act No. 6 of 1991) and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 66 (b) and 97 (1) and (2) of the Public Elections Act, 2022 (Act No. 4 of 2022), the Electoral Commission successfully conducted the Nomination of Candidates for the election of Paramount Chief Members of

Parliament in 14 ECSL District offices nationwide excluding the Western Area.

He said after close of nominations on Saturday, 1 April 2023, the Commission administered only one Paramount Chief Member of Parliament candidate nomination in the following districts including Kailahun, Kono, Tonkolili, Port Loko, Karene, Bo and Moyamba.

Ballanta Academy & Partners conclude cultural and creative Industries Workshop

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

As part of the framework of the African Caribbean Pacific-EU program which is a support to the culture and creative sectors in West Africa, the Ballanta Academy of Music and Performing Arts and partners have concluded a 4 day workshop training for young people on Cultural and Creative Industries in the country on the theme: "Audio for Video Production & Performing Acts."

The training was climaxed with a well-attended award ceremony of participants at the Ballanta Academy Auditorium on Liverpool Street in Freetown.

Speaking during the ceremony, the Co-Founder of Ballanta Academy of Music and Performing Arts, Dr. Kitty Fadlu-Deen expressed appreciation to all those who supported the training.

She described the training as very important towards the development of the cultural and creative sectors in the country as it intends to boost the potentials of the cultural and creative sector and its contribution to the social and economic development of the country.

Dr. Kitty Fadlu-Deen encouraged



beneficiaries to make good use of the knowledge and skills acquired during the training.

The Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Sierra Leone, Patrick Dzierzon applauded Ballanta Academy of Music and Performing Arts for the amazing work the institution has been doing over the years.

He said that Sierra Leone has a rich culture and that such training is very important towards the development of the cultural and creative industry in the country.

The Representative for Nafon Ba, Adolphe Yace said that the training was part of the framework of the African Caribbean Pacific-EU

program as support to the culture and creative sectors in the West Africa, adding that the program is targeting 16 countries in West Africa.

He said that in the implementation of the program they work with local partners who identify areas of needs.

Adolphe Yace stated that in the course of the 4 day training workshop participants will acquire more knowledge on cultural and creative industries which he said beneficiaries can use throughout their lives.

The Head of Cooperation at the Delegation of the European Union to Sierra Leone, Gerald Hatler, congratulated beneficiaries of the training.

He said that the European Union is very supportive of culture, adding that one of the main aspects of the European Union is unity in diversity and that they have recognized especially that their cultural heritage is different around all member States.

He said the training is very important towards the development of the Cultural and Creative Industries in the country, of which he concluded by commending the Ballanta Academy of Music and Performing Arts and partners for the laudable initiative.

Beneficiaries of the workshop expressed appreciation to the Ballanta Academy of Music and Performing Arts and partners for the training workshop on the Cultural and Creative Industries.

They assured all that the knowledge acquired will be used judiciously towards the development of the cultural and creative sector in the country.

Closing the ceremony was the official certification of beneficiaries by the Head of Cooperation at the Delegation of the European Union to Sierra Leone, Gerald Hatler, the Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Sierra Leone, Patrick Dzierzon.



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LOCAL NEWS Convict gets 2 years imprisonment for stealing Le36m

By Yusufu S. Bangura

High Court Judge, Alusine Sesay, has sentenced Alie Koroma to two years imprisonment after he pleaded guilty to the offence of fraudulent conversion.

It was alleged that the convict on the 1st October 2021 in Freetown conspired with other persons unknown to fraudulently convert Johnson baby lotion products worth NLe36, 000,000 given to him for sale by the complainant.

Before sentencing the convict, Justice Sesay said the convict pleaded guilty to the offence and had not wasted the time of the court.

He added that the convict was a first time offender and a promising young man. In his plea mitigation, the convict pleaded with the judge to temper justice with mercy on him and promised to never repeat such act again.

However, Lawyer Cecilia Tucker

from Legal Aid Board in her plea mitigation pleaded with the judge to temper justice with mercy on the convict, adding that he is a family man.

She informed the court that the convict was a first time offender and must have learnt his lessons during his stay at the Male Correctional Centre.

