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President Julius Maada Bio has received a wave of congratulatory messages from foreign bodies, with the latest coming from Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, the Director-General of the Geneva-based World Trade Organisation (WTO).

In a message addressed to Dr. Lansana Gberie, Sierra Leone's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, Dr. Okonjo-Iweala expressed her congratulations to President Bio on his re-election to the office.

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FEATURE

LETTER TO CHIEF MINISTER DAVID SENGEH

MAKE THE CIVIL SERVICE RESPONSIVE

The success of your administration hinges on effecting change in the way civil servants have been responding to government agenda. Certainly, it is not new to you, and your time as Minister of Education must have taught you how much Sierra Leone's bureaucracies have hampered progress.

You were successful at the Ministry of Education because you went out of the box. You cared for pupils and parents directly. You monitored effectively programs at the Education Ministry. You deliberately kept all of your officials on their toes, and you applied an inclusive method in all spheres in the education sector, including the SLTU and Teachers Commission. You were able to catalogue academic curriculum that had not existed for over decades, and again, you embarked on spontaneous visits to schools, and interacted with the students directly. To make you successful, you brought respect and dignity to our teachers, with high motivation, making the teaching profession competitive.

Sierra Leoneans want to see the same energy transferred to State House, invigorating all civil servants in the Ministries. All programs should be monitored effectively. It is very unfortunate that the current system lack the ability to follow up on programs. Officials will attend meetings internally, and externally but the frustrating part of it has been that our officials do not make follow ups on programs. Once they attend meetings, especially at international level, they lack the ability to follow up and continue sourcing relationships. This attitude has affected government programs as officials renegade on engaging partners after their first encounter. There should be an agenda on follow ups, and effective monitoring.

Officials should be responsive. This is the case because correspondences are blocked in between, and there has always been a delay in answering pertinent questions that may ease the smooth running of the government. Sadly, most officials do not care about the essence of time in our governance strata. Information gets stock even at State House, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. How do you change this type of situation?

Government Officials should be prompt in responding to questions, and should inculcate the habit of answering their phone calls, and quickly respond to emails. People keep dying for lack of prompt responses to programs and issues. It will take days, and sometimes weeks before most officials could respond to very important issues, and this is frustrating swift and dedicated workers.

Another very crucial malaise has been the lack of respect for each other in governance. People sit in cabinet together, yet most of them were not in speaking terms. Most never interacted as colleagues. This attitude and the unnecessary superiority complex have hindered progress. I have an experience of a Minister trying to call his colleague Minister's phone line, but very skeptical whether his colleague will pick his call. That truly dampened my spirit at that moment. Ministers should be friends, with the same aim of achieving the aspirations of the President. Ministries should support each other. After all they are just mere servants of the people.

Another very important aspect that should be injected into the new government borders around information dissemination, especially on development agendas of the government. One would try to solicit information about the development agendas of the government, and these



information should be disseminated to the ordinary people. What made you exceptional while you were at the Education Ministry was that you had a mechanism of selling your own story. People charged with the responsibility of disseminating information on Government's development agenda are starving of quality information. One will call and call for double checking on information but the officials in charge will keep dragging.

We have lost very essential opportunities because our officials lack

the ability to follow up on issues after meetings. Of course International organizations with the ability to create change in our country will not run after our officials or agencies to make follow up with them. And for the progressives, this attitude sound very disheartening. Ask Ministers and State Officials how much they have done on follow ups after attending meetings with valuable international institutions.

Katie Gberie
USA

WTO's Okonjo-Iweala, others Congratulate Bio

From Cover

Dr. Okonjo-Iweala stated that she was joining "the people of Sierra Leone in congratulating President Bio on his re-election," and expressed her anticipation for continued collaboration focused on ensuring positive development outcomes through trade.

The WTO Director-General also expressed her hope for Sierra Leone's continued constructive engagement.

Dr. Okonjo-Iweala mentioned that she had received a note verbale from Dr. Gberie, informing her of President Bio's re-election.

Several other international organizations, including the International Telecommunication Union and the World Intellectual Property Organization, had also sent congratulatory messages.

Following the opposition's rejection of the election results, many international organizations and foreign countries initially held back their congratulatory messages.

These messages are often seen as acceptance of the election outcomes and an endorsement of the leadership's role on the global stage.

President Bio's re-election seems to be garnering more support and



recognition from various international bodies, reflecting a growing acceptance of the outcome of the election.

However, the opposition All People's

Congress (APC) maintains its stance that there were irregularities during the election and has, thus far, rejected appeals to participate in the government.



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LOCAL NEWS Solomon Jamiru urges the media to market Sierra Leone

By Ishmael Dumbuya

The newly appointed press secretary in the office of the president, Solomon Jamiru has urged the media to market and sell Sierra Leone in a positive light on the international stage, noting that positive reporting of the country on the international stage will help attract investors.

He was making the statement during an interview on the popular radio program, 'Gud Morning Salone'.

According to the press secretary, it's the media that elevated him to prominence for which he is always grateful and appreciative of. He added that the media portraying the government and country in a positive light will help open up the country to a larger and diplomatic level.

He went on to state that he will use his appointment to State House to galvanize and build a better relationship with the media in order



to propagate the ideas and developments of President Bio going forward.

Solomon Jamiru commended the media for their professionalism and diligence especially during the election coverage, noting that President Bio considers the media to be very significant in developing a nation. He said it is as a result of that the president repealed the Criminal Libel Law.

The Press Secretary furthered that the role of the media in a democratic country cannot be overemphasized as

they ensure that citizens make responsible, informed choices rather than acting out of ignorance or misinformation. He noted that information serves a checking function by ensuring that elected representatives uphold their oaths of office and carry out the wishes of those who elected them.

Press Secretary, Jamiru concluded that the media are vital for the creation and the development of a

democratic culture in any country because they provide people with information, which influences the process of shaping opinions and attitudes and of making political choices.

Solomon Jamiru was former deputy Minister of Information, deputy minister of Foreign Affairs before he was recently appointed by President Bio to serve as Press secretary at State House.

I almost bled to death

FGM victim narrates ordeal

By Ishmael Dumbuya

Salamatu Samura, an FGM victim from Tonko Limba has narrated her ordeal after she was forced to undergo Female Genital Mutilation. Salamatu explained that she was coerced by her parents to be mutilated, adding that after the process she almost bled to death and there were serious consequences on her health, such as swelling of the vagina, shock, infections and urination problems.

She gave this testimony during an engagement conducted by the Human Rights Commission for Sierra Leone with tribal heads at Brookfields, Freetown. She went on to testify that when she became pregnant and wanted to deliver after the mutilation, the doctors had to tear some part of her vagina so that the child will come out.

She therefore advocated to other women and girls on the harmful practices, noting that FGM has no health benefits, and it harms women and girls in many ways. She noted that the cutting injures healthy and normal female genital tissue, and interfering with the natural functions of girls and women's bodies.

The Deputy Chair, Forum against

Harmful Practices (FAHP), Hannah Yambasu during the dialogue stated that FGM can lead to immediate health risks, as well as a variety of long-term complications affecting women's physical, mental and sexual health, which sometimes even lead to teenage pregnancy, as it's believed that FGM is a passage from childhood to adulthood, which eventually leads young teenagers to involve in early sexual activities.

She concluded that all forms of FGM are associated with increased health risk in the short term and long term. "FGM is a harmful practice and is unacceptable from a human rights as well as public health perspective, regardless of who performs it. We as an organization therefore says no to age consent but to a zero tolerance on FGM practices", she notes.

Takura Koroma, a Sowe, expressed her regret in participating in the genital cutting. She ended that FGM causes a lot of risks such as obstruction of the urethra and urinary tract infections, discharge, itching, bacterial vaginosis and other infections. She added that obstruction of the vaginal opening may lead to painful menstruation, irregular menses, and difficulty in passing menstrual blood.

TB to kill more people if preventative measures are not implemented

By Alfred Koroma

-UN warns

The UN health innovation initiative (Unitaid) has warned that close to one million people could die from tuberculosis (TB) by 2035, if the disease contact tracing and prevention are not implemented.

