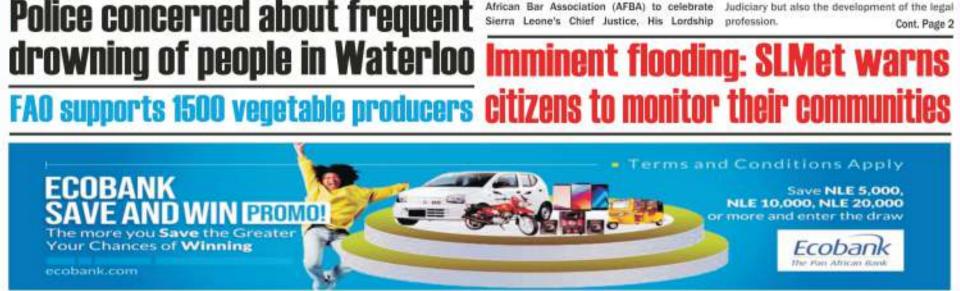


Executive and Governing Councils of the achievements in brining reforms not only at the African Bar Association (AFBA) to celebrate Judiciary but also the development of the legal



LOCAL NEWS APPA commends PPRC for peaceful elections

By Yusufu S. Bangura & Blessing C. Cole

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he All Political Parties Association (APPA) has commended the Political Parties Regulations Commission (PPRC) for their hard work before, during and after the June 24 elections and ensuring that the process was peaceful.

The ten registered political parties that were present during the meeting were, People's Democratic Party (PDP), Republic National Independent Party (ReNIP), Alliance Democratic Party (ADP), Citizens Democratic Party (CDP), United Democratic Movement (UDM), People Liberation Party (PLP), among others.

Speaking during the meeting, Chairman of APPA, Prince Coker said before the elections, PPRC created a level playing field for all political parties.

He added that no party was marginalised during the electioneering process, as the commission stood by all of them, noting that the commission did their best to ensure that the Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone conduct a peaceful election.

He further said that after the 2018 elections the recommendations they made were well utilised by the commission and before the 2023 elections, they asked the commission to provide security for all presidential He also said they will continue working candidates during the campaign which they did, so the association accepted the outcome of the results.

association we are well satisfied with the their work, stating that their mandate is to outcome of the June 24 election results and regulate political parties and prepare them we are also satisfied with the work the for any general elections.



Cross section of APPA members present during the meeting

commission did before, during and after the election. We want to thank the commission and assured that we will continue to work with the commission for the peace of this country," he said.

with the commission to consolidate peace in the country.

Chairman PPRC, Abdulai Bangura thanked "I want the commission to know that as an APPA for commending and recognising

political parties, they were able to achieve the results. their mandates which helped them to have a He said even though there were some peaceful election.

He added that during the campaign, they were able to meet with community stakeholders for them to allow political parties to campaign in their community without any interference which was also achieved.

He continued that what they saw during also want Sierra Leoneans to know that we and after the election shows that the

He further said through the support of which means 80% of political parties accept

challenges in the whole process, but they tried their best to make sure all the 13 political parties have a level playing field.

"I want to call on everyone to come together and work with President Bio for the betterment of Sierra Leone as elections are over, so let put the country above all else. I don't have any issue with any political election was very peaceful and transparent, parties," he said.

South African President to honor Chief Justice Babatunde Edwards

From Cover

Describing Sierra Leone's Chief Justice, Executive and Governing Councils of the African Bar Association said Honourable Justice Edwards is "a foremost Jurist, Seasoned Administrator, Eminent, Scholar, Legal Luminary one with intimidating profile and your excellent work at the helm of affairs of the Sierra Leone Judiciary and across the African Continent, a source of pride to our generation, participants have a lot to gain from your fountain of knowledge and we are in no doubt that you are the most qualified African to dissect this topic with a view to ensuring that the Legal Profession and other Stakeholders make maximum use of the opportunities offered by the AFCTFTA." In a letter inviting Chief Justice Edwards, the Association said, "On behalf of the Executive and Governing Councils of the African Bar Association (AFBA), I have the rare honour and privilege to specially invite your Lordship to deliver the Keynote address of the 2023 Annual Conference of our Association, holding from 6th - 10th August 2023 in Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa." AFBA Conference is an opportunity for





Parliament, the Minister of Justice, the Attorney General and other top Government Leaders, Lawyers, the Academia and Civil Servants among other.