She called on the judge to take into cognisance the fact that the convict did not waste the court's

time by pleading guilty to the charge, stating that he had shown some amount of remorse for his wrongdoing.

After listening to the convict and the defense counsel, Justice Sesay sentenced the convict to a jail term of twenty-four (24) months or 2 years including time spent in prison. He further ordered that the convict should also pay a compensation fee of NLe2, 000,000 to the complainant after serving his jail term.

First Lady appointed to serve on UN's zero-waste Advisory Board

By Alfred Koroma



First Lady of Sierra Leone, Fatima Maada Bio

UN Secretary-General António Guterres has appointed Fatima Maada Bio, First Lady of Sierra Leone as member of the Advisory Board of Eminent Persons on Zero Waste.

The Board where the First Lady will be serving has an important role to play in supporting zero-waste initiatives in the context of sustainable development.

"As a Board member, I trust that I can count on your knowledge, experience, expertise and commitment to promote zero-

waste initiatives," the UN Chief wrote in the appointment letter.

Given that the concept of "zero waste" is gaining attention worldwide as a sustainable solution to reduce waste, redesign material use and production, promote a circular economy, and inform consumer choices, it is my hope that the multi-partner and multidisciplinary, regionally and gender balanced Board will work to publicize best practices and success stories and raise awareness to promote local and national zero-waste initiatives, he

added.

Mrs. Bio's appointment is in accordance with the United Nations General Assembly resolution on Zero Waste (77/161) of 22 December 2022.

Over two billion tons of municipal solid waste, including plastics, textiles, rotting food, discarded electronics, and debris from mining and construction sites is generated annually by human activities.

Observing the first International Day of Zero Waste in March, the UN Secretary-General called for a

war on waste management, warning the planet is drowning on garbage. By 2050, he said municipal solid waste will double to 4 billion tonnes each year. "It's time to fight back, and launch a war on waste on three fronts."

"We are trashing our only home. We are spewing a torrent of waste and pollution that is affecting our environment, our economies, and our health. Plastics, textiles, rotting food, discarded electronics and batteries, debris from mining and construction sites, abandoned chemical containers — the list goes on," said.

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Date of First Issue: 5th April, 2023

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2. All bids must be accompanied with a Bank Draft in favour of Njala University at the value of 10% of the bidders' offer. Bank Draft from unsuccessful bidders will be returned while those from the successful bidders will be considered as deposit for their purchase. Successful bidders' draft will be forfeited if they fail to make payment within fifteen working days after notification of award.
3. Njala University would not give warranty or bear any responsibility for items bought and found not to be in good working condition.
4. The Bid Application Form can be obtained from the office of the Procurement Officer, Room 7 Secretariat, Njala Campus upon receipt of a non-refundable fee of NLe250 (Two Hundred and Fifty New Leone) to the below mentioned accounts:

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 ACCOUNTNO.: 210113253-01
 BBANNO.: 00-4001113253120144

BANK NAME: Sierra Leone Commercial Bank
 ACCOUNTNAME: Revenue from the sale of Bidding Sub Treasury
 ACCOUNTNO.: 003001081791112183
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BANK NAME: Rokel Commercial Bank
 ACCOUNTNAME: Revenue from the sale of Bidding Sub Treasury
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5. Bids for each item must be addressed and delivered to the Procurement Unit, Room 7, Secretariat, Njala Campus on or before Tuesday 4th May, 2023 at 12:00 noon.
6. The bids will be opened in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend at the address below at 12:00 noon on the 4th May, 2023:
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4	AFY 883	Mitsubishi	Njala Campus
5	ANM 985	Toyota Land Cruiser	Njala Campus
6	ANM 379	Land Cruiser	Njala Campus
7	ADF 422	Land Rover	Bo Campus
8	ADF 430	Land Rover	Bo Campus
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10	ABS 162	Nissan Patrol	Njala Campus
11	AEK 966	Ford Ranger	Njala Campus
12	AHU 200	Hino Truck	Njala Campus
13	AGD 598	Toyota Land Cruiser V8	Njala Campus