Tuberculosis is the world's deadliest infectious disease. Around a quarter of the world's population is infected with TB and is at risk of developing active disease, which causes severe illness, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). But the good part is that the disease is preventable and curable.

The UN agency says implementing a combined strategy of identifying household contacts and providing TB preventive treatment could cut deaths by 35 percent among household contacts of patients and people living with HIV in the

next 12 years.

In a joint study, the Unitaid, John Hopkins University in the United States, and the Aurum Institute, found that the strategy could save 850,000 lives by 2035, most of which could be children given the current low rate of identification for under 15s.

The findings according to UN News report, are in line with WHO's recommendation that TB preventive treatment should be provided to those at the highest risk of infection.

Tess Ryckman, faculty member at Johns Hopkins University said too many family members of people diagnosed with TB are slipping through the cracks and too many lives are being lost, UN News report.

President Bio committed to supporting ECSL on subsequent elections

By Yusufu S. Bangura

President Julius Maada Bio has stated that he will continue to support and capacitate the Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone (ECSL) so that the commission can uphold its mandate to conduct free, fair and credible elections in the country.

He made the above statement on Thursday 20th July, during a popular 'Good Morning Salone program' on Radio Democracy while receiving a certificate from the Chief Electoral Commissioner.

He went on to state that the ECSL was very much zealous and committed in

ensuring that there was a credible election in the country even though there were some challenges during the electoral process.

He added that his government will continue to provide the necessary resources that will expedite the work and operations of the commission.

President Bio further explained that before he resumed office in 2018, the commission was incapacitated, and there were a lot of challenges ranging from electricity to other administrative challenges, but as soon as he took over governance, he made sure that some of



President Julius Maada Bio

those challenges were swiftly addressed.

"I want to thank the Chairman and National Returning Officer, and other Commissioners and staff of the ECSL for the work they undertook in the 2023 multi-tier elections. You have done a great job executing your mandate. It is, above all, free and fair and the results of

the June 24 elections speak for themselves. I am calling on you and other members to continue to work very hard. I thank you for delivering credible elections and I will continue to supporting the commission on subsequent elections," said President Bio.

It could be recalled that after the ECSL announced the presidential and parliamentary elections, the main opposition APC party raised a lot of concerns, citing irregularities, unfairness and rigging in the election processes.

The leadership of APC consequently put out a press statement indicating that they will boycott governance unless there is a fresh re-run of the elections and should be conducted by international observers'.

However, the ECSL and the ruling government have refused to pay attention to the demands, noting that the elections were credible and fair, and there won't be a re-run of the election.

NEWS AROUND AFRICA COMPILED BY GABRIEL BENJAMIN

Top 10 African countries facing record-breaking heat waves in 2023

In the scorching summer of 2023, extreme heat waves have swept the globe, shattering temperature records and posing a severe threat to human lives and the environment.

The world recently experienced its hottest day ever recorded, with the average global temperature surpassing the previous record.

Heat-Related Deaths on the Rise in Africa
Authorities report a surge in heat-related deaths as temperatures soar above 40°C (104°F) in many regions, with Africa being notably affected due to its equatorial regions experiencing some of the highest temperatures on the planet.

WiseVoter Institute Reveals the Hottest African Countries in 2023

The WiseVoter Institute has compiled data revealing the 10 hottest African countries in 2023. These countries are facing unique challenges due to the extreme heat. Here are some key highlights:

Burkina Faso

Located in West Africa, Burkina Faso is facing a serious situation with temperatures at 84.67°F threatening agriculture, which is the main livelihood. Frequent droughts risk food security. Local communities are adopting water conservation practices and growing drought-resistant crops.

Mali

Mali is experiencing scorching temperatures of 84.58°F (above 40°C), posing severe health risks and leading to a rise in heat-related deaths. In response, the government has implemented action plans and established cooling centers in urban areas to ensure citizen safety.

Senegal

With scorching heat waves at 84.04°F, Senegal has ramped up efforts to combat climate change by investing in renewable energy sources.

Mauritania

Mauritania faces year-round temperatures reaching 83.88°F. In addressing these challenges, the country has partnered with international organizations to focus on renewable energy solutions and sustainable fishing practices.

Djibouti

Djibouti, known as one of the hottest countries in the world, is facing pressing issues of heat-related health risks and water scarcity with temperatures reaching 83.3°F. The nation is working on harnessing geothermal energy and implementing innovative desalination techniques to secure its water supply.

The Gambia

The Gambia experiences an average temperature of 83.05°F. The country encounters distinctive obstacles caused by deforestation and habitat degradation. To combat desertification and encourage biodiversity, the government is proactively engaged in afforestation initiatives and adopting sustainable land management practices.

Guinea-Bissau

Guinea-Bissau experiences an average temperature of 82.49°F. The nation is currently facing challenges posed by increasing sea levels and coastal erosion, which have significant effects on its communities and agricultural areas. In response, Guinea-Bissau is actively undertaking climate-resilient infrastructure projects to protect its coastline and ensure the safety of its people.

Niger

Niger stands at 82.49°F making it one of the hottest countries in Africa, the government is prioritizing sustainable land management and investing in irrigation systems to enhance agricultural productivity.

Benin

Benin - 82.45°F: Benin faces critical heat stress and water scarcity issues. To combat these challenges, the country is promoting water conservation and implementing climate-smart agriculture practices to adapt to rising temperatures.

South Sudan

South Sudan is experiencing scorching temperatures at 82.35°F, intensifying its pre-existing challenges, such as conflict and food insecurity. In response to these pressing issues, the country is partnering with international organizations to foster sustainable agricultural practices and enhance climate resilience.

Kenya's violent protests 'sabotaging' economy president Ruto says

After a day of clashes between the police and protesters, Kenya's President reiterated his warning to the opposition coalition which called for a 3-day anti-government protests.

Ruto spoke Thursday (Jul. 20) in Isiolo, eastern Kenya. He accused the opposition of sabotaging the economy with recurrent protests.

"Every part of Kenya have said we cannot sabotage our economy using violence and destruction of business and destruction of property," he told a large crowd.

"Kenya is the only place we have to call home and we must protect it by all means. We must protect our democracy; we must protect the peace in our country because it is the collective responsibility of all of us as citizens."

Police fired tear gas and live rounds in Kibera, Nairobi's biggest slum, as protesters throw back projectiles, Thursday (Jul. 20).

Shops and schools reopened in Kenya, and the capital's business district, largely shuttered on Wednesday, also resumed activity Thursday morning.

Kenya Private Sector Alliance said it estimated that each day of protest cost the economy an average of three billion shillings (\$21.8 million).

Deadly protests

The Independent Medico-Legal Unit watchdog claimed six people were killed on the first of three days of protests called by the opposition.

Last week's protests left more than six people dead and many others injured, including 53

children who went into shock after tear gas was thrown inside their school compound.

"I would like to congratulate the police for standing firm by ensuring that there is order, ensuring all the criminals are being dealt with so that there is peace in Kenya, there is no violence, businesses are protected, and all the government infrastructures are protected."

The escalating cost of living and the implementation of new taxes on petroleum products have been a source of growing worry and even anger for some Kenyans.

Leading newspapers published a joint editorial on Thursday calling for Odinga and President Ruto to hold talks.

Tension is high between the politicians since Ruto's election, which Odinga contests.

'Hand to mouth'

Odinga called off demonstrations in April and May after Ruto agreed to dialogue, but the talks broke down.

Odinga says Ruto's government is illegitimate and to blame for a cost-of-living crisis.

The government in turn has accused the opposition of derailing efforts to improve the economy, with Ruto on Thursday saying that protests were "not a solution to (the) problems of Kenyans."

Analysts said the protests have piled further pressure on a population already struggling with galloping inflation.

"With many Kenyans living hand to mouth, asking for three days of protests (in) a week is too much

Sudan: Fighting in Khartoum intensifies after generals briefly appear

Air strikes, street battles and artillery fire shook Sudan's capital Khartoum and the major southern city of El-Obeid on Thursday, witnesses told AFP.

"Artillery fire targeted paramilitary bases of the Rapid Support Forces," said a resident of El-Obeid, 350 kilometres (220 miles) southwest of Khartoum.