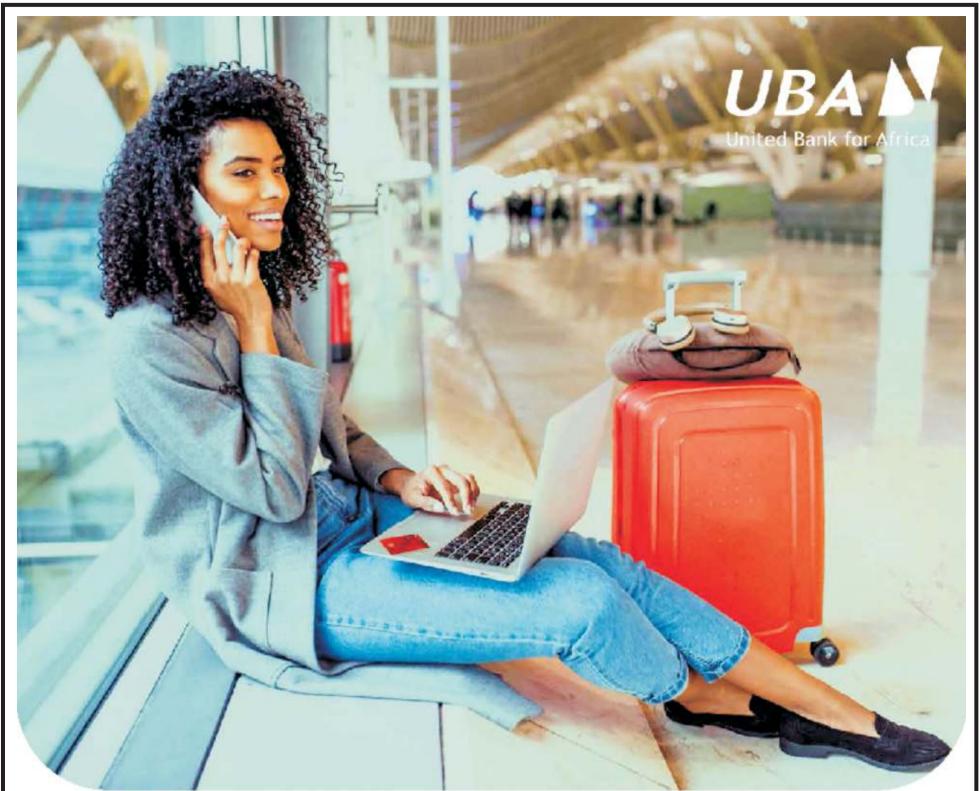
The Honourable Chief Justice Edwards was unanimously selected at the General Council meeting held in Cairo, Egypt as a recipient of the African Bar Medal of Merit in Leadership and will be awarded along with several serving and past Heads of States and some eminent Africans during this year's gathering. The Conference is expected to cover a variety of areas including AFCFTA, Aviation, Taxation and Finance, Oil and Gas, Military Law and Justice, Climate Change, Anti-Corruption, Artificial Intelligence, Legal Education, Gender Issues, WTO, Global Geopolitics, ADR, Cross Border Trade, the Rule of Law, Access to Justice and Human Rights and International Law among others. It is the perfect opportunity for everyone involved to acquire knowledge on the African continental free trade agreement and thus exchange on the possibilities of not being limited to operate only in their respective countries but extend their skills to the whole continent without fear of unknown laws and procedures.

Judges, Lawyers, Politicians, the business community, and experts from all fields to gather, discuss and think solutions to the myriads of challenges confronting Africa especially good transparent governance, security, and the rule of law.

The Conference is co-organized with the University of South Africa (UNISA), founded in 1873 and will be hosted on the theme,

"Building the Legal Profession in Africa under the African Continental Free Trade Agreement" and is expected to be declared opened by the President of the Republic of South Africa, His Excellency President Cyril Ramaphosa.

The Conference is expected to be attended by over 1,500 Participants including the Chief Justice of South Africa, Judges, Members of



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LOCAL NEWS UNFPA, Gov't, Chinese Embassy commit to fight cervical cancer

By Hassan Gbassay Koroma

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he United Nations Sexual and Reproductive Health Agency (UNFPA), the Government of Sierra Leone and the Chinese Embassy in Sierra Leone have re-echoed their commitment to eliminate cervical cancer in the country.

The commitment was made at the official launch of the South-South Medical Exchange training with a Chinese medical team that is on a visitation in the country.

Speaking at the event that was held at the Chinses Embassy in Freetown, the Chief Medical Officer at the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, Satie Konneh said the Ministry's vision and having training on the fight against cervical cancer is one of the many.

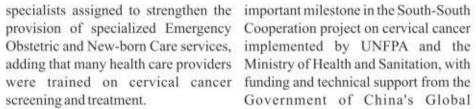
He said they aim to end cervical cancer in the country within 20 years' time, disclosing that they have rolled out a vaccination programme that will help protect children from cancer.

The Chinese Ambassador to Sierra Leone, Wang Oing, said the launch of the official visit between Chinese and Sierra Leonean maternal care experts and providers, which is part of the ongoing Global Development and South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund project, is aiming at improving women's health and reaching vulnerable women at high risk of maternal mortality and cervical cancer in Sierra Leone.

He said since the kick-off in 2020, the project overcome various difficulties such as the COVID-19, and achieved fruitful results and now cervical cancer screening and treatment services have been established in public health facilities for the first time in nine health facilities in the country, where women can seek reproductive advises, take cervical cancer screenings and other is the only country to which China related services easily.

He disclosed that more than 4,100 women have undergone cervical cancer screening and more than 10,000 had given birth or received family planning services at the supported health facilities.

He said they were also glad to see obstetricians recruited and many Nadia Rasheed said the visit marks an



He continued that the project is going to be accomplished in September and that they have received three Chinese maternal health experts that are going to provide technical support and exchange experiences and knowledges with their Sierra Leone colleagues.

He stated that 12 Sierra Leonean doctors and nurses will also be Sierra Leone, causing immense travelling to China to continue the medical experience exchange visit.