B. MOTOR BIKES

SN	REGISTRATION NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
1	AHA 737	Kengo Motor Bike	Njala Campus

C. GENERATORS

SN	DESCRIPTION OF ASSETS	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
1	45 KVA	Perkins	Njala Campus
2	400 KVA	Detroit	Njala Campus
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Invitation for Bids
International Competitive Bidding
Installation of Solar System

Procurement Number: NU/EST/ICB/2023/0006

Date of First Issue: 30th March, 2023

Njala University has allocated funds for the installation of Solar System on Njala Campus and now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the installation of:

No.	Description of Works	Qty	Location	Bid Security (Le)	Completion Period
1	Installation of Solar System on Njala Campus	1	Njala Campus, Moyamba District	25, 000.00	Six Weeks

Bidding is open to all registered bidders who have the capacity to undertake the works.

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BBANNO.: 002001002101242863

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Bids will be publicly opened on Thursday 11th May, 2023 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 address for bids submission:

The Procurement Unit
 Njala University
 University Secretariat
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Ministry of Agriculture (MOF) Building
Moyamba, Sierra Leone

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IFC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)

Invitation for Bids [IFB]
Goods
(One-Envelope Bidding Process)

IFB Number: MAF/SLARIS/VEH/ICB/001/2023
Purchaser: Ministry of Agriculture (MOA)
Project: Sierra Leone Agribusiness & Rice Value Chain Support
Contract title: Project (SLARIS)
Country: Supply & Delivery of Vehicles & Motorcycles for SLARIS
Loan No. / Grant No.: Sierra Leone
2100155040116
Procurement Method: International Competitive Bidding (ICB)
OCBI / LCB No: MAF/SLARIS/VEH/ICB/001/2022
Issued on: 12 APRIL 2023

- The Government of Sierra Leone through the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) has received a Grant from the African Development Fund (AfDB) hereinafter called the Bank toward the cost of the Sierra Leone Agribusiness and Rice value Chain Support Project (SLARIS), and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the supply and delivery of vehicles and motorcycles for the Project Implementing Unit (PMU) and its Implementing partners (IPs). For this contract, the SLARIS shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the Bank's Disbursement Guidelines and procedures for Investment Project Financing, except for those payments, which the contract provides to be made through letter of credit.
- The SLARIS Project Management Unit (PMU) now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the supply and delivery of vehicles and motorcycles for the Project Implementing Unit (PMU) and its Implementing partners (IPs) as follows:

No	Description	Qty	Bid Security Amount (NSLL)	Delivery Period After Award
1	Station Wagon – Hard Top	2	432,000.00	sixty (60) days after signing of Contract.
2	Pickup Van	7		
3	Seven (7) Ton Delivery Truck	2		
4	Motorcycles	3		*This shall be a mandatory evaluation criterion for this requirement

- Bidding will be conducted through the Open Competitive Bidding (International), (OCBI) method as specified in the Bank's Procurement Framework² Rules and Procedure for the Procurement of Goods and Works, and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Framework.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the office of the Project Manager, Sierra Leone Agribusiness and Rice value Chain Support Project (SLARIS), MoA Building, Moyamba, between 9.00AM and 3PM on week days (Monday to Friday only – excluding public holidays). Email: kakuaboy@gmail.com and chriskebbie84@gmail.com. Tel: +232 76 364800, +232 79 453004.
- The bidding document in the English language may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of SLL 1, 500.00 (one thousand, five hundred new leones) or in a convertible currency. All payments for the purchase of the Bidding document should be made to the SLARIS Bank Account with details below:

Bank Name:	Rokel Commercial Bank
Account Name:	Sierra Leone Agribusiness and Rice Value Chain Support Project (SLARIS)
Account No:	02-01-1011970
BBan No:	002001002101197079
Address:	25/27 Siaka Stevens Street, Freetown, Sierra Leone
Ref:	MAF/SLARIS/VEH/ICB/001/2023 - Vehicles and Motorcycles for SLARIS

- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 12:00 noon on **Tuesday, 23 May 2023**. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened will take place at 12:15 Pm in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below:

Sierra Leone Agribusiness & Rice Value Chain Support Project (SLARIS)
Ministry of Agriculture (MAF) Building
Moyamba, Sierra Leone
Email: chriskebbie84@gmail.com with copy to kakuaboy@gmail.com
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Ref: MAF/SLARIS/VEH/ICB/001/2023 - Vehicles and Motorcycles for SLARIS

- All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security of Four Hundred & Thirty-two Thousand New Leones (NSLL 432,000.00) or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency.
- Attention is drawn to the Procurement Framework requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.
- The address(es) referred to above (are):

Att: The Project Manager
Sierra Leone Agribusiness & Rice Value Chain Support Project (SLARIS)
Ministry of Agriculture (MAF) Building
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INVITATION FOR BID

Project Summary:

With funding from Korea International Cooperation Agency and in partnership with ChildFund Korea, ChildFund Sierra Leone will be implementing a project Titled: Increase access to secondary education for Out-of-school girls in the Western area of Sierra Leone from 1st April 2023 – 31st December 2025 in six schools in western urban and rural districts of Sierra Leone.

ChildFund Sierra Leone is seeking for a suitable service provider for the following services:

- Contents of construction per school (2 schools in total)**
 - Two blocks of three (3) classrooms
 - one (1) Teacher's office
 - store
 - 1 ramp and 1 railing
 - Fabrication of classroom furniture (Table and chair)**
-70 sets * 6 classrooms
 - Construction of Toilets: Contents of construction per school**
 - 2 sets of sex-separated VIP latrines with menstrual hygiene for girls and urinal for boys (3 drop holes per set) i.e. one set of two sex-separated latrines per school
 - Construction of hand wash facilities:**
 - 2 Water Tanks: 10,000 litres water tanks (1 per school)
 - Boreholes:**
 - Two Mechanized solar-powered boreholes with elevated towers and six taps for each borehole with water piped to the toilets
- ChildFund invites prospective service providers to reply to this invitation to bid.

Interested and qualified service providers are invited to ChildFund Sierra Leone Office at 84 Regent Road, Hill Station, Freetown, Sierra Leone to collect the full bidding document. Contractors/ service providers can also request further clarifications by email through SierraLeoneProcurement@ChildFund.org

Submission of Bids must be by one of the following methods.

Hard copy submission in the tender box on or before 21st April 2023 by 4:30 pm at ChildFund Sierra Leone office at the above-stated address.

or via email to SierraLeoneProcurement@ChildFund.org on or before 21st April 2023 by 4:30 pm

Please follow the submission instruction as per the bid document.

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VACANCY ADVERTISEMENT

Regional Tally Centre Coordinators

The Electoral Commission Sierra Leone (ECSL) has administrative independence and aims to achieve high levels of effectiveness, accountability, neutrality and efficiency necessary to ensure autonomy as mandated by law. In light of this, the Commission therefore, advertises vacancy for five (5) Regional Tally Centre Coordinators.

These are for five (5) regions for the tally of the 2023 multi-tier election results.

The Commission requests the services of suitable qualified Sierra Leonean to serve as Regional Tally Centre Coordinators (1 per region) for the period of three months (1st May to 3rd July) to assist in the organization of the Tally Centres.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Coordinate the establishment and organization of the Regional Tally Centre
2. Coordinate the recruitment of Regional Tally Centre Staff
3. Coordinate and assist in training Regional Tally Centre Staff
4. Plan and control activities like parking space allocation, visitors, waste disposal, and facility security
5. Supervise all facility staff (Cleaners, Generator Attendant and Security Personnel)
6. Coordinate the welfare of Regional Tally Centre Staff
7. Liaise with Regional Data Management Officer on all Technical issues.
8. Liaise with the District Elections Manager on administrative matters.
9. Report all Technical related issues to the Regional Data Management Officer.
10. Maintain safekeeping of all sensitive and non-sensitive materials at Tally Centre
11. Coordinate safe retrieval of ECSL equipment from Tally Centre to the ECSL District Office.
12. Provide detailed report on all activities undertaken at the regional Tally Centre
13. Perform any other duties that may be assigned to you by your supervisor from time to time.

