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# INSIGHT Sierra Leone decides 2023: Incumbents and two terms

By Ishmael Dumbuya

Whenever elections approach in Sierra Leone, there are issues of the incumbent government having grip on the power, and sometimes there is this stereotype that every ruling government is supposed to rule for two terms. This concept has existed for over decades, spanning from the rule of President Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, Ernest Bai Koroma, and Maada Bio won't be an exception to that paradigm.

There are a lot of political gimmicks that incumbent governments' always institute to seek re-election whenever their first mandate comes to an end. Some of this factors that are used on the electorates in order for them to be re-elected, sometimes appeals to the minds of voters across the country. These gimmicks are mostly ignored by political pundits and civil servants but they play a key role in enhancing their re-election.

Now let's take an in-depth look at some of these unknown factors that are employed by ruling government whenever elections approach.

### Political Apathy

Political apathy simply refers to a situation wherein the electorates do not feel any need to participate in the electioneering process. However, this is triggered mostly by the behaviour of politicians who mostly underperformed towards the development of the country, leaving citizens with no option but to be completely be uninterested in the electioneering processes of the country. For instance, the economic difficulty started during the reign of President Koroma, to an extent that his government was hit with austerity, even though the economic challenges were at a minimal level. So, Sierra Leoneans were upset and primed by the system to an extent that they demanded for a change of government. As a result, the APC government was voted out, ushering the SLPP government under President Bio. With President Bio in power, the system becomes direr that the people of Sierra Leone became disappointed in the SLPP government. Now president Bio is seeking a new mandate. Citizens have thoroughly lost hope in politicians to an extent that they have developed a feeling of not wanting to participate in the country' electoral process, thus, voter apathy, and this will serve as an advantage to the ruling government.

### Vote Buying

The incumbent government always has enough money in their possession to an extent that they can use it and buy people over and re-elect them into office. There are instances wherein ruling governments have employed this means to buy people over. And this is the most common means of getting people to vote for them. As it clear that the country is fraught with poverty, politicians can easily use this deceptive means and buy people over

## Incumbents and two terms

Vote buying in many countries, i.e. gifts of goods or money before the elections, aimed at persuading recipients to vote in a particular way or to vote at all is pervasive and pre-electoral transfers to voters are substantial.

In a survey conducted by Afrobarometer across 17 countries, 19 percent of more than 20,000 respondents reported that they had been offered a gift in the last election.

### Regional and tribal factors

Historical factors largely also plays a role in the ruling government being re-elected. There is this notion that Southerners are pro-SLPP, whereas, Northerners are pro-APC. With this in mind, the SLPP, being a Mende dominated and having majority of government officials from the South, such as Bo and Kenema, in whatever, and however way the SLPP government administers this country, they will 100 percent still throw their support for them, only to boast that they are in governance. Likewise the APC parties, being that majority of their appointed government officials were from the North, and Temne dominated, all that the APC did was approved and supported by their supporters. This factor is so ingrained in the minds of Sierra Leonean to an extent people have become blind to development and a hard-working government.

### The role of the international Community

Election observation is recognized by the international community as one of the ways to promote the quality of democracy. It is often held that election observation, if conducted impartially and effectively, fends off electoral fraud and violence, leading to peaceful elections. Yet, in some cases, election observation is misused to serve particular interests thereby casting doubt about its credibility. Sometimes international election observers fail to deter fraud and violence in elections mainly due to their mode of operation and political interests. In most cases, the international community gives weak support to the opposition to the detriment of the incumbent.

### Vote rigging

Vote rigging has been a phenomenal factor in African elections. There are instances where incumbent governments have been accused of election rigging. In most cases after elections, oppositions have been muttering about rigging and it sometimes resort to legal cases.

Whatever the case may be, the incumbent government in Sierra Leone always has tremendous powers to always influence the outcomes of elections, be it fairly or skewed

## Market Watch with: Elizabeth J. Kamara



In this edition of market watch, Concord Times Elizabeth J. Kamara interviewed some shop owners and customers dealing in building materials in Freetown to know determine the variables in terms of price.

Below are the current Prices of building materials at Krootown Road Market

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|----------------------|------------|----------------|--|
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| Cement imported      | Per bag    | Nle150.00      |  |
| Cement Leocem        | Per bag    | Nle140.00      |  |
| Lintex paint         | Per drum   | Nle300.00      |  |
| Carbolic             | Per gallon | Nle150.00      |  |
| Paint brush big size | For 1      | Nle15.00       |  |
| 4 inch pipe          | For 1      | Nle150.00      |  |
| 3 cutter             | For 1      | Nle60.00       |  |
| 1 inch pipe          | For 1      | Nle70.00       |  |
| Cap nail             | box        | Nle70.00       |  |
| Wire nail            | 1 box      | Nle20.00       |  |
| Zinc                 | 1 leaf     | Nle150.00      |  |
| Shovel               | For 1      | Nle75.00       |  |
| Head pan             | For 1      | Nle50.00       |  |
| Hand trowel          | For 1      | Nle50.00       |  |
| Wire mesh            | 1 inch     | Nle50.00       |  |
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## LOCAL NEWS

By Alfred Koroma

The Chairperson of the National Elections Watch (NEW), Marcella Samba-Sesay has said her organization is set to observe June 24 elections.

Marcella Samba said this at the launching of the organization's Elections Observation Strategy at the New Brookfields Hotel on Friday. The strategy provides a framework on how NEW will observe the June 2023 elections in Sierra Leone.

According to the document, NEW will provide series of election observers, including 488 Ward Election Material Movement Observers (WEMMOs), Incident Reporters, Process and Results Verification for Transparency (PRVT), Tally Centre Observers to monitor the June elections processes across the country.

Speaking at the launching of the elections monitoring plan, Marcella Samba described citizens observers as very crucial in every democracy and called on Sierra Leoneans to

have confidence in the electoral processes that the ECSL will be putting forward.

"I am giving you that assurance because, us as citizens, will be present in a very transparent manner to verify and authenticate the proceedings that will be happening in the polling stations, she said. "Our structure, right from the national level, we are all set to observe June 24 2023 election."