He said health and medical cooperation is always one of the most important and fruitful areas in China- Sierra Leone relations, disclosing that Sierra Leone sends 3 medical or public health teams. He said since 1973, over 600 Chinese medical and health experts helped diagnose and treat over 800 thousand patients, conducted more than 100 thousand cases of operations and trained over 5,000 local medical staff.

UNFPA Country Representative,

Cooperation project on cervical cancer implemented by UNFPA and the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, with funding and technical support from the Government of China's Global Development and South-South Cooperation Fund.

She said their partnership initiative to improve women's health was developed to focus on one of the most preventable, yet devastating cancers, stating that Cervical cancer is the 2nd most frequent cancer among women in suffering and loss.

She said through the initiative cervical cancer screening and treatment services have been established in nine public health facilities in the Western Area, Bo and Makeni, enabling women, particularly those from vulnerable and marginalised services.

She said through outreach and dialogue across 62 communities, and through He said they have enrolled a program radio talk shows and discussions, awareness is being raised to promote cervical cancer screenings and prevention and as a result, more than

4,100 women have been screened for cervical cancer so far, and thousands of women have been reached with critical information and sensitization on cervical cancer, HIV and other sexual and reproductive health issues.

She said the partnership is helping to strengthen national strategies and guidelines, and building capacity of health workers on managing cervical cancer as well as on improving Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care services.

The Minister of Health and Sanitation, Dr. Austin Demby said women's health in Sierra Leone is paramount, especially so when about 60% of the population in the country is made up of women and health is among the five priority pillars of the government.

He said the focus of the health sector is not on a selected group of people but for communities, to access critical every Sierra Leonean, which is why issues of health are taken very seriously.

> that will help prevent girls at age ten from cervical cancer and also put measures in place that will ensure early detection for grown women.

A cross section of UNFPA officials, Chinese Embassy diplomats and government officials at the laucnh



LOCAL NEWS FAO SUPPORTS 1500 vegetable producers

By Mohamed Lamrana Jalloh, Communications Specialist

he Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nation (FAO) in Sierra Leone, with funding from the Irish government supported 1,500 vegetable producers, mostly women and youths, from 5 districts with farming tools and Seeds.

The project, entitled, Building resilient communities through climate smart and market driven production for improved food and nutrition security in Sierra Leone seeks to complement Government's efforts in reducing food insecurity and improve nutrition, The project facilitated access to quality agricultural inputs such as improved variety of vegetable seeds and farm implements.

While presenting the vegetable production Deputy Director of Extension of the inputs to project beneficiaries in Bombali, Port Loko, Karene, Moyamba and Western Mr. Haroun Rashid Kamara, remarked that Rural Districts, Lansana Vandi the mission lead representing FAO said, ending hunger and malnutrition remains a critical challenge in Sierra Leone, a fragile between FAO and the Ministry of economic state with persistent food crises that have worsen in the past years.

He noted that "The extreme climate vulnerability, conflicts between livestock and crop farmers, rising inflation affecting food and fuel prices as well agricultural inputs prices have all contributed to food insecurity in Sierra Leone.

He admonished the project beneficiaries to Kamara said.

make the best out of this opportunity given to them by ensuring that they use the tools and seeds for the purpose for which they are intended for.

He expressed the desire of FAO to extend the supporting to other vegetable farmers especially women and youths.

Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, the government of Sierra Leone is committed to making Sierra Leone a food secured state and that the partnership Agriculture and Food Security received beneficiaries and implementing partners.

"FAO is a worthy Partner, and we must all ensure their initiative to support vegetable producers in Sierra Leone through the climate smart and market driven production for improved food and nutrition security become a success story." Haroun Rashid

He urged beneficiaries to claim ownership of the project as they stand to benefit more.

Mr. Abdulai Kamara, Project Manager, Sierra Leone Network of the Right to Food - SILNoRF during the distribution ceremony at Makump America, Pakimasabon chiefdom Bombali District said SILNoRF have partnered with many organizations, but FAO's support is unique. He said the FAO Representation always manifests its commitment in reducing food insecurity and improved nutrition in Sierra Leone through the funding and implementation of impactful projects in its area of operations. He noted that many commendations from project "Agriculture is now the flagship program of the Government of Sierra Leone, we will soon begin to see the implementation of more agricultural project than never before."

> Team Lead, sustainable livelihood at Cotton Tree Foundation Sierra Leone Mr. Alimamy Bangura, in his remarks said in

Imminent flooding: SLMet warns citizens to mo nitor their communities

By Ishmael Dumbuya

Operations at the Sierra Leone Meteorological Agency (SLMA), Gabriel Kpaka, has called on Sierra Leoneans to be closely monitoring their communities as heavy rains and flooding are expected between July and August this year.

According to the deputy director, people need to be very vigilant and be extremely careful as well as ensure that they take all the necessary precautions when it's rainy.

He went on to state that heavy rainfall can lead to numerous hazards such as flooding, risk to lives, damage to buildings infrastructure as well as landslides. He further noted that for the past 10 to 15 years, climate change has caused a complete disruption of rainy calendar and as a result it has resulted in torrential rainfalls causing destructions and sometimes loss of lives. He added that floods becomes more severe Alie Jalloh, media officer for the Waterloo due to the rising sea level along the coast, adding that Seeing houses destroyed, streets flooded and crops damaged has become part of our every day. The floods, he said also contaminate drinking water and lead to the spread of water-borne diseases including cholera, diarrhea and typhoid.

