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*- Says Kande Yumkella*



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By Ishmael Dumbuya

**L**eaders of the National Grand Coalition (NGC), Kande Kollah Yumkella, has said that no NGC member will contest for any position in the Southeast region, especially in Bo District, as they want to support President Bio win the June 24th elections.

He noted that it is part of the strategic alliance they signed with the ruling Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP).

He made the above pronouncement while on the

Radio Democracy's 'Gudmorning Salone' Program. It could be noted that couple of days ago the SLPP and the NGC signed a progressive alliance that will see the incumbent SLPP win the June 24th election. Dr. Yumkella added that a lot of Sierra Leoneans think that he cares more about becoming a president, but that he cares more about the development of the country and it was as a result of that President Bio called him over so that they could drive the country forward side by side.

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## Analysis LRMG supports 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion headquarter's fire victims with building materials

**L**eone Rock Metal Group (LRMG), a leading mining company in Sierra Leone, on the 12th May 2023 donated building materials to the 5th Infantry Battalion Headquarters, Wilberforce Barracks in an effort to support the rebuilding of the community after a devastating fire.

The donation includes a range of construction materials such as cement, paints, and tiles. The Wilberforce Barracks, located in the heart of the community, provides a vital service to local residents by responding to emergencies and providing peace

## No NGC candidate will contest for any position in the Southeast

From Cover



He emphasized that a lot of the provisions of the strategic alliance speak to that of the development and advancement of the country, noting that division and hate will take the country nowhere. He further noted that they are worried as well wishers of the country, seeing the division and hate across the country and that it was on that note he went into an alliance with the ruling SLPP government to build bridges in relation to the current divides. He added that there are people who are always hell bent on spreading hate and division across the country, instead of preaching peace and national cohesion. He mentioned that anytime he sits with President Bio, the paramount discussion between them is finding ways in which they would build and strengthen national cohesion. He went on to state that some time ago he told President Bio his aim of wanting to retire from politics, and the president prevented him from

making such statement, advising that he focused his sound administrative and economic knowledge into advancing the country.

He reiterated that it was on that note that his party will not contest for any position in the Southeast region in order to actualize the dreams of President Bio by making Sierra Leone a better place for everyone, and a country where the youthful population will thrive.

He said a lot of his party stalwarts wanted to contest for positions across the country, but noted that he prevented them from embarking on such journey and admonished them to support President Bio wins the upcoming election.

"The strategic alliance has to do with planning, thinking, and strategizing ways of developing the country. I 100% support the candidature of President Bio and that of Dr. Juldeh Jalloh as Vice President," he ended.



and stability during times of crisis. However, the barracks was severely damaged in a fire that broke out leaving the community without a central hub for emergency services.

The donation from LRMG will help to rebuild the barracks and ensure that the community has access to the emergency services they need. The materials will be used to rebuild the building structure and ensure that it is safe and secure for the soldiers and their families who reside there.

LRMG has a long history of supporting local communities through charitable donations. The company is committed to giving back to the communities in which it operates and beyond. LRMG believes that corporate social responsibility is an essential part of its operations.

Speaking about the donation, the CTO - LRMG, Mr Salim Sillah said, "We are proud to support the Wilberforce Fire victims and the important work they do for the local community and Sierra Leone. We hope that our donation will help to rebuild this vital service,

and we look forward to seeing the Wilberforce barracks back up and running as soon as possible."

The Wilberforce Fire victim donation is just one example of the many community organizations that LRMG supports through its charitable giving and CSR projects. The company believes that by working together, we can make a positive impact in the world and help to build stronger, more resilient communities.

In conclusion, LRMG's donation of building materials to the Wilberforce barracks is a testament to the company's commitment to corporate social responsibility and its dedication to supporting local communities.

"We thank and commend LRMG for their generosity and hope that other companies will follow their lead in supporting their local communities. The company has always been supportive in responding to our concerns and that has helped us improve our services," praised Colonel Karifa Kamara, Chief of staff, 3 Infantry Brigade, Murray Town Barracks. PR & Media Unit, LRMG.





## Employment Promotion Programme (EPP IV)

### Expression of Interest (EOI) for Service Providers to support 190 SMEs with media service delivery and specialized training.

PN: 3010339

#### 1. Background of Employment Promotion Programme (EPP IV)

The Employment Promotion Programme (EPP IV) co-funded by European Union (EU) and the Federal Republic of Germany. The programme is being implemented by German International Cooperation Sierra Leone (GIZ-SL) has as its overall goal ***"promotion of youth employment through local economic development and vocational training"*** In order to achieve this goal, EPP IV works through the private sector and in particular Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) across the country. Agriculture and Finance Consultants (AFC) is a third-party consulting firm supporting GIZ in the implementation of EPP IV. The programme is to be implemented from June 2021 to January 2024 for AFC Interventions.

#### 2. Districts / Areas of implementation

The programme is being implemented with a key focus on three Districts where GIZ-SL operates, namely: Koinadugu/Falaba, Kailahun and Kono. The interventions for the Facility for Growth and Facility for Innovation are extended to other Districts as deemed necessary by the programme. Consequently, interested Service Providers should be prepared to work in other Districts not mentioned in this Expression of Interest (EOI).

#### 3. Our strategy / approach

The Private Sector Department (PSD) is one of the work areas within EPP IV and is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that 190 SMEs are capacitated with in-kind support, such as branding, labelling, jingle creation and broadcasting, designing of logos, signboards, and specialized training within the life cycle of the current programme using a methodology known as ***"Facility for Innovation (F4I) and Facility for Growth F4G"*** in Sierra Leone.

#### 4. Purpose of consultancy

AFC is requesting Service Providers to build the capacity of 190 SME's who need business skills improvement in order to operate profitably. This is done through specialize training, development of jingles, branding and labelling, erection of signboards, basic business entrepreneurial training, coaching to develop and sustainably operate their businesses.

#### 5. Specific objectives

- a) To conduct assessment of the current status of business needs for selected SMEs in the selected geographical areas
- b) To develop individualized concepts and brands for jingles, branding, labelling and logos
- c) To provide specialized trainings for the selected SMEs owners.

- d) To support beneficiaries in formalizing their businesses

- e) To report on tangible results achieved by MSMEs as a result of the in-kind support and specialized training / coaching and its contribution to the accomplishment of the objectives for F4I and F4G, of EPP IV.

- f) To set targets and monitor progress along the achievements of the In-kind support and specialized training of the 190 selected grantees.