In his key keynote address, the Head of EU Delegation in Sierra Leone, Amb. Manuel Muller said, that EU sent elections observers' mission in Sierra Leone is a recognition that Sierra Leone has gone an important step from civil war to a democracy where a change of power through elections have occurred. With that, Amb. Muller said it is good to see Sierra Leoneans go to peaceful and credible elections in June.

Other partners supporting the National Election Watch also



graced the launching of the support to the election monitoring organization's 2023 elections body, strategy, assuring their continued

## 2023 Elections: CSO urges politicians to prioritise women, children's health

From Cover

"This is an opportunity to lay out the most pressing health issues currently faced by demographics that are often forgotten, including child marriage, high rate of teenage pregnancy, high risks from intimate partner violence and abortion, adolescent mental health issues, the organization says, calling on authorities to address inequities across the life course and strengthen health systems to improve maternal, newborn and child health and avert preventable deaths. Healthy and empowered women, children and adolescents, Health Alert says are at the heart of the Sustainable Development Goals. "When we invest in women, children and adolescents, we build healthier communities, vibrant economies and more prosperous, peaceful, inclusive and resilient societies."

Government of Sierra Leone has in the last five years increased the budgetary allocation to the health sector, but the country still falls below the 15 percent Abuja commitment.

Health Alert is therefore urging political parties to consider strengthening the political and financial commitment that meets the 2001 Abuja target. The organization is also urging for speedy prioritization, financing and



Victor Lansana Koroma, Executive Director of Health Alert Sierra Leone

implementation of comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and rights in national universal health coverage plans.

Prioritize adolescent well-being in national development plans and strategies and implement adolescent well-being policies and programs, Health Alert notes in a press statement put out on Thursday after the health advocacy organization's one day training of journalists on investigative health reporting on access to COVID19 Vaccines and finance accountability in Sierra Leone.

In its press release, the organization condemns political violence and calls for a peaceful, free and fair election in June.

Health Alert is a policy advocacy and human right organization for women, children, and adolescents and youths in Sierra Leone.

## Twelve selected for UN Youth Advisory Group

The United Nations in Sierra Leone has 12 youth for the first UN Youth Advisory Group (UN YAG) in Sierra Leone.

According to a statement from UN in Sierra Leone, the UN YAG is a group of individuals and representatives of UN Sierra Leone's stakeholders who have been nominated (either through self-nomination or through a UN Agency) and selected through a diverse team using select criteria.

"The UN YAG will advise the UN Country Team (UNCT) in Sierra Leone on key youth issues of importance. Members of the UN YAG play a crucial role by providing new perspectives, information, ideas, critiques, and lessons learned to the United Nations Country Team (UNCT). The UN YAG is the primary mechanism for accountability of Youth to the UNCT and of UNCT to Youth, as envisaged by the Youth2030 Scorecard," the statement reads.

UNFPA Representative, Nadia Rasheed who Chairs the Youth Thematic Team (YTT) indicated that, "robust engagement of young people is critical to the success of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and as the UN, we are committed to partnering with young people in developing and implementing our programmes and



ensuring that their needs are addressed.

Ms Rasheed indicated that the Group represents all regions of Sierra Leone and will it bring diverse perspectives to inform the work of the UN and position youth voices at the forefront of development efforts.

The objective of working with and for youth, is to ensure that UN programmes can better address youth issues and concerns. UN YAG Members will also have an opportunity to learn more about UN programmes in Sierra Leone and the functioning of the United Nations globally.

Membership is for one year, and the UNCT is grateful to the candidates who have all confirmed their willingness to perform the tasks to be assigned.

The next steps shall include an Onboarding process and the Launch of the UN YAG, of which the Youth of Sierra Leone would be duly informed of the process.

## LOCAL NEWS

By Ishmael Dumbuya

Chinese Embassy and the China Medical Team have on Friday, 26th May, donated food, stationeries, and medical screening for orphans at the Children in Need Network Orphanage, Allen Town, Western Area Rural, Freetown. The donation and medical checkup was done ahead of the International Children's Day on June 1st 2023.

Delivering his remarks, the Chinese Ambassador, Wang Qing, stated that children represent the hope and future of a nation's development, noting that China attaches greater importance to the protection of the rights of children, both domestically and internationally.

He added that China has about 280 million, among the countries' with the largest child population.

"We have worked relentlessly to advocate and put into practice the principle of children first by drafting and implementing three successive National Plans of Action for Child Development in an effort to fulfill the commitment of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and its relevant protocols," he explained.

He further stated that in recent years, a series of important measures have been taken, including projects to improve nutrition of children in poverty and the three year of action program of action on pre-school education, to better safeguard the rights of children.

Ambassador Wang noted that during the last five years, they were happy to see the leadership of President Bio, adding that there were a lot of achievements by Sierra Leone in promoting Children's rights, citing the Free Quality Education as a beneficial factor that has supported

over 2 million children and made a solid foundation for Sierra Leone's development in the future.

"The Program of Hands Off our Girls and the Free Sanitary Pad made many girls to live a safe and healthy life," he mentioned.

In his conclusion, Ambassador Wang explained that China and Sierra Leone have been good friends and partners.

He added that China will always stay committed to help Sierra Leone in economic and social development, including enhancing the well-being of children. He emphasized that China has been providing scholarships, mobile clinics and emergency food aids.

He climaxed that the China Medical Team has over the last five years helped with diagnosis, treated over 800 thousand patients, conducted over 100 thousand cases of operation and trained over local medical staff. He explained that they stood with the people of Sierra Leone during the Ebola outbreak and COVID-19 Pandemic.

Baindu Dassama Kamara, Minister of Social Welfare and Children's Affairs, thanked the leadership of the Chinese Embassy and that of China Medical Team for providing the items and the medical screening.

She went on to state that it's the commitment of President Bio to improve the well-being of children in the country.

She noted that children have the right to food, clean water, and medical care, and that the Chinese Embassy support in that direction is a boost to her ministry and the Government of

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Chinese team and kids at the Orphanage

Sierra Leone at large.

She ended on the note that Sierra Leone under President Bio will always and committed and dedicated to the course of the Chinese Government and its Embassy in Sierra Leone.

"It is the role of the ministry to empower and transform the lives of vulnerable or underprivileged persons and families including young people, women, children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities, so the Embassy rendering its support to that course is a golden privilege," she rounded off.