Gabriel Kpaka urged everyone to take safety The Deputy Director and Head of measures when it raining and admonished those living in the slums to be extra careful as they are very prone to flooding and torrential rains.

> A recent questionnaire carried out by the Sierra Leone Meteorological Agency showed that people in those disaster-prone areas are living in constant worry of their

homes being damaged or destroyed by climate change.

"Coastal households are now significantly impacted by sea-level rise when the foundations are weakened or the infrastructure itself is damaged. Flooding is a season", he concluded.

Police concerned about frequent drowning of people in Waterloo old boy had been reporter drowned in Monkey aterloo Police Division have Bush, Waterloo. Another 13 year old boy and raised concern over the two other people had lost their lives in similar continuous drowning of people, incidents. especially children in Waterloo We are concerned. We have raised a lots of public education and sensitization for people to protect their pits, ASP Jalloh said, blaming some of the incidents on negligence on the side of the parents and guardians. Every year we must have two to three people who would die by drowning during raining season, a resident of Waterloo also lamented while recalling the death of his 20-year old relative who drowned last week while trying to cross a river in Waterloo.

order for us to attain food sufficiency, we must grow what we eat and eat what we grow. He urged beneficiaries especially women farmers to grab this opportunity and make the best of it.

FAO in Sierra Leone received funding from the Irish Government to respond to emergency food and nutrition security needs of most affected areas in Bombali, Karene, Port Loko, Moyamba and Western Rural districts in Sierra Leone. About 1,500 (of which 70% are women and youths) vegetable farmers, 300 from each district are selected and organized into farmersbased organization and supported by the project.

Madam Mariama Seray-Kondeh, vegetable producer and one of the project beneficiaries in Moyamba District said, she has been engaged in vegetable production for over 10 years. "Agriculture/vegetable production is my major source of livelihood and sustenance. On behalf of women famers in Moyamba District, I want to assure the FAO and its partners that we won't disappoint them." She remarked that she has benefitted a lot from the trade. She admonished her fellow farmers to make the best of this opportunity given to them.

Madam Sarah Kamara, a vegetable farmer in Newton, Western Rural District red alert for everyone during the raining expressed delight and gratitude to FAO and partners for the kind gesture in supporting women farmers in Newton. "With the training I've acquired, and the seeds and farming implements received; I can now go back to my farm and plant my seeds to enable me sustain my family." Madam Sarah Kamara said. All Beneficiaries In Bombali, Karene and Port Loko expressed

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In July alone five cases of death by drowning have been recorded by the police Division, ASP Police told the State Broadcaster - SLBC morning Coffee Program.

The latest incident happened last week involving an eight year old girl at Janneh Drive, Devil Hole, Waterloo. She fell and drowned in an unprotected well left opened in her compound. Two days before that, a three-year similar sentiment.

Apart from the 1,500 farmers who are direct beneficiaries of the project through inputs, trainings, and market linkages, indirectly, 11, 445 people will benefit from the project.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, the Directorate of Food and Nutrition at the Ministry of Health and Sanitation acted as key government counterparts.



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NEWS AROUND AFRICA COMPILED BY GABRIEL BENJAMIN Ghana minister arrested after \$1m cash scandal



former sanitation minister, Cecelia Dapaah - Copyright © africanews @adom_tv

been arrested by the Office of the Special outcry. Prosecutor (OSP) after the reported theft of \$1m According to local media reports, the money was (£780,000) cash from her house.

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According to the OSP, the former minister was placed under house arrest on Sunday 22 July on "suspected corruption and corruption-related offences'

Many Ghanaians and anti-corruption campaigners have questioned how a public servant could have so much money stashed in their home amid an economic crisis in Ghana.

"Ms Dapaah is being questioned by authorised Officers of the OSP," the statement on Monday reads

hana's former Minister for Sanitation and Ghana's President Nana Akufo-Addo accepted Water Resources Cecilia Dapaah has her resignation on Saturday following a public

> uncovered after two of her domestic staff were accused of stealing \$1m in cash, along with €300,000 and several million Ghana cedis, as well as some personal items.

> "I can state emphatically that those figures do not represent correctly what my husband and I reported to the police. I am very much aware of the import of such stories around someone in my position," Ms Dapaah said.

> "I intend to cooperate fully with all state agencies to enable them fully establish the facts," she added.

Gabon: 19 candidates confirmed for August presidential elections

ne Gabonese Election Centre (CGE) on Monday published a list of 19 candidates for the presidential elections scheduled for August 26. Current President Ali Bongo Ondimba remains the favourite to win.

The CGE confirmed the 19 candidatures from the 27 submissions, five more than in 2016, but four less than in 2009. Amongst the main opposition figures are Alexandre Barro Chambrier of the Rally for the Fatherland and Modernity (RPM) party and the National Union's head Paulette Missambo.

While the opposition remain divided, having failed to agree on a single candidate to challenge Bongo, Barro Chambrier and Missambo are among some opposition members who have joined forces through the Alternance 2023 coalition. The coalition hopes to put forward a single candidate ahead of August 26.