There are geographical zones of implementation under this offer. Each zone covers a District of EPP IV: **Zone 1:** Kailahun; **Zone 2:** Kono and **Zone 3:** Koinadugu and Falaba: Zone 4 Makeni, Bo and Kenema Districts. Interested Service Providers (SPs) applying for the assignment will be given the task to service all assigned beneficiaries.

#### 6. Timeframe

The assignment delivery will be in batches of SME's from June 30<sup>th</sup> until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

#### Eligibility / Expertise / Documents to be submitted.

- a) The Service Provider gives poof of good standing, commercial qualification, payment of taxes and social benefits: **Clearance certificate of NRA and NASSIT**
- b) The Service Provider is based and registered in Sierra Leone: **Certificate of Business Registration.**
- c) The Service Provider should have minimum of three (3) years' experience in the tasks outlined for the assignment and should have experience in working in the targeted areas in Sierra Leone and show a wide understanding of the assignment.
- d) **A brief company profile that details the experience in delivering similar tasks**

#### Submission of Expressions of Interest

Service Providers should submit their "Expression of Interest" in a plain sealed envelope in the Tender Box situated at the GIZ Country Office Reception -37 Fraser Street, Freetown **not later than 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 5:00 PM** local time, **clearly marked with "EOI FACILITY FOR INNOVATION (F4I) AND FACILITY FOR GROWTH (F4G) NUMBER- 83434060"**

**Only shortlisted SPs** will be contacted with detailed Terms of Reference and tender documentation for submission of technical and financial bids



## LOCAL NEWS 2023 elections: SLPP receives citizen's manifesto from IGR

By Yusufu S. Bangura

**A**head of 2023 elections, Chairman of the ruling Sierra Leone People Party (SLPP), Dr. Prince Alex Harding, has on Monday, 15th May, received the Citizens Manifesto (CM) from the Institute of Governance Reform (IGR).

The presentation was done at the party's head office, Wallace Johnson Street in Freetown.

Presenting the manifesto to the SLPP Chairman, Executive Director for IGR, Andrew Lavali said they presented the document to political parties for them to include some of the elements highlighted into the party's manifestos, which are yet to be published.

"We are here to campaign to you, to canvas you so that these priorities that are identified by citizens can be featured in your manifesto," he said.

He said he believes no political party is happy with the country's condition, therefore the citizens have requested that the next administration addresses six areas for which they will in turn as citizens undertake an evaluation in 2026.

Listing the six demands made by the citizens, Lavali said people want the next administration to focus on 50% youth employment, reduce the police

from the street and install traffic light, ensure not less than 15% and not more than 30% distribution of public appointment, assets publication for candidates, electronic payment for traffic offences and court cases to reduce corruption and ask that political parties commit to paying executive members of political parties with seats in parliament from the Consolidated Fund.

He also mentioned the commitments made by citizens to stop throwing garbage on the streets, stop building houses in unauthorized locations, and desist from putting undue pressure on judges, police, magistrates and Election Management Bodies (EMBs), among others.

Lavali explained that in the development of the manifesto, representatives of political parties that are in parliament were there with them to review their tools of the methodologies and validating the result to ensure consistency.

He added that they spoke to 800 opinion leaders and reached out to 2,400 people across the country.

Receiving the document from IGR, the Chairman of SLPP, Prince Harding said that some of the things highlighted in the citizens manifesto were already in theirs, but promised to hand over the manifesto to their leader.



IGR Boss presenting the Citizen's Manifesto to SLPP Executives

He added that whatever is in the citizens manifesto that they believe is for the interest of the people will be included in their manifesto, which he said will be out soon.

In the area of traffic light, he said they were currently installing traffic light in key locations.

Chairman Harding said in the area of education, the last citizen manifesto asked for 20% allocation, but they gave 22% budget allocation to education.

He said the payment of executive members of the opposition in parliament is very important for them

to be able to strengthen opposition for a better country, so they would look at it.

"I hope the citizens will keep to their demands they made in the citizens manifesto. The citizens manifesto comes the right time as we are preparing our party manifesto and it will be released soon before the official campaign declared, so we will make sure that we capture everything in our manifesto," he said.

Harding assured that they are committed to ensuring that women are included in various aspects of governance.

## Health Network appoints Deepark Bhurani Board Chairman

**D**ue to his long-standing humanitarian work, numerous, selfless service, commitment, dedication to duty and invaluable contributions and experience in the organisation, at home and abroad, Health Network has unanimously appointed Mr. Deepark Bhurani as its new Board Chairman for a three-year period.

"It is with great pleasure I write to inform you that, following the recent restructuring process of Health Network Sierra Leone, you have been unanimously nominated to be included in the Board of Trustee of the Organisation as Board Chairperson.

Robert K. Kargbo, Founder /National Director – Health Network Sierra Leone, states that "Your appointment to this position comes in the wake of your numerous contributions so far to the progress of the Organisation through your unflinching support to its activities over the years."

The role as Board Chairperson of the Organisation is voluntary and therefore does not require you to run a regular office at its premises. However, you will be required to attend and chair all board meetings of the Organisation at its registered premises or well communicated venues.

Your appointment shall last for a



Mr. Deepark Bhurani

tenure of three years renewable by votes at an Annual General Meeting. Please confirm acceptability by way of consent letter. I wish you all the best in advance to your new role. We are undoubtedly assured of your deliveries counting on your usual support to the Organisation.

## Alleged fraudster remanded

By Mohamed J Kargbo

**T**he presiding Magistrate of Ross Road Court No.1 has ordered the correctional officers to remand Mohamed Sankoh, who was arraigned before him for alleged fraud.

The accused is standing trial for fraudulent conversation contrary to Section 20 (1V) (a) of the Larceny Act of 1916.

It was alleged that sometime in June 2022 at Genner Wright Road, Up Gun, the accused fraudulently converted to his own use and benefit, certain property to wit one Tecno Spark Mobile Phone and a plastic bag containing the sum of one Million Five Hundred Thousand Leones entrusted to him by complainant Yusuf Mansaray for safe keeping.

The prosecution brought in a witness in court, Yusuf Mansaray, who doubles as the complainant.

He recognised the accused as his apprentice.

He said he came with the accused sometimes in June 2022 at Genner Wright Road to do some electrical installation.

The complainant said he was on the roof working on an air condition when the accused took his phone valued two million Leones and a bag containing

the sum of one Million Five Hundred Thousand Leones and fled.

He said that the person he was working for informed him that the accused has gone outside with his bag and belongings.

The complainant said he went in search of the accused, but couldn't find him.

He said even his mobile phone which the accused fled with was totally switched off.