The proprietor of the Children in Need Orphanage, Madam Nna Maria Kamara, thanked and appreciated the Chinese Embassy and that of the China Medical Team for providing them the essential items and medical

services to her orphanage. She, however, appealed for more assistance, as the orphanage is running on a rented house, and their yearly rent is 20 million Leones.

The Head of the China Medical Team, Chen YoungJun, expressed great honour in leading the team to participate in the event.

He added that malnutrition and diseases are two important factors that threaten children's physical and mental development, and have attracted widespread attention from the International community, so serving the children of Sierra Leone is a call in the right direction.

The donation and medical screening attracted staff from China Medical Team, staff from the Chinese Embassy, and Members of the Fourth Estate.

## Gov't to preserve the remains of iconic Freetown Cotton Tree

By Hassan Gbassay Koroma

The Ministry of Tourism and Cultural Affairs has stated that, in order to maintain the cultural heritage of Freetown city, they will preserve Freetown's historic fallen cotton tree in the museum and tell its history to the generation yet unborn.

The ministry made the confirmation through a press release last Thursday May 25, and noted that they have taken immediate action to ensure such preservation is done.

"The Ministry of Tourism and Cultural Affairs notes the destruction of the historic Freetown Cotton Tree due to a heavy storm on the night. In order to preserve the remains of the rich cultural heritage of our beloved city, relics of the fallen tree will be secured and preserved.



Government has taken immediate action to ensure such preservation is done," he said.

The Ministry had called on members of the public to refrain from cutting log of the Cotton Tree, stating that the Government has instructed the Sierra Leone Police to secure the logs and snags until they are taken to the National Museum by the Monument and Relics Commission.

On his visit to the site of the fallen cotton tree, President Julius Maada Bio said he would like the remains of the historic tree be preserved.

According to history, the tree which is believed to be over 250 years old gained importance in 1792 when a group of freed slaves from America settled under it and it is also believed that the Cotton Tree was the oldest of its type in Freetown.



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## VOX POP with Yusufu S. Bangura & Mohamed J. Kargbo

### Citizens want next president to improve health sector

As it is less than 29 days to elect a new president, citizens say they will want the next president or government to improve the health sector in the country.

There have been gains made in improving access to essential health services but health outcomes are sub-optimal across the country. There are also some important inequities in access to services as well as health outcomes between districts and income levels.

The Sierra Leonean health system faces

challenges like inadequate financial resources, run-down facilities, lack of basic equipment and inadequate medical supplies.

However, health improvement has a key role to play in the development of the country.

In this Vox Pop, Concord Times' Yusufu S. Bangura & Mohamed J. Kargbo on Thursday took to the streets of Freetown to gauge the views of citizens on what they want the next president to do in improving the health sector.

#### Sinnah Sesay, Fish monger



Although the health sector in this country is not that too bad, but I want the next president to improve on it more. One way I will like him to improve the health sector is by employing more doctors and nurses in the various hospitals.

The next president should also give more pincodes to nurses that do not have because when we have a good number of nurses and doctors they can treat patients that are in critical condition for them not to lose their lives.

I want them to bring in more dugs and standard equipment that will help improve the health sector.

#### Mohamed Nabieu Sultan, Dealing in sneakers



As a citizen, I want the health sector to be more effective than before by monitoring the free health care, because the health sector is not good. I want the government elect to lay premium on this area for people to acquire proper health.

I want the country's health sector to be compared to other developed countries we should not be going to the West to access better medical treatment. We should be the ones they should come to for treatment only if we have standard equipment, effective medicines, proper electricity supply, and trained and qualified doctors and nurses.

#### Mariatu Bangura, Vegetable Seller



I think if the economy is stable there will be proper health facilities in the country because some of us can't earn as others. We go through a lot of constraints to acquire proper health care, and, if you do not have money you will die.

The constant blackout is another problem the next government should handle because if someone is under oxygen or undergoing operation he or she will die, due to constant blackout.

Even the price of drugs is costly, so I want the next government to deliver us from this problem.

#### Abdul Mansaray, Businessman



I want the next president elect to improve the health sector in the country because it's really poor as we can't boast of it. I am asking the next president elect to do more in this area.

I want them to stabilize the economy because it goes with medical treatment and now the government hospital bill is expensive as the private ones.

I want them also to look into the shortage of medical supplies especially the medicines and the equipment.

#### Abie Conteh, Dealing in cosmetic

I want the next elected president to first look into the area of economy because it plays a greater role in accessing medical treatment because if you don't have money they will not attend to you, and businesses are hard for us as traders.

I want them to improve the life of nurses and doctors in the hospitals by paying them well and monitor them to do their job.

I will like them to address the shortage of medicine and equipment by monitoring these medicine and equipment so that they will not be misused.

My advice to Sierra Leoneans is for them to vote wisely for the right presidential candidate that will improve the health system in this country.



#### Mohamed Palo Conteh, Motorbike Rider

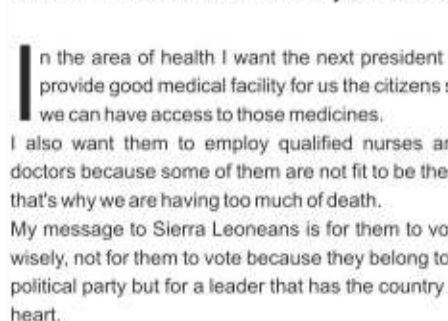


I want the next elected government to add more effort in the health area especially for those living in the rural areas by building more hospitals for them because they are going through a lot of difficulties in those areas.

As some of them walk long distance to acquire medical treatment and in the process some die on the way.

Another issue is the poor electricity in some of the hospitals, lack of proper medical supply and proper accommodating beds for patients, so I want them to look at this area for it will be beneficial to Sierra Leoneans.

#### Abubakkar Koroma, Trader



In the area of health I want the next president to provide good medical facility for us the citizens so we can have access to those medicines.

I also want them to employ qualified nurses and doctors because some of them are not fit to be there that's why we are having too much of death.

My message to Sierra Leoneans is for them to vote wisely, not for them to vote because they belong to a political party but for a leader that has the country at heart.