Fighting between the RSF and the regular army, led by feuding generals, has killed at least 3,000 people and displaced more than 3.3 million since April 15.

Army jets on Thursday were striking paramilitaries, who were responding with anti-aircraft fire, said another El-Obeid resident, who asked not to be named for security reasons.

In Khartoum's south, witnesses reported three air raids in the early morning.

"The blasts were terrifying," one of them told AFP. The army on Wednesday accused the RSF of targeting a residential area of the capital in a drone strike that left "14 civilians dead and 15 injured".

Residents told AFP at least 13 civilians were killed.

The conflict pits army chief Abdel Fattah el-Burhan against his former deputy, RSF commander Mohamed Hamdan Daglo.

- 'Victory or martyrdom' -

Burhan on Tuesday appeared in rare video footage shortly after an audio recording of Daglo was released.

In the video clip of less than one minute, Burhan,

carrying a pistol and an automatic rifle, and donning a T-shirt and cargo pants, is seen in the army headquarters as he greets the army top brass.

The massive complex in central Khartoum has been the site of frequent clashes between the warring sides.

Daglo was last seen in a short video clip the paramilitaries shot in the early days of the conflict that is now in its fourth month.

But he has released several audio recordings since, the latest on Monday evening in which he told Sudanese he was willing to "choose peace" but remained "ready for war".

The combatants loyal to him would fight until "victory or martyrdom", Daglo said.

The RSF chief also mentioned the vast western region of Darfur, which in the early 2000s saw a bloody war and which has been hit by some of the worst violence in the new conflict.

The paramilitaries have labelled the Darfur bloodshed "tribal conflicts", while rights campaigners blame the RSF and allied Arab militias for reported atrocities including rape, looting and the mass killings of ethnic minorities.

The International Criminal Court has opened a new probe into alleged war crimes in Darfur, its chief prosecutor Karim Khan said last week.

He warned against "allowing history to repeat itself" in Darfur, where 300,000 people were killed in a conflict from 2003 that led the ICC to charge former leader Omar al-Bashir with genocide.

Investigation begins in aftermath of Johannesburg blast

One day after an unexplained Johannesburg blast, police and emergency teams continue to comb through the scene.

On Thursday (Jul. 20) the public was being urged to stay away from the site of the incident so as not to hamper the investigation. "It's about keeping this scene sterile, so that people must not interfere here," says Gauteng Province Police Commissioner, Elias Mawela. One man died and at least 48 people were injured after an explosion ripped open roads and flipped vehicles in the heart of South Africa's biggest city, authorities and emergency services said Thursday (Jul. 20). The cause of the blast at evening rush hour Wednesday (Jul. 19) in downtown Johannesburg remained unclear. The company that supplies gas to that part of the city said it did not believe its underground pipelines were responsible, as authorities first thought.

An investigation was underway as city authorities brought in specialists to determine what other underground pipes or cables there were in the area and if there was a threat of another explosion or gas leak.

"We are still searching for the source," said Panyaza Lesufi, the premier of the Gauteng province, where Johannesburg is located.

36 people discharged from hospitals

Firefighters discovered the body of the man in a nighttime search of the blast area, Emergency Management Services spokesperson Robert Mulaudzi said on Twitter.

Lesufi said 12 people remained in several Johannesburg hospitals for medical treatment. The other 36 people who were hurt had been discharged, he said.

Some people were evacuated from the area

for them," said Edgar Githua, lecturer at USIU Africa and Strathmore University in Nairobi.

"If these protests continue this way... and with a lot of violence and looting, they will lose purpose and even the leaders will eventually lose credibility," he told AFP.

Wednesday (Jul. 19) night due to fears of a second explosion or that multi-story buildings in a downtown section of the city might collapse. Lesufi said "the damage is extensive."

However, people returned to the busy area in Johannesburg's central business district on Thursday morning, either to go back to their homes or get to work.

Authorities estimated that an area covering five city blocks was damaged and at least six roads were affected. At least 34 vehicles were damaged, with some of them flipped on their sides or lying on top of other vehicles. Others had tumbled into gaping crevices that appeared in the middle of roads as the damage resembled a scene from an apocalyptic movie.

The explosion happened just before 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Lesufi said, just as many people were gathering on the streets to catch a minibus taxi home, one of South Africa's most common commuting methods. Most of the damaged vehicles were minibus taxis. Eyewitnesses said some people were sitting in the buses when the explosion threw them into the air.

One man, who did not give his name, told television station eNCA that he was in his car when he heard "a big sound. The next thing, I was in the air and my car was overturning," he said. He said he was shaken but unhurt.

In the immediate moments after the blast, people were seen running as smoke poured out of a crack in the road.

Emergency crews searched through some of the mangled, overturned vehicles and nearby buildings deep into the night, discovering the one fatality while the number of injured rose from an initial nine people reported on Wednesday.

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Opposition protests following Odinga's election loss in 2017 continued until he brokered a surprise pact with his erstwhile foe, former president Uhuru Kenyatta, that became known as "the handshake".



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LOCAL NEWS

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

One John Alie Sankoh was on Wednesday, 20th July been convicted and sentenced to five years imprisonment after found guilty for breaking into a house and stealing over two million Leones cash and properties belonging to one Samuel Karankey Conteh.

Sankoh has been sentenced on the 29th September 2020, broke into Conteh's house in Freetown and stole properties and money worth two million three hundred and fifty thousand Leones property.

He was arraigned before High Court on one count charge of house breaking and larceny contrary to section 25 (1) 2 of the Larceny Act 1916 and Section 13 (a) of the Larceny Act 1916

Delivering the judgment, Justice

Man sentenced to five years imprisonment for stealing



Law court building SL

Mondred Sesay said on the night of the incident, the brother of the complainant saw him at the entrance of the front door around 5am in the morning.

Justice Sesay said the witness who is the complainant brother testified in court that, he immediately called his elder brother that he has seen the convict and knew him very well. He said the witness in the morning hours

took his brother to the convict's residence where they arrested him.

He said the prosecution has proven

their case beyond all reasonable doubt against the accused person John Alie Sankoh of counts charges – house breaking and Larceny.

In her plea of mitigation for and on behalf of the accused, Defence Lawyer, R.S Bangura from the Legal Aid Board also stressed that the accused is a young man with lot of potential, thus pleading with the presiding judge to temper justice with mercy, adding that the accused must have learnt his lesson while on remand at the Pademba Road Male Correction Centre.

However, Justice Sesay sentences Sankoh to five years imprisonment, including time spent in prison.

Chancery building unfit for habitation

While continuing his testimony in court, Saidu Nallo the first accused in the ongoing Chancery Building matter said the Chancery building was unfit for habitation, because the building was decaying, infested by rats and roaches.

Nallo furthered that the heating and cooling systems in the building were also broken with licking rooftop among other dangers.

The ground floor of the building which housed some of the very important offices including head of the Chancery and the accountant was badly terrible.

As a result of the shameful state of the building, the Ambassador hardly seats there and preferred hanging out at the main UN building, he said.

Nallo said there was an emergency meeting with the Head of Chancery and the Ambassador for the rehabilitation of the building, and a committee was setup for the refurbishment of the building comprising the head of Chancery and other him was the secretary of that

-Saidu Nallo 1st accused

committee.

The witness said during his tenure at the United Nations the New York City building department insurance visited the chancery for inspections on the said building which they told them that the building is not good for purpose

The Sierra Leone mission building was forced to move to Uganda house and was paying about 15 thousand dollars for a very small space.

He said he was intimidated by the Deputy Director General of Foreign Affairs about the challenges that existed with securing the much needed funds for the properties in New York. The witness said a Sum of two million dollars fund was provided in 2011 by a certain development partner and another two million dollars in 2019.

Lawyer Pa Momoh Fofanah, the first accused counsel requested for an adjournment on Wednesday 26th July to go further into the management of the refurbishment of the Chancery and bring out document that they will like the court to see.

PAN-SL gets new national executives

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay



Local NGO, Patriotic Advocacy Network-Sierra Leone (PAN-SL) has announced Janet S. Kallon as their new Chairperson, Board of Directors.

Kallon's appointment came days after the Executive Director; Ansumana Keita stepped down from his position after ten years of service. Keita has been replaced by Paul J. Koroma as Executive Director.