For now, Bongo appears the most likely to win a third term

The 64-year-old leader was first elected in 2009, following the death of his father Omar Bongo Ondimba after 41 years in power. Bongo won a second term in disputed elections in 2016. Legislate and local elections

strong majorities in Gabon's parliament, placing it returning the ballot to a single round. as the favourite to come out ahead in the His detractors denounced this as a manoeuvre legislative and local elections also scheduled for August 26 facilitate Ali Bongo's re-election by a relative With five weeks to go before the election, the premajority. campaign has been underway for the past few

weeks, and Alternance 2023 has joined forces to protest against a recent amendment to the electoral code.

In particular, they denounce the introduction of a maximum of three observers per polling station, whereas the previous electoral law allowed each candidate to designate one representative per station. These three observers are appointed "in equal numbers": one by the majority, one by the opposition, and one by independent candidates.

Another bone of contention was the elimination of the envelope in which rejected ballot papers were placed, and which was attached to the envelope containing the ballot paper of the candidate of one's choice.

Alexandre Barro Chambrier says that checking the contents of the two envelopes during the vote count "made it possible to ensure that there was no illicit trafficking or buying of people's consciences as they left the polling stations" and condemns the removal of a "safeguard" against "fraud"

Constitutional change

In February, a consensus-building forum, shunned by the main opposition leaders, led to a change in the Constitution, reducing the Bongo's Gabonese Democratic Party holds presidential term from seven to five years and

designed, five months before the elections, to

Nigeria: "mass burial" for 103 victims of the #EndSARS movement



People protesting at the Lekki toll plaza in Lagos, Nigeria, on 20 October 2021. -Copyright @ africanews Sunday Alamba/Copyright 2021 The Associated Press

ne hundred and three people who died in October 2020 during the #EndSARS movement against police violence in Nigeria - and whose bodies at the Lagos morgue have not been claimed - will be buried, local authorities announced on Monday.

This "mass burial" was confirmed by the authorities after the leak on social networks of a document from the Ministry of Health, which revived the painful question of the toll of the repression of a rally in Lagos, which according to the conclusions of a panel of inquiry, was akin to a "massacre" while the authorities continue to affirm that there were no victims.

Anti-government protests took place in October 2020 in major cities across Nigeria to denounce police brutality, a movement dubbed #EndSARS ("End SARS"), named after a special police unit accused for years of racketeering, torture and murder.

This movement ended when the army and the police opened fire on October 20, 2020 at the Lekki toll in Lagos, an emblematic gathering place for protesters who waved flags, singing the national anthem.

Many witnesses then claimed that the security forces had killed demonstrators and taken the

bodies with them in pick-ups. According to local authorities, the 103 bodies to be buried were not picked up at the Lekki toll, but in other parts of Lagos

"For the record, the Lagos State Environmental Health Unit (SEHMU) has collected bodies following the #EndSARS violence and communal clashes in Fagba, Ketu, Ikorodu, Orile, Ajegunle, Abule-Egba, Ikeja, Ojota, Ekoro, Ogba, Isolo and Ajah areas of Lagos State," according to the authorities statement

"There was also an escape at Ikovi prison. The 103 victims mentioned in the document are from these incidents and NOT from the Lekki toll," it added. These statements by the authorities are, however, the first to recognize such a heavy toll after these demonstrations which then degenerated into riots

The repeated denial of the deaths of people at the Lekki tollgate on October 20, 2020 has sparked outrage among many young Nigerians who participated in, or supported, these protests and who continue to demand justice.

"They asked us where the bodies are? Yet the bodies were with them from the start", reacted Sunday evening on Twitter Rinu Oduala, one of the figures of the protest.

Senegal: at least 17 people found dead after boat capsized

boat capsized in Senegal's capital, Dakar, according to local officials on Monday.

The number of people in the pirogue is not yet known, but two people were rescued alive. The bodies were discovered by the navy early in

t least 17 people were found dead after a lt was unclear where the people were coming from, what nationalities they were, or even where they were going.

> But the Atlantic migration route is one of the deadliest in the world, with nearly 800 people dying or going missing in the first half of 2023

At least 33 dead in Cameroon building collapse

he collapse of an apartment building on Saturday night in Douala, Cameroon's economic capital, left at least 33 people dead and five injured in an absolute emergency, according to a new provisional toll given to AFP by a fire officer and local authorities.

On Saturday night, at around 01:30 (00:30 GMT), a four-storey apartment building in the north of Douala collapsed onto another one-storey residential building. The accident left 33 people dead and 21 injured, including five in "absolute emergency", according to a fire officer speaking on condition of anonymity, and the governor of Littoral, one of the country's ten regions. Rescue operations, including the clearing of rubble with a mechanical shovel in the hope of finding survivors, began on Sunday and continued into the evening and Monday morning, according to a local resident contacted by AFP. "The situation is under control and the firefighters are working to ensure that no one remains under

the rubble," said Samuel Dieudonné Ivaha

the morning and are believed to be migrants because of the type of boat they were in, explained Ouakam neighborhood Mayor, Ndeye Top Gueye

While this is the first-time bodies have washed up in the neighbourhood, migrant deaths at sea are becoming more common in Senegal.

Diboua, the governor of the Littoral region, who visited the site on Sunday.

An earlier provisional toll late on Sunday put the death toll at at least sixteen, with five injured in absolute emergency

On the same day, Douala's Laquintinie hospital reported that it had treated "thirteen cases from this tragedy", and recorded two deaths, including "a three-year-old girl and a 19-year-old girl".