Explaining further, the complaint said he went to trace the accused at Belgium and on arrival, the accused's father told him he was there with the phone, but had gone. He said the father of the accused advised him to report the matter to the police.

The complainant said few days after; he went out at night to buy mobile top up card when he overheard people shouting "Badman".

He said he proceeded to know, who the Badman was and to his surprise saw the accused, and arrested and took him to Ross Road Police Station where he made statement.

The accused who was unrepresented begged the complainant to have mercy on him for what he did.

Magistrate Sahr Kekura refused him bail and ordered him to be remanded at the Male Correctional Centre and the matter was adjourned to the 17th of May 2023 for further hearing.





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## LOCAL NEWS

# Seawright Mining pays over Le1 billion surface rent to three chiefdoms

Sierra Leone mining industry innovator, Seawright Mining Company (SMC) has for the third time paid the sum of eighty thousand US Dollars (\$ USD 80,000) which is equivalent to one billion, eight hundred and five thousand, three hundred and ninety-one Leones as surface rent to Gbense, Tankoro and Kamara Chiefdoms, Kono District.

The payment was made over the weekend at the Native Administrative Barry, Gbense Chiefdom, where Seawright Mining Company Community and Cooperate Affairs Manager (CCAM), Alie Lamin presented the cheques to the Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources who in turned presented the cheques to the Chiefs in the presence of stakeholders, Office of National Security (ONS), youth representatives, civil society, women representatives, Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources and National Minerals Agency (NMA),



Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Press, among others.

According to SMC CCAM, Alie Lamin, the payment was for SMC Boroma Concession on which the Company is undertaking large scale diamond mining in Gbense Chiefdom which host 80% of the concession with a slight concession spilling to Tankoro and Kamara Chiefdoms in the Eastern Region of Kono.

He spoke about the company's good relationship with the people, which he said, they are very pleased with.

According to Lamin by law, mining companies with large scale concessions should pay surface rent.

He explained that at the time they prepared the payment they used the current Bank of Sierra Leone exchange rates for the three chiefdoms.

The surface rent payment is \$ 80,000.00 (Eighty thousand US Dollars) paid in Leones equivalent: Gbense Chiefdom got 80% \$ 64,000.00 while Tankoro Chiefdom got 10% \$ 8,000.00 and Kamara Chiefdom got 10% \$ 8,000.00.

Following the surface rent laws of NMA, the payment was divided into 5 portions for the three chiefdoms:

For Gbense Chiefdom, Land Owners,

Tankoro Chiefdom Administration received 50% which is \$ 4,000.00, Paramount Chief, received 15% which is \$ 1,200.00, City Council, Koidu New Sembehun City Council received 15% which is \$ 1,200.00, for Mining Revenue; Chiefdom Administration, Tankoro Chiefdom Administration received 10% which is \$ 800.00 and 10% which is \$800.00 for Constituency Development Fund for Koidu Town was put on hold for the next Parliament.

In his keynote address, Emanuel Sandy, Deputy Permanent Secretary explained the two roles to pay as Ministry, the community and to protect the investment of the company.

He said 50% is going to land owing families and encouraged them to put their money into good use, noting that after mining would have ended they will have something to point at.

"Even when mining is here, people are still asking for job. We are encouraging the mining companies to empower the community people. Which the companies are doing," he said.

He said they advised SMC to hold on to the Constituency Development Fund until they get new MPs. He also said they have requested for a report of the last Constituency Development Fund money but that they are yet get it.

"We are still asking for the report from Council and the MPs," he said.

Chief Aiah M. Kamanda of Gbason Chiefdom said they are pleased with the company and also calling on the company to improve on the agreement they signed as they are friends.

Statements were made by NMA Deputy Director, EPA, ONS, ACC, CSO and Youth Group.

## Minister Francess Piagie Alghali Reelected as EITI Board Member

The SLEITI Multi-stakeholder group (MSG) wishes to inform its stakeholders that the Minister of State- Vice President Office, and Chair, SLEITIMSG - Mrs. Francess Piagie Alghali has been re-elected for the second time in a row as EITI Board Member.

Mrs. Francess Alghali was overwhelmingly voted for by East, West and Central Africa EITI implementing countries. She will continue to serve as Board Member until 2026 representing Lusophone and Anglophone Africa countries.

Her re-election as Board member means that Sierra Leone remains an integral member in the global community providing quality representation, and promoting good governance in the oil, gas and mineral sectors.

It is our ultimate belief that the "overwhelming support from the East, West, and Central African countries is a testament to her dedication and expertise. We are confident that her proactive and innovative approach, coupled with her diverse experience, will contribute to addressing the challenges faced by implementing countries and amplify Africa's voice on the global stage."

You will recall that Mrs. Alghali took over as Chair of the SLEITI MSG in 2018 and since then, she has significantly repositioned SLEITI implementation.

Under her leadership, Sierra Leone has successfully completed two EITI



Validations under the 2016 and 2019 Standards; achieving "Meaningful Progress" in 2019 and an overall high score of 87.5% in 2022 respectively.

To strengthen implementation, she has broadened the scope of SLEITI MSG and introduced thematic representations with strong gender parity, human rights, and the environment.

Mrs. Alghali has also served as a member of the EITI Committees on Validation, Finance and Administration and is a member of the working committee on the Refinement of the 2019 EITI Standard.

Congratulations Minister Francess Alghali and congratulations Sierra Leone.







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## NEWS AROUND AFRICA COMPILED BY GABRIEL BENJAMIN

## Nigeria's Hilda Baci breaks Guinness world record for longest cooking time



Chef Hilda Baci - Copyright © africanews @HildaBacci\_

Nigerian chef, Hilda Bassey Effiong, popularly known as Hilda Baci has broken the Guinness World Record for longest cooking hours. Hilda broke the record which was previously held by Indian chef, Lata Tondon on Monday morning at 7:45 am. Tondon had made meals for 87 hours, 45 minutes and 00 seconds. However, as of the time of filing this report, Hilda has cooked for 88 hours, 19 minutes. She aims to cook for 96 hours. She is expected to complete the task at 5pm on Monday. The chef has been getting massive support, especially



from Nigerians, celebrities and politicians in the country. Nollywood actor, Charles Okocha; actress, Kate Henshaw; singer, Tiwa Savage; media personality, Eniola, and many others appeared at the event. Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu also visited the venue on Sunday to cheer up Baci. Baci is not new to cooking competitions, she was a participant in the maiden edition of the Jollof Face-off Competition in 2021. The talented chef made Nigeria proud by winning the competition and walking away with a grand prize of \$5000.