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### Nigeria: insecurity, burning file of the new president Tinubu



Bola Ahmed Tinubu greets his supporters during an election campaign... - Copyright © africanews Sunday Alamba/Copyright 2023 The AP. All rights reserved

The resurgence of massive attacks by criminal and jihadist groups in Nigeria, a time slowed down during the electoral period, is a cruel reminder of the immense challenges that await the new President Bola Tinubu as of Monday at the head of the most populous country in Africa.

This violence is also a scathing illustration of the failure of outgoing President Muhammadu Buhari, a former coup general in the army, who was democratically elected in 2015 and 2019 with the promise of bringing peace to Nigeria.

Because not a week, not a day goes by without large-scale attacks by criminal groups (in the north-west and center), jihadists (in the north-east), or separatists (in the southeast) mourn the West African giant, yet one of the most dynamic countries on the continent.

Their frequency and intensity threatened the presidential, legislative, and regional elections of February and March. A relative calm observed during the election period had surprised everyone, and allowed the holding of these elections, even in the most volatile regions.

It made possible the election of Bola Tinubu, who is to be sworn in on Monday, although the results are being challenged in court by the opposition, which denounces massive fraud by the ruling party.

This lull was short-lived, however, because from April the sound of arms resumed with ever greater force. For two months, the list of attacks seems endless: more than 100 dead and 3,000 displaced after clashes between communities, 25 worshipers kidnapped in a church, five soldiers killed in the explosion of a mine...

"As soon as he takes office, the new president will face significant security problems," notes Emeka Okoro, security analyst for the analysis group SBM Intelligence, and he will have to tackle three major fronts.

The most urgent and priority is that of central and northwestern Nigeria, according to Mr. Okoro. In these agricultural and poor regions, the fierce competition for land frequently degenerates into deadly clashes between farmers and herders, where the absence of justice and protection from power has contributed to the birth of armed gangs, responsible for mass killings and kidnapping for ransom.

The army says it is carrying out operations against these "bandits", but the results are struggling to be felt. "The bandits invade a community, kill the inhabitants, and

destroy their property, with little or no resistance from the security forces, who only appear on the spot long after to look at the ashes", denounced in mid-May Muhammadu Sa'ad Abubakar III, Sultan of Sokoto, one of the most heavily attacked regions.

During his campaign, Mr. Tinubu promised, once elected, to end the violence by reforming the armed forces to make them "more robust", by increasing recruitment, training, and their equipment.

For researcher Idayat Hassan, director of the Center for Democracy and Development (CDD), the new administration will have to move away from "the enemy-centric, weapon-centric approach", which prevailed under President Buhari, to "adopt a non-military approach", tackling the underlying problems, such as "unemployment, poverty, the fight against marginalisation". She insists on the urgency of "reforming justice".

Another front on which Mr. Tinubu is eagerly awaited, the jihadist conflict which has been raging for 14 years in the northeast of the country having left more than 40,000 dead and 2 million displaced.

Under the presidency of Buhari, the army has certainly succeeded in reconquering many territories taken by the group Boko Haram, but the rival group Islamic State in West Africa (ISWAP) has also been reinforced.

The choice of Mr. Tinubu's vice-president in the person of Kashim Shettima, former governor of Borno State, epicenter of the insurgency, can "make a big difference", hopes Ms. Hassan, even if some criticize him for to have allowed Boko Haram to grow under his governance.

Finally, in the south-east of Nigeria, Mr. Tinubu will have to face an agitation of separatist groups, which attack the police in large numbers, and where the population feels marginalized.

The situation is unlikely to improve, thinks Ms. Hassan, as the defeat in the presidential election of candidate Peter Obi, from this region, has caused immense disappointment.

Finally, many Nigerians hope that the new administration will put an end to the serious abuses committed by security forces across the country, and widely documented by human rights organizations.

Tel Human Rights Watch, which urges the new president to reverse "significant human rights setbacks" seen under the Buhari mandates.

### Felix Tshisekedi visits China to renegotiate mining contracts

The Democratic Republic of Congo is looking to strengthen their partnership with China as the two countries are renegotiating mining contracts for the DRC's mineral reserves.

This first State visit to China by the President of the DRC, Félix Tshisekedi, is the latest in a series of diplomatic exchanges between African leaders and Beijing.

Mr Tshisekedi and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping announced on Friday that they were upgrading "the bilateral relationship from a win-win strategic cooperative partnership to a comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership", according to a Chinese foreign ministry statement.

China is a major investor in the DRC, where the Asian power dominates the lucrative mining industry with companies such as Sicomin.

But Mr Tshisekedi has publicly pledged to renegotiate Congolese mining contracts, in particular the one signed in 2008 with China by his predecessor Joseph Kabila (2001-2019), in order to obtain better conditions for his country.

On Friday, he was greeted by a line of honour and jubilant children between meetings with Mr Xi and Premier Li Qiang.

Mr Li told Mr Tshisekedi that he believed "China-DRC relations will surely achieve greater development and benefit both peoples."

The large central African country is a major exporter of copper, uranium and cobalt - a key ingredient in batteries for consumer goods - but remains one of the world's poorest states.



Republic of Congo's President Felix Tshisekedi & Chinese President Xi Jinping attend a welcoming ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, May 26, 2023. - Copyright © africanews Thomas Peter/AP

A senior DRC official, Erik Nyindu Kibambe, told reporters in Beijing that the mining renegotiation talks were going "wonderfully", with the Congolese side hoping for an agreement by the end of this year.

He said they were aiming for a state-to-state agreement, rather than agreements between the DRC and individual mining companies.

Félix Tshisekedi is the latest in a series of African leaders to visit China in recent weeks, following delegations from Sierra Leone, Eritrea, Ethiopia and Gabon.

The African continent is at the heart of a struggle for influence between the great powers, China, Russia and the United States, who have all sent their heads of diplomacy to the region for rival diplomatic offensives this year.

### "It's time for women's equality" - Ellen Johnson Sirleaf in an exclusive interview

On May 25 and 26, Luanda, the capital of Angola, hosted the first International Women's Forum for Peace and Democracy, an event promoting the equality and emancipation of women on the continent at the initiative of the Angolan government, UNESCO, and the African Union.

On this occasion, Africanews spoke with Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, the first woman elected by universal suffrage to head an African state, Liberia, between 2006 and 2018.