The other eleven people admitted were three

according to Spanish aid group Walking Borders. Search operations have also taken place recently in Spain, to find migrant boats from Senegal that have gone missing, carrying more than 300 people, according to the NGO Caminando Fronteras.

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children treated in pediatric emergencies, two teenagers, a 28-year-old woman and five men, the hospital said.

In 2016, the collapse of a residential building in Douala caused the death of five people, and the authorities raised the issue of compliance with construction standards. In June of the same year, they had identified 500 buildings "threatening ruin" in the city.

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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

nited 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

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://procurementnotices.undp.org/

Offers must be submitted directly in the system following this link: http://supplier.guantum.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 i n UNDP. website: https://www.undp.org/procurement/business/resources -for-bidders. Do not create a new profile if you already development finance, development have one. Use the forgotten password feature in case you do not remember the password or the username from previous registration.

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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:	21* 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 (Kpanga Chiefdom) and Bonthe District (Burn 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.
- iv. Analyze the collected data to identify gender-related challenges, gaps, and opportunities in infrastructure development projects within the RAIC project.
- v. Conduct a GBV risk analysis to inform project interventions
- vi. 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.
- viii. 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.
- is. 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.
- x. 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.
 a. 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.
 b. Gender mainstreaming strategies in line with Sierra Leone Gender laws and Policies.
 c. GBV risk anaylsis

d. 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.

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

he 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.

<u>GENERAL PREMISES, BUILDING</u> <u>AND ELECTRICAL</u> <u>MAINTENANCE WORKS</u>

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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

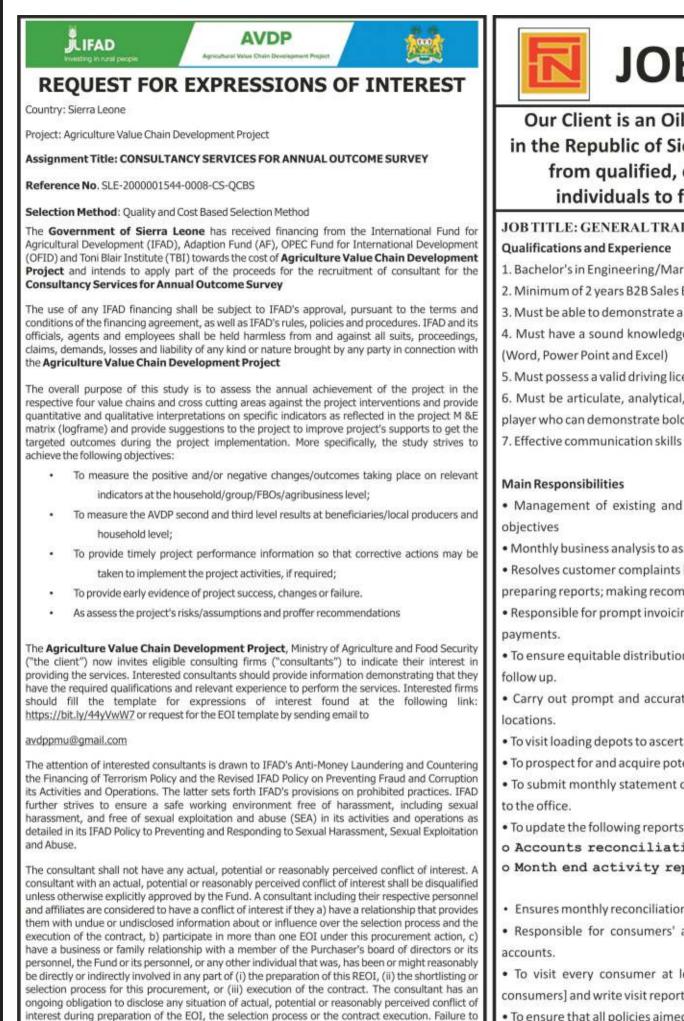
Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "Procurement Policy and Methodology for Bank Group funded Operations" (BPM), dated 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at http://www.afdb.org. RAIC is 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: jmpsinahmoaslraicp@gmail.com 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



consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection Method

properly disclose any of said situations may lead to appropriate actions, including the

disqualification of the consultant, the termination of the contract and any other as appropriate

under the IFAD Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption in its Projects and Operations.

JOB VACANCY

Our Client is an Oil and Gas company operating in the Republic of Sierra Leone seeking application from qualified, competent self-motivated individuals to fill the following position.

JOB TITLE: GENERAL TRADE SALES EXECUTIVE

1. Bachelor's in Engineering/Marketing or related qualification

2. Minimum of 2 years B2B Sales Experience

3. Must be able to demonstrate a high degree of integrity and ethical conduct.

4. Must have a sound knowledge and capacity to use Microsoft Office Packages

5. Must possess a valid driving license

6. Must be articulate, analytical, customer oriented, self-motivated and a team player who can demonstrate boldness, the skill of listening and mutual support.

· Management of existing and potential customers to meet sales and profit

Monthly business analysis to assess performance in relation to set objectives.

 Resolves customer complaints by investigating problems; developing solutions; preparing reports; making recommendations to management.

Responsible for prompt invoicing of consumers' and ensures timely collection of

To ensure equitable distribution of products through proper order planning and

Carry out prompt and accurate reporting of periodic activities in customer's

- To visit loading depots to ascertain products situation and products schedules.
- To prospect for and acquire potential customers.

