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By Mohamed Bangura (FBC intern)

Residents of Government Wharf have complained about an overpowering stench of raw sewage which is spilling out of a burst in pipe onto the ocean. This, they said, has been ongoing over a decade now, adding that the stench poses a serious health risk not only to them, but also to the marine life. The situation even gets worse during the rains.

they said. The raw sewage comes from different public offices located around the Central Business District area of Freetown. They have been calling on City Council to fix up the damaged pipe and ensure that they repair the sewage treatment plant installed therein to treat the raw sewage before dumping it into the ocean, they said, but council has not been taking the issue seriously.

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"I have resided here for over a decade now. This spillage of raw sewage has continued for a very long time as it is wreaking havoc not only on us but also our children. Our children are fond of playing on the ground. And during the course of playing, they easily catch up diseases. As a result of this, we have been calling on council to come and remedy this issue, but they have not adhered to our calls. Five years ago, Council came and installed this sewage treatment plant to treat the raw sewage before dumping it into the ocean. But it will interest you to know that since the installation of this sewage treatment plant, it has not been working. In fact the person who held the keys to this treatment plant is already dead. As it stands, we are calling duty bearers to come and make this place, as this place is replete with faecal sludge inundating this area with overpowering stench," Mabinty Sillah, alias Mama Joe, said.

Mabinty Tity Kamara, the Head of Faecal Sludge Management at City Council, said the sewage is coming from the Central Business District.

Most of the public buildings do not have enough space to enable the construction of septic tanks. This is the more reason this sewage system was built during the colonial area. As the

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pipes were run from these buildings, the current of the raw sewage comes from these buildings and empties around Government Wharf, into the ocean. There are also hydrants comprising manhole in the city, from which the raw sewage pipes pass through. Because most of the manholes are obsolete, they got broken sometimes. As a result the raw sewage would spill out of them, flowing into these areas, but council has been very proactive to tackle such problems.

"We are not oblivious of the health hazards the raw sewage poses on both humans living around Government Wharf and the marine life in the ocean as the sewage empties therein. But council alone does not have the capacity to fix the problem. Building a standard sewage system is costly. That is, the council is working with its donor partners to ensure that it gets the capacity to remediate the problem. Equally, we are calling on everyone to join us and help us with fun so that we can make this thing come to pass," Mabinty Tity Kamara, the Head of Faecal Sludge Management, disclosed, adding that she has only done two years



in office, and that she was reading literatures related to proper Faecal management to help them tackle the problem. However, Mabinty Tity

Kamara said since they are service providers, they are trying their best to solve the problem.

HRCSL Vice-Chair: Climate change is a human rights issue

By Yusufu S. Bangura

The Vice-Chairman for the Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone (HRCSL), Victor Idrissa Lansana, has stated that climate change is a human rights issue because it hampers the full realisation of several rights including right to food, education, good water and sanitation, among others.

Speaking on the commission's new drive about Human Rights and Climate Change, Lansana said the commission has established Directorate of Climate Change and Information Services to boost the fight against the effects of climate change.

He said climate change is a global phenomenon that has affected the entire world.

He said the Fifth Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, climate change is caused by anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases.

The deputy chairman said they established the Directorate of Climate Change and Information Services in January this year in order to boost the fight against the negative effects of climate change.

He said what they have seen in the country over the years showed that Sierra Leone is sitting on a time bomb due to the statistics of disasters that have occurred over the years.

He added that the urge to live in Freetown has led to the encroachment on and destruction of the greenbelt, the rainforest



and water catchment areas and that mining activities mostly in the provinces have been causing havoc on the environment.

He noted that they have found out that commitments made by most African leaders to handle climate change in different forum do not reflect in their countries.

He said the commission is the only institution primarily mandated to promote

and protect the rights of everyone in the country, and that they believe that they have to intervene in the fight against the effects of climate change in order to give it a human rights perspective.

He said one of the key functions of the directorate is to monitor climate issues across the country, adding that the commission also has the mandate to advise government generally on human right

issues.

Lansana said during the climate summit in Nairobi, he observed that world leaders didn't discuss human rights based approach, but rather talked about climate finance.

Going further, Lansana said a human rights-based approach means that policies are formulated; obligations of duty-bearers are identified along with the responsibilities and entitlements of the rights-holders for a better synergy.

He said they believe that most countries missed the implementation of the SDGs because they didn't give it a human rights based approach.

"A human rights-based approach is what has been strongly recommended to prevent or control the impacts of climate change. However, research has shown that public awareness about climate change is still low and needs robust advocacy to get rights-holders and states alike understand that climate change is here and is real. Any adaptation or mitigation measure that considers the human rights-based approach would guarantee the promotion of alternative energy sources, forest conservation or tree-planting projects, resettlement schemes, among others. Another strong recommendation to combat climate change is the need for strong international cooperation between and among states, especially states that are parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)," he ended.

RANDOM MUSING

By: Raymond Dele Awoonor-Gordon
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As I write, there are reports of frenetic activities happening or simmering in the diplomatic and political circles. The details are not known beyond what the winds and their dry, rustling leaves tell. But as the pseudo-feudal virus of political impunity jumps and transcend decency, the warning by John Pepper Clark that: **"war casualties always go beyond those who started a fire and now cannot put it out"** will suffice.

Because whatever might be going on, it is disheartening to see how the opposition has taken advantage of our carelessness, deliberate ignorance, collective amnesia, socio-ethnic division, and the absence of truths of history, morals, and values, to hedge us into a political quagmire by trampling on the remnants of our pride, for their shoddy, incompetent, selfish, visionless, and self-serving attempt to capture state power and by extension the commonwealth.