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, former President of Liberia:

"Permettez-moi de vous dire à quel point je suis heureuse de participer à ce forum. Le message qui émane de moi, ainsi que de tous les participants à ce rendez-vous, est qu'il est temps d'instaurer l'équité et l'égalité pour les femmes. Les femmes ont un rôle stéréotypé, une image qui remonte à l'histoire parce que les hommes ont toujours été dominants. Et ce stéréotype est le suivant : une femme est une mère, une femme s'occupe de la famille à la maison. Nous disons que ce n'est pas tout ce dont nous sommes capables. Aujourd'hui, les femmes sont éduquées, ont suffisamment de connaissances, sont courageuses. Nous pouvons voir que si les femmes sont impliquées dans le parlement en tant que ministres, en tant que cadres de haut niveau, vous pouvez être assurés qu'elles feront en sorte que les constitutions changent, que les lois soient réformées, que les politiques soient réexaminées et révisées pour créer cela".

The example Esperança Da Costa, Vice-President of Angola

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, former President of Liberia: "My first satisfaction on arriving in Angola was to meet the vice-president, who is a woman, and to congratulate her. And also to congratulate, through her, the president who knew how to support her so that she acceded to this it has become, you could say, a new path for Angola. Angola is now reforming. Angola is now on the path of sustainable development".

An African geopolitical situation in perpetual motion, the



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voice of women carries more and more  
Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, former President of Liberia: "At this point, we need the voice of women on global issues because the current global environment is very discouraging for Africa. We have experienced reversals of democracies, we have terrorism in some regions, we have ongoing conflict in Sudan. And this at a time when women have played a vital role in getting Sudan on the right path. This conference is therefore a continuation of the reforms and efforts deployed to move Africa in the right direction."

Equality in education, a priority for African women

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, former President of Liberia: "We need to ensure that girls get a quality education. This is the fundamental step for them to become the leaders of tomorrow. We also need policies and laws that protect women, especially young girls. In too many societies, they are victims of violence, they are disadvantaged, this must change. This will allow these young girls to grow up and become women capable of taking the reins of their country and of the international community."

The African Union, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary this week, now respects parity within it. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and all the women leaders present in Luanda are now calling for it to be respected by the 55 member states.

### USA: sanctions against the head of Wagner in Mali

Washington

announced on Thursday a series of economic sanctions targeting the head of the Russian paramilitary group Wagner in Mali, Ivan Maslov, whom it accuses of seeking to obtain military equipment there for use in the Ukrainian conflict. These sanctions "against the most important person in charge of the Wagner group in Mali aim to put an end to essential operations of support for the world activity of the group", justified the under-secretary of the Treasury in charge of terrorism and financial intelligence, Brian Nelson, quoted in the release.

These sanctions involve the seizure of all of Ivan Maslov's assets in the United States, financial and real estate, as well as companies having a direct capital link with Mr. Maslov, and prohibit American companies or companies present on American territory from carry out the slightest transaction with Mr. Maslov or companies that he controls.

"The presence of the Wagner group on the African continent is a destabilizing force for any country that allows its deployment on its territory," Nelson added.

This is not the first time that sanctions have targeted the Wagner group or some of its members for its actions in Mali. The European Union had thus announced at the end of February a series of sanctions targeting a dozen



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people, including Mr. Maslov, because of the "violations of human rights" attributed to the paramilitary company on the spot.

Wagner, a paramilitary group founded in 2014, is considered by the United States to be an international terrorist organization. The United States, which has been trying for several years to thwart Russian influence in Africa, accuses the Wagner group of "committing human rights violations and extorting natural resources in Africa".

The group has established itself as a major player in the conflict in Ukraine, particularly in the battle around the city of Bakhmut, and its mercenaries have also been seen in Syria or Libya and more recently in the Central African Republic and, therefore, in Mali.

### Activists demand climate action as TotalEnergies annual general meeting kicks off

Demonstrators gathered Friday (May 26) in Paris outside of the building hosting the annual general assembly of French energy giant TotalEnergies. Bellowing slogans such as 'tax the wealthy', climate activists wanted to keep pressure on the company to reduce its carbon footprints.

The head of Fridays For Future in Uganda had made the trip. Total is jointly developing an oil project in the country. "I've moved all the way like over 5,000 miles to come to the Total AGM because it's important to people like me," Patience Nabukalu said.

"I'm so grateful that I'm the voice to the voiceless, a person who can fight for their communities, because our leaders have just proven to us that they are not. They don't care about the people, but rather the profits."

Protesters accused Total of crime against humanity as many fear new fossil fuel projects will prevent the world from limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius in line with climate goals set in Paris in 2015.

Speaking inside of salle Pleyel, TotalEnergies CEO defended the company's strategy.

"I would like remind everyone that the global demand for oil is growing even if TotalEnergies didn not meet this

demand, others will do so for us," Patrick Pouyanne told his audience.

"Even though we can act -and we do act- on our customers' demands by diversifying our ever-evolving energy offers towards lower carbon energies"

The company wanted to avoid the chaos of last year when activists prevented some shareholders from attending the annual meeting.

This year, the firm placed two-metre (6.5-foot) high plexiglass screens to separate off speakers on stage from members of the public at the concert hall.

It also forbade attendees and journalists from using their smartphones inside the venue.

Climate campaigners are growing impatient with big polluters over their impact on the planet.

During the annual shareholders' meeting of British group Shell on Tuesday (May 23), activists sang "Go to hell Shell!"

Energy giants posted record profits last year as the war in Ukraine broke out.