To submit monthly statement of accounts to customers and return signed copy

- To update the following reports when due:

 Sales figures and collection details
- o Accounts reconciliation

o Month end activity report

Ensures monthly reconciliation between System figures and manual.

· Responsible for consumers' accounts upkeep and regular reconciliation of

 To visit every consumer at least once a week [twice a month for distant consumers] and write visit reports.

 To ensure that all policies aimed at sales improvement and target realization are observed.

. To ensure consumers' equipment on loan are functioning and well documented in our books

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set out in IFAD' project procurement handbook that can be accessed via the IFAD website at www.ifad.org/project-procurement.

The shortlisting criteria can be found in the template for expressions of interest the aforementioned weblink.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

Any request for clarification on this REOI should be sent via e-mail to avdppmu@gmail.com no later than 4" August, 2023. The client will provide responses to all clarification requests by 7" August, 2023

Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form using the forms provided for this purpose. EOIs shall be uploaded to the link below no later than 15th August, 2023 at 16:00 GMT.

Link to upload EOI: https://bit.ly/3NXwUiR

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 To ensure assignments are carried out in line with company sales procedures and safety standards.

Achievement of financial targets [margins, credit days and financial ceilings]

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 GENERAL TRADE SALES EXECUTIVE as subject of their email.

Application deadline date : Close of Business Wednesday 26th July, 2023.

Savings Acount targeted at student at tertiary levels from 18 years and above

Sum saved can be used to pay exam fees, purchase reading materials or start small scale businesses

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RE-ADVERTISMENT TENDER NOTICE

AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) is a global nonprofit organization providing high-quality HIV care and services to those in need. We generate new, innovative ways of treating and addressing barriers to care for our clients through a network of pharmacies, thrift stores, health, and wellness centers.

AHF is requesting tenders from construction enterprises/companies for the construction/rehabilitation of Waterloo and Makeni clinics respectively as follows.

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1	1	Waterloo	Nle200,000	4 months
2	2	Makeni	Nle30,000	2 months

The following documents are essential.

- 1. An updated NASSIT Clearance.
- 2. An updated Tax clearance.
- 3. An updated work certificate from Ministry of Works.
- 4. Local Council certificate.
- 5. Copy of business registration certificate.
- 6. Bid security from a recognized commercial bank in Sierra Leone as indicated above.
- 7. Completion certificate of at least two of similar work performance.

AHF has the right to award contracts to reliable and good contractors and does not award based on lowest bidding.

Bids must be clearly marked and delivered to the address below.

AHF Sierra Leone 6 Carlton Carew Road, Off Wilkinson Road, Freetown The bidding document can be obtained at our office address above with no cost. Closing date of receipt of application is Tuesday, 8th August 2023.

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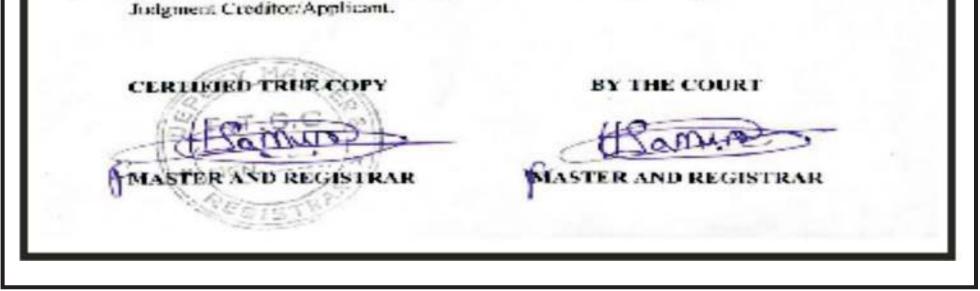
BEFORE THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MICHAEL P. MANILIA. DATED THE 17¹⁰ DAY OF JULY, 2023

UPON READING the Ex-Pants Nutice of Motion dated the 30th Jone, 2023 and the affidavit of Fatmata Samh Bangura sworn to an even dates together with the exhibits attached thereto and filed herein on behalf of the Jodgment Creditor/Applicant.

UPON HEARING F.S Bangura Esq. of Counsel for the Judgment Creditor/Applicant

IT IS THIS DAY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS: -

- That all debts/monies due and owing or accruing from the above named Gumishoes to the Judgment Debtors' Respondents is attached or so much thereof as is sufficient to satisfy the Judgment Debt dated 16^a day of June, 2023 for the sam of \$14,848.00 (Fourteen Thousand Bight Hundred and Fourity Eight United States Dellars) being the amount due to the Judgment Creditor /Applicant as at November 4^a, 2022, interest on the said sum at the rate of 35% per annum in line with the provailing noncey market value being \$1,818.88, damages for breach of contract and costs which remains unpaid.
- 2. That the said Garnishees berein do appear before this Honourable Court on the 24th July, 2023 at 10:00 am to show cause why the sum in the said Judgment being monies due from the Garnishees to the Judgment Debtors/Respondents or such amount that may be sufficient to satisfy the said judgment should not be paid by the Garnishees to the



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Bo Rangers, FC Kallon to know their Champions League, Cup opponent today



ierra Leone crowned Premier League Confederation Cup today. champions, Bo Rangers and FC Kallon, will know their respective Champions League and CAF Confederation opponent in the CAF Champions League and Cup preliminary stages will take place today

Confederations Cup representative, The draw for the 2023/24 season of the CAF

Sierra Leone Chef De Mission returns from Paris seminar



ierra Leone Chef De Missions, Yayah Koroma has returned home after successful seminar which attracted other colleagues from around the World.