## Senegal: Clashes in Casamance on the eve of Ousmane Sonko's trial

Clashes between the police and young supporters of the Senegalese opposition Ousmane Sonko Monday morning in Ziguinchor, Casamance (south), on the eve of the planned rape trial against the latter, noted a correspondent for the AFP. Groups of young people threw stones at the security forces, who responded with tear gas, he said. Supporters of Mr. Sonko set up roadblocks in some streets using stone blocks and logs and burned tires. Mr. Sonko, president of the Pastef-les Patriotes party, is supposed to be in Ziguinchor, the city of which he is mayor when he must be in Dakar on Tuesday for a trial for rape and death threats against an employee of a beauty salon in the capital. Mr. Sonko says he is the target of a power plot to keep him out of the 2024 presidential election. He announced that

he would no longer respond to summonses from justice, instrumentalized according to him. He risks being brought to court by force or being tried in absentia. Many supporters gathered around his home in Ziguinchor on Sunday evening to spend the night and form a human shield against an attempted arrest, media reported. The texts stipulate that Mr. Sonko should appear at the court registry on Monday in anticipation of his trial. Neither the lawyers nor the spokesman for his party, asked by AFP, said whether he persisted in his refusal to appear. Mr. Sonko has always refuted the rapes and threats. His appointments with the justice system have regularly given rise to incidents or put Dakar under tension. His opponents accuse him of relying on the streets to escape justice, or of being an agitator fomenting an "insurrectional" project.

## Nigeria: Musician Seun Kuti arrested for assaulting police officer



Seun Kuti and Egypt 80 at the beginning of their set, June 21, 2015, ... - Copyright © africanews Jeff Wheeler/AP

The Nigerian musician Seun Kuti, son of Afrobeat legend Fela, was placed under arrest on Monday for physically assaulting a police officer, police in Nigeria's Lagos state said. The police had ordered his arrest on Saturday after a video showing him on a road shouting, pushing and slapping a policeman went viral on social networks. On Monday morning, Seun Kuti went on his own "to the Lagos State Police Headquarters in Ikeja, accompanied by his lawyer and a representative of his family," police spokesman Benjamin Hundeyin said on his Twitter account. "He has been placed under arrest in accordance with the

law," he said, adding that "the ongoing investigation will be thorough, transparent and professionally conducted. Seun Kuti is one of the sons of Fela, the king of Afrobeat and a musician of genius who has spent his life denouncing elite corruption, dictatorship and the power of multinationals, using music as a weapon. Seun started playing in the Fela Kuti Egypt 80 band at the age of nine and took over its leadership when his father died in 1997 when he was just 14. In 2019, he and his band are nominated for a Grammy Award, the US music awards, in the category of Best World Music Album, with "Black Times".

## Mozambique faces worst cholera outbreak in more than 20 years

Health authorities in Mozambique are battling the most severe cholera outbreak in the country in more than 20 years.

The number of cases of cholera increased after the country was hit by Cyclone Freddy in late February. The coastal town of Quelimane in northern Mozambique became a cholera hotspot.

"Quelimane is a low-lying city. It's a swamp. So the water tables are very high, so sewage and water will all mix. So that also brought a challenge in terms of trying to combat cholera, and people were fetching water from these contaminated water sources", said Michael Chimedza, chief, Field Office, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

At one point, the World Health Organization, the United Nations and Doctors Without Borders were treating more than 400 cases a day. The numbers have since come down. "The beds were not enough because the number was very, very, high. This is a case of success. We had below 20 cases in the last two weeks. It means in one month we went from out-of-control cholera outbreak, it became under control. It was not easy. I was working more than 18 hours per day", admitted Carlos Mafigo, health and nutrition specialist, UNICEF.

Mass vaccination drives and community outreach programs, particularly targeted at pregnant women, have played a part in stemming new infections.

## Colombian Vice President Francia Marquez on African tour



Colombian Vice President Francia Márquez speaks as she visits a museum... - Copyright © africanews Luisa Gonzalez/AP

The vice-president of Colombia, Afro-Colombian Francia Marquez, is on tour in several African countries, amid controversy and strong criticism from the conservative opposition.

"Today opens a fundamental chapter in Colombia's international relations for South-South cooperation, racial and climate justice, and historic reparations," the Vice President announced on her Twitter account, ahead of her speech. trip "to South Africa, Kenya and Ethiopia".

Strong personality, very anchored on the left, Francia Marquez became at 41 the first black woman vice-president of Colombia with the election in the summer of 2022 of the left opponent Gustavo Petro, of which she was the running mate.

About fifty people will accompany him on his tour. The stated objective is to strengthen ties with the black continent, in particular on the themes of peace, reconciliation, gender, racial equality and the defense of the environment, explained Ms. Marquez on a national radio.

Announced for several weeks, this trip is strongly criticized by the conservative right, for its supposed cost or its carbon footprint.

Senator Maria Fernanda Cabal, always very virulent against Ms. Marquez, thus accused her of "going to party in Africa". And the right-wing weekly Semana denounced an "expensive safari".

"It's a form of vicious attack. I've been to Europe

and the United States before, and nobody looked at how much I had spent," retorted the vice president. "The problem is that it is about Africa" and that they have "a colonial vision which does not allow them to see further". This tour must "strengthen diplomatic relations", while "for many years, Colombia has turned its back on the African continent", and that "the moment is important" to look at it as a "partner", he said. She justified, "pure and simple racism".

"The subliminal message" of criticism of Ms. Marquez "is that you can go to Europe but not to Africa", commented President Petro, denouncing "pure and simple racism". "Colombia must speak to the whole world, to all of humanity. In our country there are blacks and mulattoes, we also come from Africa. Culture and common interests bring us together," he said. he pleaded.

Ms. Marquez's rise to the top echelons of power in 2022 exposed the hidden racism that persists in Colombia, where nearly 9% of the 50 million people are of African descent.

Born into a poor family in the Cali region, the vice president became a single mother at sixteen, fled her country under death threats, studied law and became a leading environmentalist, winning the Goldman Prize, known as the Nobel Prize for Ecologists.

She played a key role in President Petro's election and is one of Times magazine's 100 People of the Year for 2022.

## Mozambique faces worst cholera outbreak in more than 20 years

Health authorities in Mozambique are battling the most severe cholera outbreak in the country in more than 20 years.

The number of cases of cholera increased after the country was hit by Cyclone Freddy in late February. The coastal town of Quelimane in northern Mozambique became a cholera hotspot.