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## SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)

|                         |   |
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| Country                 | Sierra Leone                                  |
| Project Name            | Sierra Leone Compact Development Program      |
| Procurement Title       | Architect / Interior Design Consultant        |
| Procurement Ref. Number | SLCDU/CDF/IC/2022/013                         |
| Type of Procurement     | Consulting Services (Individual Consultant)   |
| Employer                | Sierra Leone Compact Development Unit (SLCDU) |
| Publication Date        | May 22, 2023                                  |
| Submission Deadline     | <b>5:00pm GMT, June 9, 2023</b>               |

- The United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation (“MCC”), and the Republic of Sierra Leone (the “Government”) signed a Compact Development Funding Agreement (as amended or otherwise modified, the “Grant Agreement”) on March 3, 2022, pursuant to which MCC agreed to provide a grant of up to **Eleven Million, Nine Hundred and Seventy Thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy-Five U.S Dollars (\$11,970,375)** (“MCC Funding”) to the Government to facilitate the development and implementation of a proposed Millennium Challenge Compact between the United States of America and Sierra Leone (such processes, collectively, “Compact Facilitation”).
- The Government has designated the Sierra Leone Compact Development Unit (SLCDU) to oversee and implement the compact development process in accordance with the terms of the Grant Agreement. The Grant Agreement requires the Government (including any designee) to ensure that it procures all goods, works and services related to Compact Facilitation in accordance with the MCC Program Procurement Guidelines (“PPG”). The Government, acting through the Sierra Leone Compact Development Unit, intends to apply a portion of the MCC Funding to eligible payments under a contract for which this Specific Procurement Notice (“SPN”) is issued.
- Any payments made by the SLCDU under the proposed contract will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement and related documents, including restrictions on the use and distribution of MCC Funding. No party other than the Government and the SLCDU shall derive any rights from the proposed Compact or have any claim to the proceeds of MCC Funding. The Compact Development Funding Agreement and its related documents can be found on the MCC website (www.mcc.gov).
- MCC requires that all beneficiaries of MCC Funding, including the MCA Entity and any applicants, Bidders, Suppliers, contractors, Subcontractors, consultants, and sub-consultants under any MCC-funded contracts, observe the highest standards of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. MCC's Policy on Preventing, Detecting and Remediating Fraud and Corruption in MCC Operations (“MCC's AFC Policy”) is applicable to all procurements and contracts involving MCC Funding and can be found on the MCC website at: <https://www.mcc.gov/resources/doc/policy-fraud-and-corruption>.**
- SLCDU now invites Applications from eligible **Individual Consultants** to provide Architect / Interior Design consultant services. **More details are provided in the Terms of Reference of the Request for Application (RFA).**
- Location: The location of the assignment is **Freetown, Sierra Leone**.
- Anticipated Start Date: **August 2023**.
- Duration of Assignment: 74 days.
- Individual Consultants will be selected under the Individual Consultants Selection (ICS) method in accordance with the procedures set out in the MCC Program Procurement Guidelines which are provided on the MCC website (www.mcc.gov/ppg). The selection process, as described, will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.
- Consultants interested in receiving the RFA can submit their details using following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/S5FcplqzMg> Please fill in the form to get access to the solicitation documents. Please contact Zenobia Maddy ([Zenobia.Maddy@crowagents.co.uk](mailto:Zenobia.Maddy@crowagents.co.uk)) with copy to [SLCDU.procurement@gmail.com](mailto:SLCDU.procurement@gmail.com) if you have any questions
- The deadline for submission of Applications is **5:00pm GMT, June 9, 2023**.

Yours sincerely,

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| <b>JOB TITLE:</b>       | <b>HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER</b> |
| <b>COUNTRY PROGRAM:</b> | <b>SIERRA LEONE</b>           |
| <b>REPORTS TO:</b>      | <b>COUNTRY DIRECTOR</b>       |
| <b>LOCATION:</b>        | <b>FREETOWN</b>               |

## HI is seeking for a qualified individual to fill the above-mentioned National Position.

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#### PLEASE NOTE:

Handicap International has clear institutional policies on "Child Protection", "Anti-fraud, Bribery and Corruption", "Disability, Gender and Age" and "Protection of Beneficiaries from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment". It is therefore mandatory for all staff to commit themselves to respect, uphold and promote these policies, and to sign the HI Code of Conduct.

#### PROGRAM BACKGROUND

Handicap International "HI" (operating as Humanity & Inclusion) is an International NGO which has been working closely with the Government of Sierra Leone, international and national partners in the country since 1996 supporting vulnerable groups and people with disabilities. Program areas include inclusive education, social and economic inclusion, rehabilitation, prevention of disabilities, advocacy and rights. Currently, HI is implementing four projects for the promotion of Inclusive Education, Mental Health, Accessible and Technical support and Protection. HI is currently in design/approval process for new projects to create a comprehensive portfolio, in line with the implementation strategy for 2022 and onwards.

#### Position's context:

In the short and mid-term, the Human Resources Manager is expected to lead the deployment at field level of strategic HR projects developed by HI at Federal level (Manager 2.0, Classification Project, HR Information System) as same as oversee and ensure the successful completion of field projects (Nationalization, Remuneration, Skills development, among others).

#### General Mission

Reporting to the Country Director, the Human Resources Manager defines and rolls out the HR component of the Programme's Operational Strategy in Mano River.

S/he is the preferred contact for HR operations centres at Headquarters.

S/he ensures that HR activities are consistent with his/her budgetary framework and with HI's HR frameworks. S/he actively analyses changes in context so as to identify the risks and opportunities in his/her scope of responsibility.

#### Missions / Responsibilities:

1. Assumes the role and stance of manager with regards to his/her HR and Administrative staff, with special attention to the contribution towards the professional development of the team members.
2. Designs the HR part of the Operational Strategy of HI in Mano River and oversees its associated action plan.
3. Rolls out standards, contributes to HI's Expertise and Accountability in his/her scope of responsibility.
4. Operational implementation of HR:
  - a. Oversees the dimensioning and quality of the human talent
  - b. Oversees the Career Management and Skills Development systems.
  - c. Coordinates and guarantees the quality of the administrative management for all members of staff.
  - d. Assists managers with the implementation of HI's HR policies.
  - e. Is responsible for maintaining the social environment and ensuring the compliance with the legal HR framework.
  - f. Supports the Country Director with the deployment of the HR part of the Code of Conduct and the PSEA, the Fraud and Corruption Policy and other institutional policies.
5. Oversees emergency preparedness actions in his/her department and, in the event of an emergency, reorganises the priorities of his/her team in accordance with the humanitarian imperative, in order to ensure a rapid and effective response by HI.

#### Main Activities:

1. Setting up the standard system as same as revising/updating the procedures and policies for the Sierra Leone Program ensuring the alignment to the new structure.
2. Continuous update and successful implementation of the different phases of the new HR Information System (HIPEOPLE).
3. Create/Update a skills development plan and ensuring its implementation.
4. Ensure the team's competences are developed with the required training and coaching of the Human Resources staff to ensure efficient functioning.
5. Improving the operational human resources in support of the field activities will be a key responsibility of the Human Resources Manager.