Koroma together with other Chef De Mission and the Organising Committee of PARIS 2024 and the International Olympic Committee met in Paris in preparation for the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The seminar provided valuable insights. updates and preparations for the participating countries' Chef De Missions ahead of the prestigious sporting event.

invitation of the Mayor of Paris, CDMs had a reception at the Trocadero in celebration of the French National Day- a major event of the French Revolution as well as the Fete de la Federation that celebrated the unity of the French people. Other visits included reception at the Musee Des Arts Forains on the invitation of CNOSF and Paris 2024, reception at the City Hall on the invitation

of the Mayor of Paris, reception at the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs on the invitation of the French State.

The Chefs de Mission Seminar plays a pivotal role in the preparation of the Games because behind each athlete stands a National Olympic Committee, and the Chefs de Mission hold a vital responsibility in the success of their nation's teams," said Paris 2024 President Tony Estanguet.

"These five days have been instrumental in helping the Chefs de Mission to prepare their athletes for Paris 2024.



at the CAF Headquarters in Cairo, Egypt and will signal the kick-off of this year's continental club competition according to a statement by CAF.

Fifty-four clubs from 42 Member Associations are engaged in this season's CAF Champions League, while 52 clubs representing 41 Member Associations will compete in the CAF Confederation Cup.

CAF Interclub competitions, including the CAF Women's Champions League, have shown tremendous growth over the last few seasons, thanks to CAF's increased investment in broadcast technology and global marketing engagement across its competitions.

Last season's finals of both competitions saw record-breaking viewership numbers and attendance, with this trend expected to increase and filter down into the knockout and group stages of both competitions as the appetite for premium African football content continues to rise globally.

Egypt's AI Ahly are the current holders of the CAF Champions League after their fiercely contested victory over Morocco's Wydad Casablanca. At the same time, USM Alger of Algeria holds the TotalEnergies CAF Confederation Cup title after overcoming Tanzania's Young Africans in one of the tournament's most memorable finals.

Cricket: Sierra Leone secures revenge over Nigeria to end winless run

he Sierra Leone U-19 Cricket lads, Junior Patriots have finally secured revenge over their West Africa rivals, Nigeria with an emphatic 9 wickets victory in the ongoing ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup Africa Qualifier 2023 at the University of Dar es Salaam Ground in Tanzanian.

Monday's deserving victory saw Sierra Leone finally end their winless run against the Junior Yellow-Greens of Nigeria to get off to a flying start in the tournament.

It was the Junior Patriot side who won the toss and surprisingly opted to take the field and bowl first, which commenced the all-West Africa fight from the first delivery.

Sierra Leone's George Sesay came along to deliver the new ball, and delivering such a heart-piercing swing he got one maiden, took four wickets, and slipped off for 32 dot balls with a bowling economy of 2.14.

With the pace set, Ibrahim Sesay, Raymond Coker and Aliva came in for 21 overs virtually evenly distributed and took six wickets between them with Coker grabbing the lion's share of three.

The bowling power of Sierra Leone limited the Yellow-Greens to 73 runs all out in 27 overs with Paul Pam securing 22 runs off 45 balls ad their top scorer followed by Izuchukwu Okeke



pair scoring 60 runs combined.

Alusine Turay was not out for 38 runs off 51 balls and finished as Sierra Leone's top scorer while Coker smacked 22 off 55 balls before he was caught by Prosper Useni from Ridwan Abdulkareem's delivery.

If Nigeria's Osemi had not caught Raymond Coker out, Sierra Leone could have cruised to the enjoyable victory with all wickets spared. but Emmanuel Mansaray came in for 2 runs receiving one ball, the three collectively conceding 12 extras by posting 74 runs for the loss of one wicket in 17.5 overs, marching down to a 9-wicket win of a squad who train on a dusty oval with the stony outfield.

Raymond Coker won Player of the Match to seal the day.

Also, the seminar highlights included: Venue Tour, Planning and Logistics, Cultural Exchange, Sports-Specific Workshops, and Sustainability and Legacy.

"Ensuring a smooth experience for the athletes and their entourages will be key to the success of the Games and to delivering a sporting celebration like no other!"

Venues visited amongst others included the Olympic Village, Roland Garros, Alexander The III Bridge, Parc De France (PSG Official Stadium) Stade De France, etc. At the

The working visit to Paris for the Chef De Mission Seminar was an enriching and productive experience.

with 10 runs from 29 balls before Selim Salua hit 3 off 7 for 42.86 net run rate.

Knowing they've fielded we'll, the Sierra Leonean lad knows only a discipline play from the crease will secure victory and end their winless run over the Nigerians and it was Alusine Turay and Raymond Coker's partnership that pulled off a great run with the

Cricket analysts say this is the biggest win of the five times both nations have met in ICCarranged business.

Up next, Sierra Leone will face bulldog Kenya on Tuesday, 25th July 2023 and rest on Wednesday before taking on Namibia on Thursday.

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