The new Chairperson of the Board will serve alongside fellow appointees, Paul J. Koroma and his deputy Fatmata Turay.

The Patriotic Advocacy Network, Sierra Leone (PAN-SL) was founded for the primary reason of instilling the spirit of patriotism, unity, oneness, love and national cohesion among Sierra Leoneans.

The organization has been playing pivotal roles in the development of the nation especially in the educational sector.

Over the years, PAN-SL was successful in organizing debating and storytelling competitions among secondary schools across the country.

Alleged fraudster granted NLe. 500,000 bail

By Blessing C. Cole

An alleged fraudster, Musa Sesay has on Thursday 20th July been granted a NLe 500,000 bail by Magistrate Mark Ngegba of Pademba Road Court No.1.

The accused person made his first appearance before Magistrate Ngegba on one count of fraudulent conversion contrary to Section 20 (1) (IV) (a) of the Larceny Act 1916.

Police prosecutor, ASP Ibrahim S. Mansaray alleged that the accused on Friday 28th August 2020 in Freetown, fraudulently converted to his own use and benefit 15,000 litres of both diesel and petrol valued three hundred and eight thousand, two hundred and fifth new Leones (308, 250, 00.00) which was entrusted to him by Amie Bai Kanu for the purpose of sales.

When the charge was read and explained to the accused by the court clerk, he pleaded not guilty to the offense.

Testifying in court, the first prosecution witness, Amie Bai Kanu said she is a businesswoman and she knew the accused through her father who used to visit them at home.

She said on the date in question, the accused went to her house and asked her to assist him with work which she agreed

and later opened a filling station at Waterloo for him to be getting his livelihood.

The witness further testified that after three months, she went to Waterloo to monitor the business operations. Upon arrival at the filling station, she requested that they calculate how much sales the accused have made

She continued that during the calculation, she noticed that NLe 65,000 have been missing and when she asked the accused for the money, he turned deaf ears, and pretend not to understand.

At this juncture, the prosecutor asked Magistrate Ngegba to adjourn the matter for him to have proper interrogations with the witness.

However, before the date, defense counsel W. Garba applied for bail on behalf of the accused.

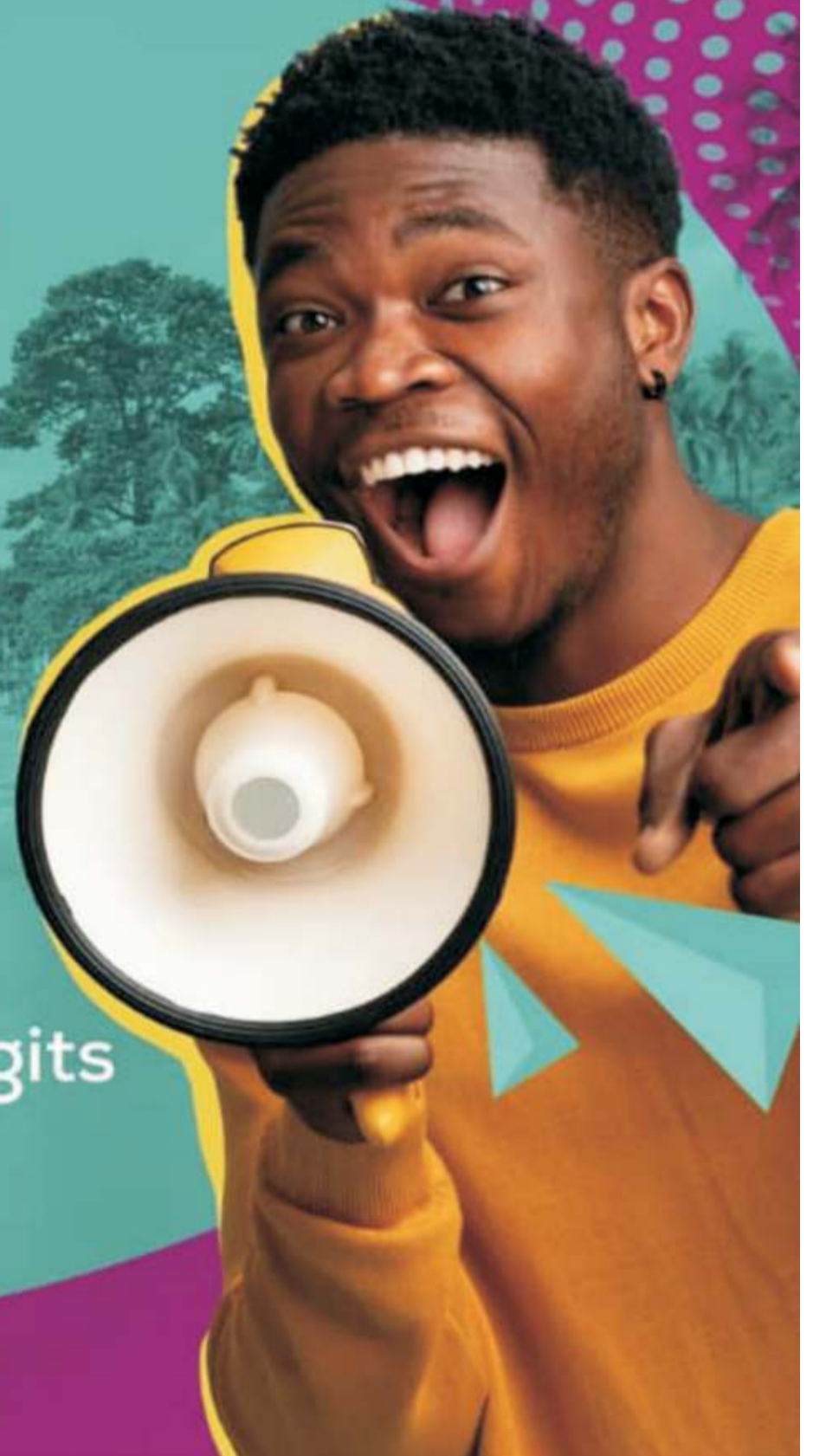
Meanwhile, Magistrate Ngegba granted bail to the accused in the sum of NLe 5000, plus two sureties who must be residents in Freetown. He added that one of the sureties must have a house document, and with a minimum of NLe. 500,000 in his or her bank account.

The matter was adjourned to Monday 31st July 2023 for the PW1 to continue her testimony.



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR GENDER ANALYSIS FOR THE SIERRA LEONE RICE AGRO INDUSTRIAL CLUSTER PROJECT IN BONTHE AND PUJEHUN DISTRICTS

Country: Republic of Sierra Leone
 Name of Project: Rice Agro Industrial Cluster (SL RAIC) Project
 Sector: Agriculture
 Mode of Financing: Grant
 Project ID: P-SL-AA0-021
 Grant No: 5900155016654
 Issued Date: 21st July, 2023

The Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone has received financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB) in the form of grant towards the cost of Rice Agro Industrial Cluster (SL RAIC) Project and intends to apply part of the agreed amount towards payment under an Individual Consultancy Service contract for Gender Analysis for the Project in Bonthe and Pujehun Districts.

The overall objectives of the consultancy is to undertake a detailed gender analysis in the project operation areas of Pujehun District (Kpangia Chiefdom) and Bonthe District (Bum Chiefdom) in line with the following:

- Conduct a desk review of existing literature, reports, and studies on gender and infrastructure development in the agricultural and industrial sectors.
- Develop a comprehensive methodology for the gender analysis, including data collection tools and approaches tailored to the specific context of the RAIC project.
- Conduct interviews and focus group discussions with key stakeholders within the project operational district, including project managers, government officials, community members, and representatives of women's and youth organizations.
- Analyze the collected data to identify gender-related challenges, gaps, and opportunities in infrastructure development projects within the RAIC project.
- Conduct a GBV risk analysis to inform project interventions.
- Assess the impact of infrastructure development on different gender groups, considering social, economic, and cultural factors specific to the cluster.
- Identify best practices and lessons learned from previous gender-sensitive infrastructure projects in the agricultural and industrial sectors, with a focus on relevant technologies, access to markets, and capacity-building initiatives.
- Provide evidence-based recommendations to ensure gender mainstreaming and the inclusion of marginalized groups in the design and implementation of infrastructure components within the RAIC project.
- Prepare a detailed report summarizing the findings of the gender analysis, including an executive summary, analysis, recommendations, and an action plan for integrating gender considerations into infrastructure development projects within the cluster.
- Present the findings and recommendations to relevant stakeholders in a clear and concise manner, including project management, government authorities, and other key stakeholders.