#### PROFILE SOUGHT

|  | Essential   | Preferable   |
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| <b>Qualifications:</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Master's Degree in the relevant fields of Human Resources Management, Administration, or equivalent in any related field of study</li> <li>Proven expertise in Operational Human Resources.</li> </ul>   |  |
| <b>Experience (type and amount of experience):</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More than 10 years' experience in the Human Resources Field with increasingly higher levels of responsibility</li> <li>Minimum 3 years working experience in management of teams in humanitarian or development programs</li> <li>Experience with donors reporting</li> <li>Previous experience working in humanitarian/ development programs in Sierra Leone</li> <li>Demonstrated capacity building and training of teams</li> <li>Team motivation and direction</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Experience creating and following HR budgets</li> <li>Experience in Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning activities is a plus.</li> <li>Experience setting up systems and procedures in new structures.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Skills (knowledge, abilities required for the position, refer to skills repository document):</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excellent communication and writing capacities in English</li> <li>Proficient: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint</li> <li>Being capable of helping team members to progress: developing his/her staff's ability to work autonomously</li> <li>Knowing how to position oneself so things can move forward</li> <li>Knowing how to simplify and prioritise</li> <li>Proven proficiency in Emergency Response and Humanitarian monitoring and Emergency Preparedness</li> <li><b>Professional skills:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organization design,</li> <li>sourcing and recruitment,</li> <li>Mobility,</li> <li>Training facilitation and/or design</li> <li>Management of training and skill development actions</li> <li>Personnel administration</li> <li>Payroll</li> <li>Remuneration and management of the wage bill</li> <li>Employment law</li> <li>HR IT Tools</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good communication and writing capacities in French</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Personal qualities:</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excellent communication skills and diplomacy</li> <li>Ability to work independently and as a member of a team</li> <li>Flexibility</li> <li>Strong attention to details</li> <li>Good capacity to coordinate and consult with others</li> <li>Good organizational skills</li> <li>Practical, dynamic and solution oriented</li> <li>Open to cultural differences.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emotional maturity</li> </ul>   |

Salary: As per HI salary scale for National Staff & candidate's experience

Probation Period: 4 months

Duration of Contract: One (01) year with possibility of renewal based on performance and funding availability.

All interested candidates should send their CVs and cover letters only, with attachments bearing your full name; example: John Doe – CV (for your CV) and John Doe - Cover Letter (for your cover letter) with the subject of the position applied for by email only to: [recruitment@sierraleone.hi.org](mailto:recruitment@sierraleone.hi.org)

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| 15      | 5/25/2023 15:55 | Montenegro      | JEZERO 8 v 4                 | FK DECIC TUZI         | 3.50    | 14.00   | 40.00   | 4.80    | 3.90    | 5.80    | 30.00   | 14.00   | 4.70    |
| 16      | 5/25/2023 15:55 | Montenegro      | JEDINSTVO 5 v 9              | RUDAR                 | 3.45    | 13.00   | 35.00   | 4.90    | 4.20    | 5.80    | 29.00   | 14.00   | 4.50    |
| 17      | 5/25/2023 15:55 | Montenegro      | FK ARSENAL TIVAT 3 v 2       | FK SUTJESKA NIKSIC    | 11.00   | 18.00   | 24.00   | 13.00   | 5.20    | 3.45    | 80.00   | 17.00   | 1.91    |
| 18      | 5/25/2023 16:55 | Austria Amateur | FC GLEISDORF 09 9 v 2        | LASK                  | 7.40    | 15.00   | 19.00   | 11.00   | 6.60    | 4.00    | 45.00   | 15.00   | 2.00    |
| 19      | 5/25/2023 16:55 | Sweden          | DEGERFORS 12 v 10            | HAMMARBY              | 6.00    | 14.00   | 25.00   | 8.40    | 5.40    | 4.90    | 40.00   | 14.00   | 2.80    |
| 20      | 5/25/2023 16:55 | Turkey Amateur  | ORDUSPOR 1967 0 v 0          | KUSADASISPOR          | 2.60    | 13.00   | 40.00   | 4.40    | 4.60    | 8.00    | 24.00   | 13.00   | 6.00    |
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| 22      | 5/25/2023 17:25 | La Liga         | MALLORCA 12 v 13             | VALENCIA              | 5.60    | 17.00   | 40.00   | 6.60    | 3.90    | 5.20    | 50.00   | 16.00   | 3.95    |
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| 26      | 5/25/2023 18:25 | Switzerland     | LUGANO 3 v 1                 | YOUNG BOYS            | 5.40    | 14.00   | 24.00   | 8.00    | 5.80    | 5.20    | 35.00   | 14.00   | 2.90    |
| 27      | 5/25/2023 18:25 | Switzerland     | SERVETTE 2 v 5               | BASEL                 | 2.45    | 14.00   | 40.00   | 4.80    | 6.20    | 9.80    | 22.00   | 15.00   | 6.60    |
| 28      | 5/25/2023 18:25 | Switzerland     | SION 10 v 4                  | LUZERN                | 4.80    | 13.00   | 24.00   | 7.60    | 5.80    | 5.40    | 30.00   | 13.00   | 3.10    |
| 29      | 5/25/2023 18:25 | Switzerland     | WINTERTHUR 9 v 8             | ZURICH                | 4.20    | 13.00   | 29.00   | 6.40    | 5.00    | 6.00    | 30.00   | 13.00   | 3.80    |
| 30      | 5/25/2023 18:25 | Serie B         | COSENZA 0 v 0                | BRESCIA               | 4.50    | 14.00   | 35.00   | 6.20    | 4.30    | 5.60    | 35.00   | 14.00   | 4.00    |
| 31      | 5/25/2023 18:55 | Premier League  | MANCHESTER UNITED 4 v 12     | CHELSEA               | 2.30    | 16.00   | 50.00   | 4.50    | 6.80    | 11.00   | 23.00   | 17.00   | 8.00    |
| 32      | 5/25/2023 19:10 | Portugal 2      | MOREIRENSE 1 v 18            | COVILHA               | 2.02    | 18.00   | 70.00   | 3.95    | 6.60    | 13.00   | 23.00   | 19.00   | 10.00   |
| 33      | 5/25/2023 19:10 | Iceland         | BREIDABLIK KOPAVOGUR 3 v 2   | VALUR REYKJAVIK       | 2.95    | 14.00   | 30.00   | 5.40    | 6.60    | 7.60    | 23.00   | 14.00   | 4.70    |
| 34      | 5/25/2023 19:25 | La Liga         | OSASUNA 10 v 7               | ATHLETIC BILBAO       | 4.80    | 15.00   | 35.00   | 6.60    | 4.70    | 5.60    | 35.00   | 15.00   | 3.85    |
| 35      | 5/26/2023 17:55 | Portugal        | RIO AVE 12 v 8               | FAMALICAO             | 3.90    | 14.00   | 35.00   | 5.60    | 4.60    | 6.20    | 30.00   | 14.00   | 4.50    |
| 36      | 5/26/2023 18:25 | Serie B         | SUDTIROL 0 v 0               | REGGINA               | 3.80    | 15.00   | 45.00   | 5.00    | 4.00    | 6.40    | 35.00   | 16.00   | 5.20    |
| 37      | 5/26/2023 18:40 | Serie A         | SAMPDORIA 20 v 13            | SASSUOLO              | 6.00    | 15.00   | 25.00   | 8.80    | 6.00    | 5.20    | 40.00   | 14.00   | 2.85    |
| 38      | 5/26/2023 18:40 | France League 2 | ANNECY 15 v 2                | BORDEAUX              | 7.00    | 16.00   | 26.00   | 9.00    | 5.20    | 4.50    | 45.00   | 15.00   | 2.65    |
| 39      | 5/26/2023 18:55 | Segunda         | REAL ZARAGOZA 13 v 10        | TENERIFE              | 4.30    | 15.00   | 40.00   | 5.60    | 4.00    | 5.80    | 40.00   | 15.00   | 4.50    |
| 40      | 5/26/2023 20:10 | Portugal        | VIZELA 11 v 4                | SPORTING              | 8.60    | 17.00   | 22.00   | 12.00   | 6.60    | 4.20    | 50.00   | 17.00   | 2.13    |