"Quelimane is a low-lying city. It's a swamp. So the water tables are very high, so sewage and water will all mix. So that also brought a challenge in terms of trying to combat cholera, and people were fetching water from these contaminated water sources", said Michael Chimedza, chief, Field Office, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

At one point, the World Health Organization, the United Nations and Doctors Without Borders were

treating more than 400 cases a day. The numbers have since come down.

"The beds were not enough because the number was very, very, high. This is a case of success. We had below 20 cases in the last two weeks. It means in one month we went from out-of-control cholera outbreak, it became under control. It was not easy. I was working more than 18 hours per day", admitted Carlos Mafigo, health and nutrition specialist, UNICEF.

Mass vaccination drives and community outreach programs, particularly targeted at pregnant women, have played a part in stemming new infections.

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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST  
 VEHICLE DONATION - WORLD BANK OFFICE, SIERRA LEONE**

The World Bank Group (WBG) invites Expressions of Interest from Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) registered to operate in Sierra Leone as a potential recipients in its vehicle donation process.

According to the WBG definition, an NGO is a government-certified, private organization with a charitable purpose; it is not a government entity or a for-profit business.

We have, therefore, set the following criteria as a mandatory requirement to shortlist the potential beneficiary in the vehicle donation process.

To submit your Expression of Interest, kindly address to the World Bank Asset-Disposal Committee, 3-3a Spur Road, Freetown, by **May 31, 2023, 17:00 Hours**, and send us the following documents to support our selection process.

1. A letter from your organization requesting to be shortlisted for the vehicle donation.
2. Copy of your current/valid Certificate of Registration.
3. Audited Financial Statements for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021.
4. Indicate if your organization has previously benefited from a transfer or donation, of a vehicle from the World Bank or UN agency.
5. A short description of your organization's mission here in Sierra Leone and how the donation will support your organization's mission and vision.

We look forward to hearing from you by the deadline of May 31, 2023.



Independent Procurement Review Panel  
 3 Wellington Street, Freetown, Sierra Leone  
 Email: [www.IPRP.gov.sl](http://www.IPRP.gov.sl)


 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2023

# PRESS RELEASE

## INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED PROCUREMENT IRREGULARITIES AGAINST THE MINISTRY OF BASIC & SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL (MBSSE)

The Independent Procurement Review Panel (IPRP), on 3<sup>rd</sup> May April, 2023, commenced investigation into complaint filed by GRACE ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, on 547 BAI BUREH ROAD ALLEN TOWN FREETOWN (the Appellant) against the MINISTRY OF BASIC & SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL (MBSSE) SIERRA LEONE FREE EDUCATION PROJECT (Respondent) on allegations of procurement irregularities bordering on the CONSTRUCTION OF CLASSROOMS, ADMIN BLOCKS AND WASH FACILITIES WITH REFERENCE NUMBER SL- MBSSE- 32 4570 IN KONO DISTRICT LOT TEN (10).

The IPRP is a creature of section 65(1) of the Public Procurement Act No. 10 of 2016. The IPRP is charged with the responsibility to review complaints/ appeals from dissatisfied bidders, private contractors about decisions of a procuring

entity in procurement process.

Furthermore, the procurement process of Sierra Leone is governed by the Public Procurement Act No.10 2016 and the Regulations Statutory Instrument No.15 of 2020.

The proceedings of the IPRP is underway and outcome will be made public.

For further enquires on this and other IPRP matters, please contact the Public Relations officer, on 23275166461 / 232/080-855375 or via email [iprpanel218@gmail.com](mailto:iprpanel218@gmail.com)



A woman with dark curly hair, wearing a purple sweater, is standing at an ATM. She is holding a black smartphone in her right hand, positioned over the screen of the ATM. The ATM is a light grey machine with a blue screen and a keypad. The background is a light blue wall with a yellow stripe.

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# **Request for Proposals UNICEF**

## **Sierra Leone Admin Services**

The United Nations Children's Fund invites individual tenders for the services listed below through a Long-Term Agreement for an initial period of 24 months with possible extension for another 12 months.

Please visit the United Nations Global Market (UNGM) Website and download the tender documents. Please note the dates for the Bid Conference (where applicable) and submission deadline for each tender as stated in the UNGM.

Thank you.

1. Provision of Air Conditioners Maintenance Services for UNICEF Offices in Freetown and Kenema and the Warehouse at Ferry Junction, Freetown.
2. Servicing of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) for Freetown CO, Ferry Junction Warehouse and Kenema Field Office and Biometrics for Freetown Country Office.
3. Provision of Cleaning Services For UNICEF Offices in Freetown and Kenema and the Warehouse at Ferry Junction, Freetown.
4. Servicing of Fire extinguishers for Freetown Country Office, Warehouse at Ferry Junction, Freetown, and Kenema Field Office.

## **UNICEF Public Notice for Sale of Used Items May 2023**

UNICEF intends to dispose of two used Toyota Land Cruisers (Hard Tops). Sealed bids are invited from interested persons.

### **Conditions**

1. **The 2 vehicles** can be inspected at the UNICEF Country Office within the Central Medical Stores Compound, New England, Freetown, on the dates and times stated below.
  - I. Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm- 4pm.
  - II. Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm-4pm
2. The items will be sold to the bidder with the **highest acceptable bid** on an "as is where is basis".
3. 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.
4. **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.

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Items once sold will not be returned to UNICEF under any circumstances.
8. Sealed bids containing the completed BID FORM and cheque, clearly marked "BID FOR USED UNICEF ITEMS May 2023" on the envelopes' front side and addressed to:

The Secretary, Property Survey Board,  
UNICEF Freetown Office,  
Central Medical Stores Compound,  
New England Freetown

**should be dropped in the bid box at the above address not later than 10 am on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.** Bidders in the provinces can drop their sealed bids at the offices in Kenema or Makeni observing the same deadline above.

9. 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.
10. UNICEF reserves the right to accept or reject any bid AT ITS SOLE DISCRETION.



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National Youth Commission  
**Invitation for Bids**  
**Procurement of Supply and Delivery of Printing Services**

**Procurement Numbers:**  
**NAYCOM/UNDP/NCB/FRW/2023/011**

**Date of First Issue: 12 May, 2023**

The National Youth Commission has set aside funds from UNDP for the procurement of Supply and Delivery of Printing Services. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the funds will be used to cover eligible payments under a Framework Contract for the procurement of the Descriptions above. The Commission now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the services to buy and print Lacoste T-Shirts.

Bidding is open to all suppliers who can demonstrate to provide criteria for eligibility such as a valid Business registration certificate, Bid Security of NLe20, 000 from a reputable Commercial Bank for this services, valid tax clearance certificate, valid NASSIT clearance certificate, signed Integrity Pact.

Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures in accordance with the Sierra Leone Public Procurement Act, 2016. Bidding is open to all suppliers who can demonstrate the ability and financial capability to provide the required services.

Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the address below between 10am and 3pm Mondays to Friday. Bidding documents may be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fee of NLe500. Payment should be deposited in to the following National Procurement Authority (NPPA) accounts with details as shown: With the pay in submitted to the Procurement Unit, National Youth Commission.

**Bank Name:** Bank of Sierra Leone  
**Account Name:** NPPA-Revenue from sale of Bidding Documents  
**Account Number:** 0111003981  
**BBAN:** 000001011100398165

**Bank Name:** Union Trust Bank  
**Account Name:** Revenue from sale of Bidding Documents  
**Account Number:** 210113253-01  
**BBAN:** 004001113253120144

**Bank Name:** Sierra Leone Commercial Bank  
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**Bank Name:** Rokel Commercial Bank  
**Account Name:** Revenue from sale of Bidding Documents  
**Account Number:** 02-011012428  
**BBAN:** 002001002101242863

All bids must be accompanied by:

- q A valid Business registration certificate
- q Bid Security of NLe20,000 from a reputable Commercial Bank for each lot
- q A valid tax clearance certificate;
- q A valid NASSIT clearance certificate;
- q Signed Integrity Pact; [see attached]
- q Evidence of similar contract performed within the last three (3) years

Bids will be publicly opened on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2023, 2023 at 11am, 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.

**Procurement Unit,**  
**National Youth Commission**  
**Ministry of Works and Assets**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Floor, New England Ville,**  
**Freetown.**

**Tell: +23277785589/+23276814372**



**Section I. Invitation for Bids**  
**Ministry of Health and Sanitation**  
**National Competitive Bidding**

**Date of Issuance: 17th April, 2023**  
**Supply of Diets and Sundry Items**

**Procurement Number:**  
**MoHS/DFN/NCB/2023/001**

The Government of Sierra Leone has allocated funds to the Ministry of Health and Sanitation and part of the funds are now intended to be used for the Supply of Diet and Sundry Items for Tertiary Hospitals in the country with procurement number: MoHS/DFN/NCB/2023/001

The Ministry of Health and Sanitation now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of Diet and Sundry Items.

The items are categorised into Nineteen (19) lots for the various hospitals as listed below:

Lot No.	Description	Location
1	Connaught Hospital General	Freetown
2	Connaught Hospital Annex	Freetown
3	Princess Christian Maternity Hospital	Freetown
4	Princess Christian Maternity Hospital – Annex	Freetown
5	Ola During Children's Hospital	Freetown
6	Ola During Children's Hospital –Nutrition Centre	Freetown
7	Lakka Government Hospital	Lakka
8	Bo Government Hospital General	Bo
9	Bo Government Hospital Annex	Bo
10	Makeni Regional Hospital General	Makeni
11	Makeni Regional Hospital Annex	Makeni
12	Kenema Government Hospital General	Kenema
13	Kenema Government Hospital Annexe	Kenema
13	Rokupa Government Hospital	Rokupa
14	Sierra Leone Psychiatric Hospital	Freetown
15	Jui Hospital	Jui
16	Port Loko General	Port Loko
17	Port Loko Nutrition Centre	Port Loko
	<b>Outsourcing to Caterers 18 &amp; 19</b>	
18	Kingharman Road Hospital	Freetown
19	Rokupa Government Hospital	Freetown

Interested bidders can bid for not more than two (2) lots (from lots 1-19) and partial lot bidding is not acceptable and may lead to disqualification.

Bidding is open to all suppliers who can demonstrate professionalism in the supply of the above goods.

The required documentary evidence to be submitted by the bidder to confirm eligibility to bid for Lots 1 -19 is as follows:

A Certified True Copy of a Valid Business Registration Certificate

A Certified True Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate from the National Revenue Authority (NRA) (Valid up to the time of bid opening)

A Valid NASSIT Clearance Certificate

A Valid City Council Certificate

A Bid Security of NLe15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Leones) from a reputable Commercial Bank

**OUTSOURCING HOSPITAL DIET**

Please note that the Supply of Diet to the Lots stated below (Lots 18 and 19) will be totally outsourced to Caterers who can demonstrate Professionalism in the supply of this service.

- 18. Kingharman Road Government Hospital and
- 19. Rokupa Government Hospital

**CRITERIA FOR SELECTING BIDDER**

Bidder:

Must produce evidence of similar supplies eg: invoices, signed delivery notes, receipts of payment of said supplies

Must have kept a good supply record in previous diet contracts to hospitals

Must be able to perform well under pressure

Must be credible and recognized

Must have an established facility ie kitchen space to prepare 3 meals daily

Must produce evidence of capable staff strength at the catering firm

Must have a nutritionist/dietician within staff

Must be competent to prepare food according to the recommended diet for patients\*

Must maintain a high standard of hygiene during meal preparation and transportation to prevent further infection of patients through food\*

Regular inspections and on the spot checks of food preparation premises by Ministry of Health staff

Must have the capacity to supply meals for at least three months before payment from MoHS \*

No firm must bid for more than one (1) hospital

Please note that suppliers will be required to sign an Anti-Corruption Commission's Integrity Pack with the Ministry.

Bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays. The bidding document may be obtained upon payment of a non-refundable fee of NLe1, 000.00 (One Thousand Leones only).

**Bank:** Bank of Sierra Leone  
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**Account Number:** 0111003981  
**BBAN:** 000001011100398165

**Bank:** Sierra Leone Commercial Bank  
**Account Name:** NPPA –Revenue from the sale of Bidding Documents  
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**Account Name:** NPPA –Revenue from the sale of Bidding Documents  
**Account Number:** 0111003981  
**BBAN:** 002001002101242863

**Bank:** Rokel Commercial Bank  
**Account Name:** NPPA –Revenue from the sale of Bidding Documents  
**Account Number:** 0111003981  
**BBAN:** 002001002101242863

Sealed bids must be delivered to the Office of the Procurement Secretary, Ministry of Health and Sanitation, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Youyi Building, Freetown, between the hours of 9:00 to 12:00 pm on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2023.

Bids will be opened on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 by 12.00 noon in the presence of bidder's or their representatives who may choose to attend, at:

The Conference Room  
 Ministry of Health and Sanitation  
 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Youyi Building.  
 Freetown

Contact Name: The Assistant Director of Procurement/Head of Unit

Email: procurement@mohs.gov.sl  
 +23278957533 / +23231957533 / +23230437107

Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened to bidders.