The assignment will be undertaken in 30 consecutive working days over a period of 6 weeks starting from the date the contract is signed.

Key Deliverables:

- Inception Report.
- Comprehensive Study Report (Draft and final) that should capture but not limited to:
 - Analysis of options, implications, and assessment of stakeholders' inputs with respect to the gender, women's and youth rights and equality in working in the RAIC Project.
 - Gender mainstreaming strategies in line with Sierra Leone Gender laws and Policies.
 - GBV risk analysis
 - Comprehensive gender analysis for infrastructure development within the Rice Agro Industrial Cluster (RAIC) project, including findings, analysis, and recommendations.
- An action plan for integrating gender considerations into infrastructure development projects within the cluster.

The Sierra Leone Rice Agro Industrial Cluster project invites individual consultants to indicate their interest to provide the services through submission of their updated CVs, description of similar assignment, experience in similar condition, availability of appropriate skills etc. The individual consultants experience and qualifications should meet at a minimum, the following criteria:

- A master's degree in gender studies, social sciences, development studies, or a related discipline.
- A minimum of five (5) years of relevant practical professional experience in dealing with theoretical understanding and specialized knowledge in gender issues.
- English communications skills (both verbal and written) with proven report writing skills.
- Experience working with donor funded programmes in the country or region.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "Procurement Policy and Methodology for Bank Group funded Operations" (BPM), dated 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>. RAIC is under no obligation to shortlist any consultant who expresses interest.

Consultants may obtain further information (including detailed Terms of Reference) at the address below during office hours Monday to Friday 0900 hours to 1700 hours.

Expression of interest must be hand-delivered or emailed to the address below by **4th August, 2023 at 1400 hours** and mention "Expression of Interest for: Gender Analysis".

Attn: The Project Manager
 Rice Agro Industrial Cluster (SL RAIC) Project
 72 Bo – Kenema Highway, Bo City
 Tel: +232 76 994 776
 Email: jmpsinahmostraicp@gmail.com

CHANGE OF NAME

This is to certify that I, MASERAY FEIKA of No. 5B George Brook Street, Dwarzark, Freetown, wholly renounce, relinquish and abandon the use of my former names MASERAY FEIKA and in place thereof do assume from the date hereof the names of MASERAY MOYATU SESAY and so that I may hereafter be called,



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- Must have a sound knowledge and capacity to use Microsoft Office Packages especially Excel.
- Must be articulate, analytical, self-motivated and a team player who can demonstrate boldness, the skill of listening and mutual support.

Candidates possessing the requisite experience are highly encouraged to apply. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview. Interested candidates must send their CV's, certificates and application to info@freetownnominees.com with the wording CASHIER as subject of their email.

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Call for Applications for a National Consultant

Mapping of blended finance to support financial intermediaries and FINTECHs firms in Sierra Leone

Deadline: 25th July 2023

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in partnership with the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) with financial support from the European Union (EU) is implementing a four-year project "Supporting Informal Enterprises Transition Towards Sustainable Growth and Formalization in the African, Caribbean and Pacific Regions". The project aims to unlock the potential of the informal economy for inclusive growth and transformation by developing and supporting the implementation of favourable regulatory conditions and relevant incentives for businesses to formalize. UNDP Sierra Leone is seeking the services of an experienced expert to undertake investment intelligence and identify and map out sources of finance to support financial intermediaries and FINTECHs firms targeting the informal enterprise sector in Sierra Leone.

The assignment will be executed in 18 working days. The consultant will work closely and coordinate with the Sierra Leone UNDP Sierra Leone Country Office and Project Management Unit (PMU) team based in Pretoria. During the execution of the assignment, consultations will be done with key project partners, the European Delegation to Sierra Leone, and the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Who Is Eligible to Apply?

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a Sierra Leonean National
- Possess a minimum of a master's degree in banking and finance, microfinance, development finance, development economics, business management, or a related field
- Have 10 or more years of professional experience in the financial sector of an African country
- Have practical consulting experience in the development of financial products
- Work experience with financial institutions

such as banks, microfinance, and insurance companies.

Only one submission per person is allowed. Once the application is complete and submitted, revised versions of the application will not be accepted.

The deadline for applications is **06:59 pm on Tuesday, 25th July 2023**. Proposal should be submitted directly in the portal no later than indicated deadline.

Any request for clarification must be sent in writing via messaging functionality in the portal. UNDP will respond in writing including an explanation of the query without identifying the source of inquiry.

Bidders can download the bid documents from the UNDP Procurement website at: <https://procurement-notices.undp.org/>

Offers must be submitted directly in the system following this link: <http://supplier.quantum.partneragencies.org> using the profile you may have in the portal. In case you have never registered before, you can register a profile using the registration link shared via the procurement notice and following the instructions in guides available in UNDP website: <https://www.undp.org/procurement/business/resources-for-bidders>. Do not create a new profile if you already have one. Use the forgotten password feature in case you do not remember the password or the username from previous registration.

If you already have a supplier profile, please login to the [Supplier Portal](#), then search for the negotiation using the reference number **UNDP-SLE-00033**, following the instructions in the [user guide](#).

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ONLINE APPLICATION FOR THE 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

Njala University announces for the information of the general public, applicants, parents and guardians that online applications are open for the admission of prospective applicants into various undergraduate and postgraduate programmes for the 2023-2024 academic year. Applicants should take note of the following:

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All applications **MUST** be submitted **ONLINE** through the Njala University Admissions portal: <https://app.njala.edu.sl>

The **DEADLINE** for submission of applications is **Friday, 15th September 2023**

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Applications are hereby invited for admission into Certificate, Diploma, Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programmes enabled at Njala University for the 2023/2024 Academic Year.

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 - (d) Bachelor of Science with Honours in Soil Science
 - (e) Bachelor of Science with Honours in Food Science
 - (f) Bachelor of Science with Honours in Food Technology and Food Safety
 - (g) Bachelor of Science with Honours in Food Processing and Food Preservation
 - (h) Bachelor of Science with Honours in Food Packaging and Food Quality
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 - (o) Bachelor of Science with Honours in Food Safety and Food Quality
 - (p) Bachelor of Science with Honours in Food Safety and Food Quality
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 - (a) Bachelor of Science with Honours in Rural Development Studies
 - (b) Bachelor of Science with Honours in Environmental and Sustainable Development
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 - (a) Bachelor of Science with Honours in Aquaculture and Fisheries Management
 - (b) Bachelor of Science with Honours in Forestry
 - (c) Bachelor of Science with Honours in Wildlife Management and Conservation
 - (d) Bachelor of Science with Honours in Horticulture
 - (e) Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Management (General)

SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

- Bachelor of Science with Honours in Agricultural Engineering
- Bachelor of Science with Honours in Business and Information Technology
- Bachelor of Science with Honours in Accounting and Information Technology
- Bachelor of Science with Honours in Computer Science
- Bachelor of Science with Honours in Electronics and Telecommunications
- Bachelor of Science with Honours in Industrial Technology
- Department of Agricultural & Home Economics Education
- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMMES LOCATED AT BO CAMPUS

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

- Bachelor of Science with Honours in Biostatistics and Epidemiology
- Bachelor of Science with Honours in Behavioural Health Sciences
- Bachelor of Science with Honours in Environmental Health and Sanitation

8. SCHOOL OF NURSING

- (a) Bachelor of Science with Honours in Nursing

9. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

- (a) Bachelor of Science with Honours in Community Health and Clinical Sciences
- (b) Foundation in Medicine One (Pre-med)

10. SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

- Institute of Languages & Cultural Studies
- Diploma in Development Communication and Media Studies
- Bachelor of Arts in Education (Linguistics/Literature)
- Bachelor of Arts in Education (Literature/Linguistics)
- Bachelor of Arts in Education (French/Linguistics)
- Bachelor of Arts in Education (English)
- Department of Teacher Education (Secondary)
- Bachelor of Arts in Education (Political Science)
- Bachelor of Education (Adult Education and Community Development Studies)
- Bachelor of Arts in Community Development Studies

11. SCHOOL OF BASIC EDUCATION

- Department of Human Kinetics & Sports
- Bachelor of Education (Human Kinetics/Option)
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- Bachelor of Science in Education (Coaching & Officiating)

12. SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND LAW

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POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMMES LOCATED AT NJALA CAMPUS

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- Master of Science in Agricultural Extension and Rural Sociology
- Master of Science in Animal Science
- Master of Science in Agronomy
- Master of Science in Crop Science
- Master of Science in Soil Science
- Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics
- Master of Science in Clothing and Textiles
- Master of Science in Agribusiness Management
- M.Phil. & PhD programmes are also available in the above disciplines

SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

- Master of Science in Development Studies
- Master of Science in Rural Development Studies
- Master of Science in Environmental Management and Quality Control
- Master of Science in Land Administration and Management
- Master of Science in Geographical Information Systems
- Postgraduate Diploma in Rural Development Studies
- Postgraduate Diploma in Development Studies
- Postgraduate Diploma in Geography
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SCHOOL OF NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

- Master of Science in Forestry

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- Master of Science in Postharvest Technology
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SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMMES LOCATED AT BO CAMPUS AND HENRY STREET (FREETOWN)

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

- Master of Education (M.Ed) with the following Options
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- Guidance & Counselling
- Measurement & Evaluation
- Science Education
- Curriculum Development
- Adult Education
- Community Development Studies
- Master of Science in Agricultural Education
- Master of Science in Education with the following Options
- Physics
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- Mathematics
- Biology
- Geography
- Exercise Physiology
- Master of Arts in Education - Literature
- Master of Arts in Education - Sports, Administration & Management
- Master of Arts in Descriptive & Applied Linguistics
- M.Phil. & PhD programmes are also available in the above disciplines

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Master of Science in Economics
- Master of Science in Sociology with option in Community Development Studies
- Master of Science in Psychology (Health)
- Master of Business Administration (Executive)
- Master of Business Administration with the following options: Human Resource Management, Finance, Marketing, and Project Management
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Art in Peace and Development Studies
- Postgraduate Diploma in Public Administration and Management
- Postgraduate Diploma in Local Government and Finance Management
- Postgraduate Diploma in Economics

COLLEGE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

- M.D in Public Health
- Master of Public Health

DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES

COLLEGE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (BO CAMPUS)

- Higher Diploma in Nursing (SRN)
- Higher Diploma in Community Health and Clinical Studies (CHO)
- Higher Diploma in Environmental Health Sciences
- Diploma in Community Health Assistant (CHA)
- Higher Diploma in Laboratory Sciences
- Diploma in Pharmacy Technician
- Technician Diploma in Accounting
- Diploma in Business Administration
- Higher Diploma in Banking and Finance
- Diploma in Social Work
- Certificate in Health Education
- Distance Learning Programmes in the Following Options:
- Teacher Certificate (T.C)
- Higher Teachers Certificate (Primary)
- Higher Teachers Certificate (Secondary)
- Bachelor of Education (B.Ed)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE)
- Diploma in Development Communication
- Certificate in Development Communication

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- Diploma in Environmental Management and Quality Control
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- Higher Diploma in Computer Hardware and Electronics
- Higher Diploma in Agricultural Technology and Food Processing
- Higher Diploma in Industrial Technology
- Higher Diploma in Information Technology
- Diploma in Computer Science and Information Technology
- Ordinary Diploma in Data Processing and Information Technology
- Ordinary Diploma in Computer Hardware and Electronics
- Higher Diploma in Horticulture
- Higher Diploma in Wood Science
- Higher Diploma in Forestry
- Higher Diploma in Wildlife Management and Conservation

UNDERGRADUATE/DEGREE PROGRAMMES

- The University's requirements for the Degree Programme are five (5) credits GCE O-Level/WASSCE including English Language in not more than two sittings. In the case of the West African Examination Council Exams, only grades varying from 1-6 are recognized as GCE O Levels credit passes. For WASSCE it is A1 - C6 while for the Associate Examination Board (Lombok GCE) only C or better are recognized.
- Applicants should note that there are additional departmental requirements.
- Also that some schools start their Honours programmes in the 3rd Year.
- Students are admitted into the General programmes and have to Score above 3.60 and above before they can enter the Honours Programme.

CERTIFICATE AND DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES

- Four (4) WASSCE/GCE Credits including English Language will be considered for admission into Higher Diploma Programmes. Higher Diploma in Optometric for Community Health Officers (OCHO) (only CHO) with 3 year working experience can apply) and Three (3) credits for Certificate and Ordinary Diploma including English Language.
- Please note that admission into SRN and CHO programmes requires Five (5) Credits (GCE O Level)/WASSCE including English Language in not more than two sittings.
- Entry Requirements into Diploma and Certificate programmes in the School of Social Sciences and Law are as follows:
- Higher Diploma in Banking and Finance
- An applicant must have passed the West African Senior School Certificate Examinations (WASSCE) with credit or better in at least four (4) subjects in not more than two (2) sittings and, perform reasonably well in the interview will be considered.
- Diploma in Social Work
- An applicant must have passed the West African Senior School Certificate Examinations (WASSCE) with credit or better in at least three (3) subjects in not more than two (2) sittings and, perform reasonably well in the interview will be considered.
- Certificate in Social Work
- An applicant must have passed O Level or WASSCE credit or better in at least 2 subjects in not more than 2 sittings with a minimum of 5 years working experience in a reputable organisation.
- Technician Diploma in Accounting (TDA)
- Diploma in Business Administration and Management
- An applicant must have passed the West African Senior School Certificate Examinations (WASSCE) with credit or better in at least four (4) subjects in not more than two (2) sittings and, perform reasonably well in the interview will be considered.

POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

- Applicants must have a first Degree from a well-recognized University including Five (5) subjects at WASSCE or GCE O Levels.

DISTANCE LEARNING

- ENTRY REQUIREMENT FOR TEACHERS CERTIFICATE (3 YEARS DURATION)
- To be eligible, applicant should have:
- Two (2) GCE O Level or WASSCE
- Completed Form 5 or SSS 3 and pass the University entrance Exam in Mathematics, English and General Studies
- Have at least two years of teaching experience and pass the University entrance examination in Mathematics and General Studies.

ENTRY REQUIREMENT FOR HIGHER TEACHERS CERTIFICATE (SECONDARY) (3 YEARS)

- Applicant should have four (4) credit or better in relevant subject areas including English in not more than two sittings.
- Have Higher Teachers Certificate (Primary) with at least three GCE O Level or WASSCE including English Language in not more than two sittings.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (4 YEARS)

- The Bachelor of Education (B.Ed) is a four-year, distance programme offering specialization in Early Childhood Development and Secondary School specializations in two teaching subjects.
- Five (5) credits GCE O Level/WASSCE/ NVQ with unit 5 or better including English Language in not more than two sittings. In the case of WAEC only grades varying from 1-6 are recognized as GCE O Level credit passes and A1-C6 for WASSCE.
- Obtain a Higher Teachers Certificate (Secondary) with 4 GCE O Level/WASSCE including English in not more than two sittings.
- Obtain a Higher Teachers Certificate (Primary) with four GCE O Level/WASSCE including English Language in not more than two sittings with three-year teaching experience.

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (1 YEAR, 6 MONTHS) (18 MONTHS)

- Applicant should have a degree with division two or better from a recognized university with at least a year working experience.

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Request for Proposals Design and Supervision of Office Space Remodeling

The United Nations Children's Fund wishes to invite Proposals for the Design and Supervision of Office Space Remodeling.

Please visit the United Nations Global Market (UNGM) Website and download the tender documents. Please see the link for this Request for Proposal below:

[Design and supervision of office space remodeling \(ungm.org\)](https://ungm.org)

The submission deadline for is Wednesday 26th July at 10.am.

Proposers are requested to submit any requests in respect of this RFPS to srl-procurementrequests@unicef.org by Friday 14th July at 1700 hours.