## INT'L SPORTS

# Man United put in the groundwork for £80m Dusan Vlahovic and £130m Victor Osimhen

Senior Manchester United staff have checked on Napoli's Victor Osimhen and Dusan Vlahovic of Juventus in recent weeks.

It's no secret that United's priority is to sign a ready-made striker and, if their budget allows, they'd like to add another young one.

We told you last month that their ideal plan was to sign Brighton's Evan Ferguson and Tottenham's Harry Kane. Ferguson, 18, will stay at Brighton while signing 29-year-old Kane this summer threatens to be a complicated and expensive business.

Vlahovic, who has scored 20 goals this season, would be cheaper, around £80m, while Osimhen would cost £130m. Both are on Chelsea's list too.

Atalanta's Rasmus Hojlund, again as Mail Sport told you last month, has also been discussed by United, the club he supported as a boy, and Chelsea. However, Atalanta want at least £60m for the 20-year-old Dane who cost them £15m from Sturm Graz last summer.

United have long held interest in Vlahovic. They made a raft of



detailed reports on the 23-year-old Serbian prior to him leaving Fiorentina, when Arsenal also made their play, but the 6ft 3ins striker wanted Juventus.

For all their groundwork, United's bidding plans are stymied by ongoing takeover talks.

They will look at a new contract for

the returning Amad Diallo, following his loan at Sunderland, and for Facundo Pellistri. They want to find a similar level loan for the young Uruguayan to gain competitive game time next season.

United have yet to open talks with Lisandro Martinez over a new

deal. The 25-year-old, currently recovering from a fractured metatarsal, has been back in Argentina after being given permission to return home for a week and is in the running to be voted the club's player of the year.

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## West Ham will allow David Moyes to decide his own future if he guides the club to glory in the Europa Conference League



West Ham will give David Moyes the opportunity to decide his own future if he leads the club to Europa Conference League glory.

The Scot's future has been under

scrutiny for several months and the club's owner have on three separate occasions been close to calling time on his reign this season due to the team's poor form in the Premier League.

Similarly, the Hammers, who are

considering Tim Steidten for their new director of football role, have also been profiling potential candidates for a new boss this summer in the anticipation of Moyes leaving.

Marco Silva, Graham Potter, Brendan Rodgers and Paulo Fonseca are among the managers West Ham have considered.

However, the club's euphoric run to the Europa Conference League final has seen the initial plan for a new manager to be in situ in time for pre-season stall.

Sources have indicated it would be 'impossible' for West Ham to initiate Moyes' exit if he leads the club to their first trophy since 1980.

Chairman David Sullivan will hold talks with Moyes at the end of the season regardless of the outcome of their clash against Fiorentina in Prague on June 7.

But it is likely Moyes will have the opportunity to see out the final year of

his contract if West Ham win only their second European trophy in their history.

It maybe that Moyes, 60, decides to walk away from the London Stadium in the close season regardless of how the season finishes.

But if his team can win the UEFA tournament then it is highly unlikely that he will be pushed to leave.

Meanwhile, the club is pushing ahead with their plan to appoint a director of football with former Bayer Leverkusen chief Steidten among the contenders.

Other contenders include Lee Dykes of Brentford and Paul Mitchell, who is leaving his role at Monaco.

The new appointment will work alongside sporting director Mark Noble. The planned restructuring could have an impact on Moyes' future.

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# SLFA reveals date for ordinary congress



**T**he Sierra Leone Football Association (SLFA) has announced 5th July 2023 as the official date for the much talked about and long overdue ordinary congress.

Despite not naming the host region or venue, the SLFA in a presser announced the said congress date which was well received by its stakeholders.

“Sierra Leone Football Association would like to announce to the public especially members of the football family that this year’s Ordinary Congress has been scheduled to take place on Wednesday

5th July 2023,” the Football Association statement reads.

The SLFA Ordinary Congress has always been an assembly that should be staged yearly as per the FA’s mandate and it is the assembly responsible to approve the FA’s annual budgets and also look into previous expenditures.

The ordinary congress also has the power to approve members of standing committees including the Ethics, Appeals and Electoral Committees.