## LOCAL NEWS MOD debunks claims of demolishing teachers' quarters

By Hassan Gbassay Koroma

The Ministry of Defence has debunked allegation making round on social media that teachers of the Services Secondary School have been forcefully evicted from their quarters at Wilberforce Barracks.

According to a press statement from the Ministry signed by the Director of Defence Public Relations and Information, Colonel Issa Bangura, the Ministry of Defence, views the act as malicious, misleading and a misrepresentation of the facts and a mere propaganda that deliberately tried to tarnish the good image of the Armed Forces.

On Friday, some videos were making the rounds on social media in which a flurry of allegations were made against the Armed Forces and other key personalities that, they have demolished the Services Secondary School and teachers' quarters at the 34 Military Hospital, Wilberforce Barracks.

The statement further noted that the videos were not only damaging to the image of the Armed Forces and its reputation, but grossly undermined the effort of the Government of Sierra Leone and partners to transform the institution into a credible instrument of national power.

They further noted that the demolition exercise was not targeted on any school and teachers' quarters within the Barracks as purported in the videos on social media, because there has never been quarters allocated to teachers within the Barracks, but to soldiers and their dependents.

They said the demolition exercise was purely done on squatters (illegal occupants), who were repeatedly warned to relocate for the proposed construction of the 34 Military Hospital American International University.

According to the press release, it

was also reported that the squatters' makeshifts labeled as school buildings were immorally used, making the area in question a breeding ground for drug abuse, thereby promoting criminal activities within the barracks.

They said the demolished structures have nothing to do with the Services School, noting that the RSLAF has been key contributors to education in the country.

The ministry assured the general public that the RSLAF remains a professional force and will continue to uphold its constitutional responsibility towards the state.







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11	5/16/2023 11:55	Norway 2	MOSS FK	7 v 16			2.03	3.27	2.88	3.55	3.80	1.58	1.30	4.40	5.60	2.65	2.23	3.50	2.40	2.65	3.15	3.60	1.18	1.97	1.61	1.39	2.45	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.53	2.14	1.51	2.06
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16	5/16/2023 11:55	Norway	HALESUND	16 v 7			4.89	3.76	1.48	11.00	5.40	1.11	2.22	3.40	2.29	5.40	2.30	2.05	5.00	2.75	1.83	3.40	1.19	1.92	1.64	1.35	2.55	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.74	1.83	3.35	1.17
17	5/16/2023 11:55	Norway	BRANNE	4 v 6			1.21	4.89	8.60	1.69	3.50	3.30	-	6.40	18.00	1.69	2.55	8.20	1.51	3.10	8.00	3.70	1.16	2.06	1.55	1.42	2.36	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.01	1.61	1.05	5.00
18	5/16/2023 11:55	Norway	LILLESSTROM	2 v 8			1.74	3.42	3.57	2.90	3.60	1.81	1.20	4.80	7.40	2.35	2.26	4.10	2.11	2.70	3.80	3.55	1.18	1.97	1.61	1.38	2.46	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.58	2.05	1.33	2.55
19	5/16/2023 11:55	Norway	ROSENBERG	12 v 11			1.51	3.57	4.89	2.97	3.45	2.14	1.11	5.40	11.00	2.07	2.28	5.20	1.88	2.70	4.80	3.40	1.20	1.88	1.67	1.34	2.60	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.73	1.85	1.18	3.30
20	5/16/2023 11:55	Norway	STROMSGODSET	15 v 11			1.72	3.47	3.66	2.85	3.55	1.83	1.19	4.80	7.40	2.32	2.26	4.20	2.09	2.70	3.85	3.55	1.18	1.97	1.60	1.39	2.45	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.59	2.04	1.31	2.60
21	5/16/2023 11:55	Norway	TRONDHJEM	5 v 1			4.49	3.57	1.55	9.40	5.20	1.13	2.06	3.45	2.47	4.90	2.29	2.13	4.50	2.70	1.92	3.50	1.19	1.94	1.63	1.37	2.50	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.67	1.92	3.05	1.21
22	5/16/2023 11:55	Norway	VING	3 v 9			1.59	3.61	4.10	2.55	3.50	1.99	1.15	5.00	8.60	2.18	2.30	4.60	1.96	2.75	4.20	3.60	1.17	2.00	1.59	1.40	2.42	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.61	2.00	1.24	2.90
23	5/16/2023 11:55	Norway	VALERENGA	10 v 14			1.60	3.52	4.20	2.55	3.50	1.98	1.15	5.20	9.00	2.18	2.28	4.70	1.97	2.70	4.30	3.50	1.19	1.94	1.63	1.37	2.50	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.65	1.95	1.24	2.95
24	5/16/2023 11:55	Norway 2	BYRNE	9 v 11			2.09	3.22	2.78	3.65	3.90	1.54	1.31	4.40	5.20	2.70	2.27	3.35	2.44	2.65	3.05	3.80	1.16	2.05	1.55	1.43	2.32	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.48	2.24	1.54	2.00
25	5/16/2023 11:55	Norway 2	FREDRIKSTAD	5 v 12			1.87	3.32	3.22	3.20	3.65	1.69	1.24	4.50	6.60	2.50	2.22	3.85	2.24	2.65	3.50	3.45	1.19	1.93	1.64	1.36	2.50	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.58	2.05	1.40	2.30
26	5/16/2023 11:55	Norway 2	EDVINGSVINDER IL	10 v 14			1.75	3.42	3.52	2.85	3.65	1.80	1.20	4.80	7.00.																					



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## INT'L NEWS

**M**anchester City striker Erling Haaland has been voted the Football Writers' Association's Footballer of the Year.

Haaland has produced a masterful season with his goal tally in all competitions currently up at 51, and he won 82 per cent of the FWA vote, the biggest margin of victory since the Premier League began.

Arsenal winger Bukayo Saka finished as runner-up, with his Gunners team-mate Martin Odegaard third.

Manchester City's Kevin De Bruyne finished fourth, with Manchester United striker Marcus Rashford fifth. In total, 15 players received votes.

The 22-year-old becomes the first City player to win the FWA award, which has been presented since 1948, since centre back Ruben Dias in 2020-21.

Chelsea striker Sam Kerr becomes the first back-to-back winner of the Women's Footballer of the Year award after another impressive campaign.

The Australian earned twice as many votes as England and Aston Villa star Rachel Daly, with Chelsea's Lauren James third overall. In total 25 different players got votes in the WFOTY poll.