Proposals are to be submitted to the email addresses indicated in the Tender Documents.

There will be no Bid Conference.



Request for Proposals LTA for General Premises, Building and Electrical Maintenance Works

The United Nations Children's Fund invites tenders for Premises Maintenance, Building and Electrical Works 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.

The Tender Documents can be downloaded at the site below.

[GENERAL PREMISES, BUILDING AND ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE WORKS \(ungm.org\)](https://ungm.org)

There will be a bid conference on Friday 21st July at 10.30 am at the UNICEF Freetown Conference Room.

The deadline for the submission of bids is at 10 am on Thursday 3rd August




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14th July, 2023.

MEDIA RELEASE

IPRP CONCLUDES INVESTIGATION INTO COMPLAINT BROUGHT AGAINST THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND FAYIA UNITY GARAGE

The Independent Procurement Review Panel (IPRP) has concluded the matter **between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MoFAIC) (RESPONDENT) and Fayia Unity Garage, Freetown (Appellant).**

Based on the summary of facts, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation advertised a bid in local newspapers, requesting for a **Framework Contract for the supply of Spare Parts and Maintenance of Vehicles (Lot 1).**

A complaint was filed by Fayia Unity Garage to the Independent Procurement Review Panel (IPRP) on alleged Procurement Irregularities in the procurement process.

The Appellant submitted a bid expressing interests in executing the task, and the complainant was notified by the procuring entity that he was unsuccessful during the Evaluation Stage.

The Procuring Entity cited poor maintenance of vehicles as well as during the cause of repairs seven vehicles had been grounded among which were VIP vehicles.

The Appellant claimed that his garage was providing similar service to the MoFAIC for which he had never defaulted and was baffled to receive a notification letter from the procurement Committee that his garage was unsuccessful.

The Appellant filed in a protest letter to the procuring entity expressing their dissatisfaction of the outcome of the evaluation process, and claiming that the MoFAIC only responded to their letter after the mandated 5 day period has elapsed.

A day hearing was held for both parties in the said matter and the panel holds that:

1. Pursuant to section 64(1) of the Public Procurement Act, 2016, the Appellant lodged an appeal with the Respondent asking for a review of the decision. The Respondent called the Appellant to a debriefing in which the issues raised therein, were discussed but not to the satisfaction of the appellant,

Decision

Based on the above mentioned reasons, the Panel finds as follows:

2. The Panel finds that the Appellant was not successful during the evaluation process on the bases of failing a technical assessment, rather he was evaluated on an alleged damaged vehicles which had no bearing to the bid requirement.
3. The Panel finds that the Appellant's garage space can only house eight vehicles at a time and the recommended winner of the bid had a more spacious garage. The roads leading to the Appellant garage was not in good conditions.
4. The Panel finds that the Appellant had all documents required, coupled with his lowest bid but was evaluated on the status of his garage and its evident that his garage is not spacious even though he has been providing services of maintenance and supply of spare parts since 2016 without query.
5. The Panel therefore recommends for the MoFAIC to proceed with the contract and award the winner.
6. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation must be seen practicing and adhering to public procurement laws to avoid evaluation processes that are not in tune with the 2016 Public Procurement Act and Statutory Regulations 2020. There is need for proper documentation of processes and training of staff on public procurement issues.

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

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MEDIA RELEASE

14th July, 2023.

IPRP CONCLUDES INVESTIGATION INTO COMPLAINT BROUGHT AGAINST FREETOWN POLYTECHNIC KOSSOH TOWN AND MAK ENTERPRISES

The Independent Procurement Review Panel (IPRP) has concluded the matter between the **Freetown Polytechnic Kossoh Town (Respondent) and Mak Enterprises, Freetown (Appellant)**.

Based on summary of fact, Freetown Polytechnic Kossoh Town advertised a bid in local newspapers, bidding for a **FRAMEWORK CONTRACT FOR LOT 3 (COMPUTER CONSUMABLES/ACCESSORIES)**.

A complaint was filed by Mak Enterprises to the Independent Procurement Review Panel (IPRP) on alleged procurement irregularities in the procurement process.

The Appellant submitted a bid expressing interest as well as full filled all requirements as stated by the procuring entity.

The Appellant claimed that one of the bidders did not include City Council Certificate, Integrity and Eligibility in their bid document which was a conditional precedent to be full filled.

Furthermore, the Appellant complained that Mak Enterprises price was the lowest in price as compare to other bidders.

The Respondent disclosed that after the evaluation process, it was Phil Mick that emerged as the most responsive bidder, citing that chidex Group Holding that the complainant suspected to have won the bid submitted higher bid price than other bidders. This was evident on the checklist the Freetown Polytechnic provided.

A day hearing was held for both parties in the said matter and the panel ruled:

Internal Appeal

1. Pursuant to section 64(1) of the Public Procurement Act, 2016, the Appellant lodged an appeal with the Respondent asking for a clarification on their decision. The Respondent replied to the Appellant by letter in which the issues raised therein were explained though not exhaustive as the issues were not dealt satisfactorily.

Conclusions

Based on the above mentioned reasons, the Panel finds as follows:

2. The Panel finds that the Appellant was not adequately informed about the outcome of the evaluation thereby clearly missing who the winner was.
3. The Panel finds that the winner or the Most Responsive Bidder complied with requirements in fulfilment of the process.
4. The Panel finds that Appellant had misunderstood the entire notification of intention to award contract letter.
5. The Panel having listened to the cases of the Appellant and Respondents, believes that the Appellant does not have a case as the Respondent awarded the contract to the most Responsive Bidder.
6. The Panel finds that the Respondent acted in accordance with 68(1) 68 (2) 68 (3) and 68 (4) of the Public Procurement Regulations, 2020, and 53(6) of the Public Procurement Act 2016 with respect to the arithmetical corrections and computation of unit cost to quantity.
7. Panel however advise that the Freetown Polytechnic must conduct refresher trainings for procurement officers to have proper and clear understanding of the process.

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GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE
Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education

**Request for Expression of Interest (REIO)
HIRING OF AN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT
HYDROLOGICAL STUDY AND COLLECT WATER QUALITY DATA
FROM ALL FREE EDUCATION WASH PROJECT' FACILITIES
UNDER THE SIERRA LEONE FREE EDUCATION PROJECT
(Consultant Selection)**

Country: Republic of Sierra Leone

Name of Project: Sierra Leone Free Education Project (SLFEP)

Grant Number: P16789

**Assignment Title: HIRING OF AN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT
HYDROLOGICAL STUDY AND COLLECT WATER QUALITY DATA FROM ALL
FREE EDUCATION WASH PROJECT' FACILITIES**

Reference No. SL-MBSSE-364654-CS-QBS

Date of Issuance: July 21st 2023

1.0 Source of Funds

The Government of Sierra Leone proposed a project to support the development of the education sector in the country. The project is designed to support the Government's flagship Free Quality School Education (FQSE) Program – with the aim of ensuring that free quality education can be provided to all children in the short- and longer-term. Funding for the project is provided through a US\$66 million grant consisting of US\$50 million from the International Development Agency (IDA) – World Bank, and a total of US\$16 million from UK Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO), Irish Aid, and European Union (EU) operated as a Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF). The project is to be executed through the Investment Project Financing (IPF) instrument.

Background / Introduction

The Free Education Project is a flagship initiative of the Government of Sierra Leone. The project involves the construction of schools and renovation and WASH infrastructure across the country. The school WASH project aims to provide access to safe drinking water and improved sanitation facilities for the students, teachers, and staff at the school. The project involves the construction of hand dug wells and boreholes and the construction of sanitation facilities. Before the project implementation, there is a need to conduct a water quality and pumping test to determine the quantity and quality of the water at the site and the suitability of the borehole for the project.

The consultant will work closely with the school administration and other stakeholders to conduct a water quality and pumping test for the school WASH project. The consultant will deliver a water quality test report, a pumping test report, a site assessment report, and a comprehensive report on the water quality and pumping test. The reports will include recommendations for the implementation of the WASH project, ensuring access to safe drinking water and improved sanitation facilities for the school community.