Qualifications and Relevant Experience

- Bachelor's degree in information systems or related field
- Proven experience in the management of Microsoft Windows Server and MS SQL Server
- Experience in the management of the Voter Verification Kit (VVK) and Voter Identification Unit (VIU)
- Well-versed in Information Technology operations management
- Knowledge of basic computer programming
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Excellent organizational and leadership skills
- Good analytical/critical thinking

Skills and Competencies:

- Proficiency in the use of MS Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- Ability to deal with people from different backgrounds
- Ability and patience to teach and train both technical and not-technical staff.
- Ability to work well under pressure, resolve conflicts, and balance trade-offs.
- Ability to work in a team.
- Interpersonal skills, integrity, and ability to adapt to situations.
- Ability to multitask.

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- All positions in the omission are advertised on an equal opportunity.
- Women and Persons with Disabilities that have the requisite qualification and experience are highly encouraged to apply. All applicants will be required to take a test and attend interview when shortlisted.

Interested and qualified applicants should visit the ECSL online application portal <https://jobportal.ec.gov.sl/> and complete an application. For additional questions or concerns, please email us at info@ec.gov.sl

Closing date for receipt of applications is 1st May, 2023.

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Public Notice

Increase in Advert Pricing for Newspapers

24th March, 2023.

The general public is hereby informed that the Guild of Newspaper Editors - Sierra Leone (GoNE-SL) has reviewed the advert pricing for newspapers as follows:

Black & White

No.	Description	Old Price (NL)	New Price (NL)
1	Quarter Page (¼)	700	800
2	Half (½)	800	1,200
3	Full Page	1,000	1,500
4	Centre Spread	2,000	3,000

Coloured

No.	Description	Old Price (NL)	New Price (NL)
1	Full Page	2,500	3,000
2	Centre Spread	5,000	6,000

The cover price remains the same.

Please note that the new pricing takes effect on Monday, 3rd April, 2023.

Your cooperation is highly solicited.

Signed:
Donald Theo-Harding
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PRESS RELEASE

INCREASE IN COST OF RADIO COMMERCIALS

Mile 91 Town, 25th March 2023

The National Executive and General Membership of the Sierra Leone Broadcasters Association (SILBA) wish to inform the public that the Association has unanimously resolved to increase the cost of radio commercials.

The decision was reached at a national consultation meeting held at Mile 91 Town, Tonkolili District, on Saturday, 18th March 2023, as part of the efforts to meet the current inflation rates and other statutory obligations in the country.

This decision will enhance quality in service delivery and sustainability in the operations of radio stations across the country.

It should be recalled that this is the only increment in commercials announced by radio stations in 12 years.

The Association therefore craves the understanding and patronage of the public.

The new commercial quotation which will take effect on 1st May 2023 shall be as follow:

FREETOWN

1. Jingle - Jingle slot - NL 35.00 per minute
2. Public notice - NL 30.00 per 50 words
3. (a) Cost for 30 minutes airtime, between NL 750.00 and NL 1,250.00 (Depending on the coverage of the Radio station)
- (b) Cost for 1hr airtime, between NL 1,500.00 and NL 2,500.00 (Depending on the coverage of the Radio station)

PROVINCIAL

1. Jingle - Jingle slot - NL 20.00 per minute
2. Public notice - NL 20.00 per 50 words
3. (a) Cost for 30 minute airtime: between NL 500.00 and NL 750.00 (Depending on the coverage of the particular Radio station)
- (b) Cost for 1hr airtime: between NL 1,000.00 and NL 1,500.00 (Depending on the coverage of the particular Radio station)

SILBA regrets any inconvenience this may cause.

END

Signed:

Daniel M. Amara
Secretary General

Approved By:

Stanley Bangura Jr
Chairman

INT'L SPORT

Bayern Munich 'fined Sadio Mane more than £260,000' for punching team-mate Leroy Sane at Man City

Bayern Munich handed Sadio Mane a huge fine and are now keen to sell him this summer after he punched team-mate Leroy Sane during a furious confrontation last week, according to reports.