Both players will receive their awards at the Landmark Hotel London on Thursday May 25 at a special Footballer of the Year dinner, marking the 75th

## Erling Haaland is Footballer of the Year! Man City's free-scoring striker wins FWA prize with 82% of the vote

anniversary of the award, first won by Sir Stanley Matthews in 1948.

Haaland has enjoyed a remarkable campaign in which he broke the Premier League's single season goal record at home against West Ham, bagging his 35th of the campaign that night.

Mail Sport's chief sports writer Oliver Holt explained this week why the 'privilege' of watching Haaland saw him vote to crown the City star as Footballer of the Year - and fellow reporters felt likewise.

'To win the Football Writers' Award in my first season in English football is an honour,' Haaland said. 'I try every single day to be the best I can be, and to be recognised like this means a lot to me.'

'I have loved my time at City so far - my teammates are incredible, and they provide me with the chances to score goals.'

'I want to thank all of them, because I could not have won this award without them.'

He added: 'I also owe so much to Pep and the team behind the team here at City.'

'Everybody has been so good to me since I joined and I have never worked with such top professionals.'

'Thank you to everyone who voted for me. It's a real honour to have won this award.'

'I am now focused on ensuring I finish the season as strongly as possible and helping City win



trophies.'

Haaland's played 47 games this season, bagging 51 goals, including six hat-tricks.

Fifty of his goals have come inside the box and he is averaging a goal every 72 minutes.

With four games remaining in City's pursuit of another Premier League title, more records could fall at Haaland's feet.

The Norwegian already has four Premier League hat-tricks to his name since completing his £51m move to the Etihad last summer.

He's managed to bag three goals in outings against Crystal Palace, Nottingham Forest, Manchester United and Wolves this season, putting him well within touching

distance of the single-season record of five league hat-tricks.

That is a record set by Alan Shearer, in the 1995-96 campaign.

'It is unbelievable how many goals he has scored - so many important goals to help us win games,' boss Pep Guardiola said of his star man recently.

'He is a unique person, as a player but also the person is special. He deserved the guard of honour [after breaking the single-season league scoring record]. It is an incredible milestone. One day maybe he will break his record or someone else will, but they will have to score a lot of goals.'

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## UEFA make informal approach to Portuguese football authorities over staging Champions League final in Lisbon



**U**EFA have held talks about moving the Champions League final to Lisbon's Stadium of Light if there is unrest in Istanbul following the

presidential Turkish election. Manchester City and Inter Milan are favourites to reach the final, which is due to be staged at the Ataturk Stadium on 10 June, but

there are concerns about the prospect of civil disturbances if President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's two-decade reign is ended by this month's polls.

UEFA would be extremely reluctant to switch the final, as the biggest event in European football has twice been moved from Istanbul due to Covid in 2020 and 2021, but may be forced to consider a late change as the safety of fans is their primary concern.

Mail Sport has learned that an informal approach has been made to the Portuguese Football Federation, who have previously stepped in with Lisbon and Porto staging the final in 2020 and 2021.

Erdogan trailed his main challenger Kemal Kilicdaroglu by five per cent in a tight poll ahead of the first round of voting on Sunday, which analysts suggested indicated that the three-horse race could go to a run-off between the pair which would be held on 28 May.

With the Champions League final to take place less than two weeks later UEFA may be forced to make a late decision, although sources at the governing body insisted on Thursday that there was no plan to move the game from Turkey.

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**S**ierra Leone Football Association (SLFA) Director of Competition, Sorie Ibrahim Sesay and Transfer Matching System Officer, Marian Herioe have completed a two-day CAF General Coordinators seminar organised by West African Football Union (WAFU A) in Monrovia, Liberia.

The two-day event hosted at Hotel Boulevard in Monrovia attracted participants from all nine Member Associations of WAFU A and it was staged to boost their knowledge in match organisation.

The two-day event, which was delivered by Rwanda-born Madam Mukandanga Kelly as Instructor, allows existing GCs to upgrade their knowledge in the craft while serving as training for prospective match officials.

The training workshop was conducted to also prepare the GCs for upcoming matches in their zones as well as help them to implement similar structures in their domestic leagues.

SLFA Director of Competition said: "Today marks another milestone in my career as a football administrator having received a Certificate of Participation in a CAF General Coordinators seminar organised by WAFU A in Monrovia, Liberia. Thanks to the President of SLFA, Thomas Daddy Brima and his Executive Committee that makes it possible to realise this dream."

This is the latest training workshop being organised by WAFU A to improve the administration aspect of the game within the zonal body.

# SLFA duo completes CAF training for General Coordinators



# Beach Volleyball route to Paris 2024 Recap



**T**hree qualification routes are available for teams from all five Continents to secure one of 24 quota places per gender. The countdown is on for the beach volleyball competition at the Olympic Games Paris 2024, with teams around the world vying to be in with a chance to compete for the Olympic title at the iconic Eiffel Tower Stadium.

Beach volleyball at Paris 2024 is set to take place from 27 July – 10 August. So with less than 500 days to go until the Games, let's recap the Olympic Qualification system. The women's and men's Olympic tournaments will have 24 teams each, totalling 48 athletes per gender. As the host country, France is entitled to one quota for both the

men's and women's tournaments. After their historic volleyball gold at Tokyo 2020, France will no doubt be looking to make history on home soil by winning their first ever beach volleyball Olympic medal.

The remaining 23 quotas per gender will qualify for Paris 2024 via three qualification routes, the 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships, the Beach Pro Tour for the FIVB Olympic Ranking and Continental Olympic Qualification Tournaments. In addition, a maximum of four quotas per NOC (maximum two per gender) will be respected to ensure the principle of universal participation.

**Route 1 - 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships**

The men's and women's champions of the 2023 Beach Volleyball World Championships, set to take place across the cities of Tlaxcala, Huamantla and Apizaco, from 6-15 October, will automatically obtain a spot at Paris 2024. The much-anticipated tournament is returning

to Latin America for the first time in 20 years and will be the first edition to be hosted in Mexico in the history of the sport.

**Route 2 – FIVB Olympic Ranking**

The top 17 ranked teams per gender, according to the FIVB Olympic Ranking, will qualify for Paris 2024. The ranking will take into account a pair's 12 best performances from 1 January 2023 to 10 June 2024 at the following events: 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championship, Beach Pro Tour (Elite16, Challenge, Futures and Finals) and recognised Continental Tours Finals.

**Route 3 – Continental Olympic Tournaments**

The remaining five spots per gender will be allocated in the five Continental Olympic tournaments, with the winning pairs of each respective event securing their place at the Games. The final phase of these five events will be held between 13 and 23 June 2024, with just over a month to go until Paris 2024.