Scope of Work

Water Quality and Pumping Test for School WASH Project

The consultant will undertake the following:

- Water quality test: The consultant will collect water samples from the borehole and test them for various parameters, including pH, total dissolved solids, hardness, iron, and coliform bacteria. The consultant will also test the water quality of the storage tank and the tap water.
- Pumping test: The consultant will conduct a pumping test to determine the yield and sustainability of the borehole. The pumping test will involve pumping water from the hand dug well or borehole for a specified period and measuring the water level and discharge rate.
- Site assessment: The consultant will conduct a site assessment to determine the suitability of the borehole and the location of the water storage tank and sanitation facilities. The assessment will include analyzing the geological and hydrogeological conditions of the site.
- Report writing: The consultant will prepare a comprehensive report on the water quality and pumping test. The report will include an analysis of the data collected, an assessment of the borehole's yield and sustainability, and recommendations for the implementation of the WASH project.

The Government of Sierra Leone, through MBSSE, now invites eligible ("Consultant") to indicate their interest in providing the Services.

2.0 Brief Description of the Assignment

The purpose of this consultancy is to engage a consultant to conduct a water quality and pumping test for a school WASH project. The consultant will be responsible for conducting a comprehensive study of the water quality and quantity at the school site and providing recommendations for the implementation of the WASH project.

3.0 Deliverables

The consultant will deliver the following:

- A water quality test report, including an analysis of the water quality data collected from the borehole, storage tank, and tap water.
- A pumping test report, including an analysis of the borehole yield and sustainability.
- A site assessment report, including an assessment of the suitability of the borehole and the location of the water storage tank and sanitation facilities.
- A comprehensive report on the water quality and pumping test, including recommendations for the implementation of the WASH project.

Note: All of the above-mentioned deliverables must be informed by relevant stakeholders' contribution through accepted methods of strategic plan development.

4.0 Qualification and Experience of the Consultant.

Academic Qualification

Hydrological Knowledge: Gain a comprehensive understanding of hydrological processes, including surface water and groundwater systems, water cycle, precipitation analysis, streamflow measurement, and water quality assessment.

Water Quality Assessment: Acquire knowledge and skills in water quality assessment, including sampling techniques, analysis of physical, chemical, and biological parameters, and understanding the relevant water quality standards and regulations. This includes knowledge of common water quality testing methods and laboratory procedures.

Fieldwork Experience: Gain practical experience in conducting fieldwork related to hydrology and water resource management. This includes experience in taking water samples from different water sources such as, groundwater wells, familiarize with the proper protocols for collecting representative water samples, maintaining sample integrity, and adhering to health and safety guidelines.

Data Collection and Analysis: Develop skills in collecting and analyzing hydrological and water quality data. This includes proficiency in using instruments and equipment for measuring, water temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, and other relevant parameters.

Regulatory Knowledge: familiar the World Bank regulations and guidelines related to water quality monitoring and sampling in and the National Water agency protocols

The consultant must have at least a Master's Science (water quality and monitoring, hydrology or related discipline. Environmental study is an added advantage.

Experience: Five years in Water studies

5.0 Duration of Assignment

The consultant will complete the project within one month from the date of signing the contract.

6.0 Selection Criteria

The consultant will be selected in accordance with World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers November 2020, for procurement of goods, works, non-consultancy services and consultancy services as stated below in the procurement regulations.

7.0 Further information

Further details should be obtained from the Environmental Specialist, FREE Education Project-Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary School, 126 Regent Road, SS Camp, Regent, Freetown, Sierra Leone.

8.0 Submission Procedure and date

The Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education now invites consultants to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the above services.

The envelope must be clearly marked **"EOI HIRING OF AN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT HYDROLOGICAL STUDY AND COLLECT WATER QUALITY DATA FROM ALL FREE EDUCATION WASH PROJECT' FACILITIES**

This REOI will lead to the preparation of a short list of consultants

Expressions of Interest may take any format to represent the consultant qualifications and experience.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person or e-mail, by **August 18th, 2023** on or before 16:00hrs (Sierra Leone Time).

Interested candidates should send their applications accompanied by their curriculum vitae and copies of diplomas and certificates to:

**The Project Coordinator
Sierra Leone Free Education Project Secretariat
Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education
126 SS Camp, Regent Road, Regent, Freetown
Sierra Leone.**



GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE
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TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consultancy Services

DEVELOPMENT OF A TRANSITION ROAD MAP FOR A ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR THE NATIONAL INVESTMENT BOARD (NIB) SIERRA LEONE

BACKGROUND

The National Investment Board (NIB) Office of the Vice President has received funds from the United Nation Development Program toward the cost of hiring a Consulting firm for the Development of a Transition Road Map for a One –Stop Shop for the National Investment Board (NIB) Sierra Leone and intends to apply this funding to eligible payments under this Contract Procurement number: **OVP/NIB/RFP/001/2023**

The National Investment Board (NIB) Office of the Vice President now invites proposals to provide the following consulting services: the Development of a Transition Road Map for a One-Stop-Shop for the National Investment Board (NIB). More details on the services are provided in the Terms of Reference in RFP

MODE OF APPLICATION

To apply for this consultancy assignment, the Consulting Firm/ Team must submit an expression of interest to the Secretariat requesting for the issuance of an RFP for a minimum fees of SLN500.

Proposal must be delivered to the address below on or before 12:00noon, 3rd August 2023. All Proposals must be accompanied by the following documents:

1. A valid Business Registration Certificate
2. A valid NASSIT Clearance Certificate
3. A valid NRA Tax Clearance Certificate
4. A Firm/Consultant Profile
5. A signed Integrity Pact (Section VIII- PAGES XX of bidding document)



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- Certificate/Diploma in Mechanical Engineering/ Trade test Certificate
- Minimum five years' experience in servicing heavy duty equipment (CAT), preferably in mining operations.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability to repair components
- Able to analyze information and evaluate results to choose the best solution and solve problems.
- Knowledge in MS word, Excel Hydraulic system, Pneumatic, Cat SIS, Schematic reading and ET will be an added advantage
- Able to analyze information and evaluate results to choose the best solution and solve problems
- Holder of heavy-duty Sierra Leone driving license
- Performs all the tasks strictly adhering to company safety rules and regulations

Auto Electrician x 1

Qualification and Experience:

- Certificate/Diploma in Electrical and Electronics Engineering/ Trade test Certificate
- Minimum five years' experience in servicing heavy industrial equipment, preferably in mining operations.
- Ability to work on CAT, Komatsu, and Toyota equipment

- Knowledge in MS Word, Excel Hydraulic system, Pneumatic, Cat SIS, Schematic reading and ET will be an added advantage

Able to analyze information and evaluate results to choose the best solution and solve problems

Holder of a heavy-duty Sierra Leone driving license

Perform all tasks strictly adhering to company safety rules and regulations.

Knowledge in high voltage equipment is an added advantage

Welder (1 Person)

Qualification and Experience:

Diploma in Welding/ Trade test Certificate

Minimum five years' experience in welding and plating, preferably in mining operations.

Operate welding and plating equipment safely and to promote safe work habits

Weld components in flat, vertical, or overhead positions

Detect faulty operation of equipment or defective materials notify supervisors

Operate manual or semi-automatic welding equipment to fuse metal segments, using processes like gas tungsten arc, gas metal arc, flux-cored arc, shielded metal arc.

Recognize, set up, and also operate hand as well as power tools common to the welding trade.

Lay out, position, align, and also secure parts assemblies prior to assembly, using straightedges, combination squares, calipers, and also rulers

Analyze engineering drawings, specifications, sketches, work orders, and also material safety data sheets to plan layout, assembly, and also welding operations

Weld separately or in combination, using aluminum, stainless steel, cast iron, and also other alloys. Determine required equipment welding methods, applying knowledge of metallurgy, geometry, and also welding techniques

Mark or tag material with proper job number, piece marks, and also other identifying marks as required

Prepare all material surfaces to be welded.

Perform all the tasks strictly adhering to company safety rules and regulations.

Interested candidates are requested to forward application including updated CV's to the Human Resource Office, BCM Sierra Leone Ltd via Email: bcmrecruitments1@gmail.com

OR to: Kingho Employment Office.

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