Things became heated between the pair after the German side's 3-0 defeat at Manchester City on Tuesday, and Mane lashed out at Sane in the dressing room, forcing other members of the squad to step in. Sane was left with a bruised lip following the incident, while Mane was dropped from the squad for Bayern's Bundesliga match with Hoffenheim on Saturday and docked some of his £17m-a-year wages.

The size of the punishment has now been revealed, with Bayern handing out the highest fine in their history.

'According to our information, it is an amount that goes far beyond €300,000 (£260,000), so it's a very, very sensitive fine for Mane,' Bayern expert Florian Plettenberg told Sky Germany.

Mane missed Bayern's 1-1 draw at home to Hoffenheim, and Thomas Tuchel has now won just two of his first five matches since replacing Julian Nagelsmann last month.

The former Chelsea boss has confirmed Mane will be back in contention for Bayern's return match with City on Wednesday as they look to pull off a dramatic comeback to progress to the semi-finals.

Pep Guardiola has suggested the clash between Mane and Sane could galvanise Bayern and give them an extra edge, but the Senegalese forward only started the first leg on the bench and it appears Tuchel is not a fan of the ex-Liverpool star.

Mane is far from certain to start in Munich, and his days at Bayern could be numbered less than a year after he joined the club, with Plettenberg claiming the Bundesliga giants are ready to sell him already.

'From what I'm hearing, Bayern will



try everything to offload Sadio Mane in the summer,' he said.

'From a sporting point of view, Thomas Tuchel has no plans with Mane as he doesn't fit his system. This is my information. The player is

seen very critically internally.'

Mane's first year in Germany has been little short of a disaster after a promising start that saw him score on his Bundesliga debut.

The 31-year-old has been shifted between playing up front and on the left wing without making either spot in the side his own, and he was cruelly ruled out of the World Cup at the end of last year after injuring his right fibula.

Since making his comeback, he has failed to find the net for Bayern and has been consistently benched for big games, including the disappointing loss at City.

Time is now running out for him to prove that he has a future at Bayern, with the team having just six more league games and on the brink of exiting the Champions League at the quarter-final stage for the second successive season.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/football>

West Ham 2-2 Arsenal: Hammers show 'strength, character, discipline' to move clear of drop zone



West Ham have shown "strength, character and discipline" to pull away from the Premier League drop zone, says former defender Matthew Upson.

They battled back from a two-goal deficit to draw 2-2 with league leaders Arsenal on Sunday.

David Moyes' men now sit four points clear of the relegation zone with a game in hand.

The Hammers have lost just one of their past five league games, reviving

their hopes of staying up.

Victories over Southampton and Fulham in recent weeks have helped West Ham to climb further away from the drop zone.

They have picked up eight points from their past five games, compared to just 23 from their previous 25 before then.

'The two wins West Ham had against Southampton and Fulham were just colossal, at a moment where they just had to win, otherwise they would have been really, really struggling,' Upson

said on BBC Radio 5 Live.

'They've ground it out and what David Moyes brings is he's got that strength, that character, that discipline, and West Ham played like that today.

'Yes, there were mistakes and they haven't been good enough with the ball but they've got a bit of steel about them and I think that runs through the club and the squad from the manager down.'

West Ham are still in the Europa Conference League and host Gent in

their quarter-final second leg on Thursday, having drawn the first match 1-1 in Belgium.

Moyes highlighted his players' determination to fight back against Arsenal - especially in the midst of a busy period of games.

'The Thursday to Sunday football is never an easy gig but it is one we are enjoying,' he told BBC Match of the Day.

'When you go 2-0 down to Arsenal you're not sure how to get back into this.

'We put them under pressure when we could but they scored two goals with their quality and it's great credit to the players they stuck at it.

'It would have been a good result getting a point anyway but going 2-0 down and coming back shows great character.

'The games are coming thick and fast and the players are doing a really good job.'

Striker Michael Antonio highlighted the importance of the home crowd at London Stadium.

He told Sky Sports: 'The fans saw we kept having the belief and the fans want to see us fight and they saw that. 'The atmosphere started to grow and they were a massive part of us getting a point.'

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