Even in the smug world of African politics, the hubris demand of the opposition for countries with suspect democratic credentials to force an independent Sierra Leone to cancel its elections and probably install them, instead of working assiduously to kibosh any damage to Sierra Leone's glorious future, is startling and ludicrous.

For political actors with subversive agenda and their collaborators who claim to love Sierra Leone, the continued demand that a USA, whose own election as led by Trump who begged openly for Georgia to rig results and sent thugs to claim a pyric mandate, should arm-twist our democratic process and government into submission, not only show the shape of their moral compass, but speaks volume about their determination to shove their delusions down the oesophagus of many of us.

The political impasse, good dollop of insincerity and cacoethes of war mongering, being mendaciously organized in the political realm in cahooted propaganda with some enemies of our progress, to "disarm and paralyse those in power" and by extension, the rest of us who are looking up to a Sierra Leone on the trail of a better tomorrow, will not only boomerang but the poisonous toxins and tragic coda of it might just lead to unintended consequences and our overall detriment if we continue to play the ostrich, seeing no evil.

British and other observers who are said to have described the poll's results as lacking integrity and transparency must be serious jokers who are displaying gross disrespect for the seven million odd Sierra Leoneans and our national sovereignty with an ingenious packaging of their reason, since an election's integrity is a farce. Just cast your mind back to how the British Prime Minister emerged in an abracadabra process without a mandate from the people.

For one, it is only sheer ignorance, mischief, and partisanship for extraneous reasons, by 'exalted observers' not to realise that if there are irregularities as being claimed, then each party would be guilty, as it is common practice to try one funny thing or the other in areas where each group is strong.

Anyway, based on the evidence, arguments, and more importantly, the lack of statutory and case law precedents for the removal of an inaugurated President, it would be interesting to see how the current mediated dialogue, pans out for the compromise being sought by those

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who have always been determined to make the country ungovernable in a plea bargain for soft landing for their nefarious past.

Nevertheless, **if the Bio administration, whose mixed messages continue to nit-pick; even as its reaction appears behind the curve, succumbs to this latent political blackmail and international arm-twisting** by those whose love is to see a dystopian Sierra Leone society, beneficial to their cause, as well as local, faceless, predatorial morality-police, just to justify peaceful co-existence and placate a handful of individuals, **then it would have failed** in its avowed new direction of radical re-orientation as a key to reclaiming the country for future generations.

The implication of acceding to such action, is the institution of a recurring decimal in the national political scheme; where all losers who do not like the outcome of an election, will use blackmail as an ace in the pack by bad-mouthing the country and setting it out for the hangman's noose.

It must be remembered that our actions and choices are forever recorded in the annals of history where it constantly reminds us of our triumphs, failures, good deeds, and missteps. Our legacy will be judged by history, and it is up to us to strive to impact the honour and sovereignty of our nation positively.

Let us not forget that it is the duty of patriots, intellectuals, and lovers of peace, to expose outright lies and sheer propaganda, which as a result of our not being alive to our responsibility years ago, caused the lives of hundreds of thousands of our fellow countrymen and women in an internecline war. It was the price of our collective endorsement of improprieties in the public space that allowed charlatans to fill the vacuum and manipulate fellow compatriots into the destructive ethno-political division still tearing the nation apart today.

It's time for us to take back our power and stand up against the disgraceful actions of and assault on our institutions. Whatever, the perceived irregularities and imperfections, the fact that a total of 36.6 percent of Sierra Leoneans bothered to take part in the June 2023 election and only 15 percent were from the losing opposition, is an indication that the losers prefer to hold the nation by the jugular because they want to rule at all costs.

Perhaps it can't be too trite to argue that this year's poll is possibly more contentious and consequential than that which caused us to fear what could happen to dogs and baboons were they to be drenched in blood in 2018, but now is the time to take a hard look at the country and speak straight to all those who have given the impression that they could fix the nation while ignoring the basic reason why the load on the head of a man with crooked legs remains permanently unbalanced.

Evidently, Sierra Leoneans are tired and emotionally exhausted because of the trauma of years of bad leadership that has trapped them for so long and left our nation behind in global development indices. Their desire for growth, security, stability, and well-being has been suffocated by those who are prisoners of their ideological bigotry.

This is our current reality as a nation and people. However, we need to move past this

conundrum.

It is expeditiously vital for us to begin a retrospective soul search. What do we want as a people?

Do we want responsible men with integrity and values to occupy positions of authority, or do we want charlatans and those who scandalously enriched themselves at our expense and who have no scruples, to continue to hold us to ransom? Whichever one we choose; will ultimately determine the kind of society we live in and the future of Sierra Leone.

So, clap, clap, clap for our carnival of madness as we continue to climb unrestrained to the apex of a whirlwind tree and **we better be prepared for the rampaging bull that will definitely come of age, once the society and the government succumb to the antics of mean men of moral decadence that now tower over the grovelling, undiscerning political clatrapas.** It can only get worse, not better; if our attention continues to be diverted from the real-life issues and what matters most to living in a decent society, such as trust and speaking the truth to each other.

We should all know the fact that some animals think they are smart simply because they can swing like a monkey. The snail is one of such animals. It knows it has horns but when a meeting of animals that have horns is called, the snail does not go anywhere near the venue, let alone attend, because it knows its horns are mere false, soft filaments incapable of any fight or contest that requires horns.

Coming from the embryo of political manipulation itself, does the present APC 'nouveau' rich, political leadership, clad in a hood or cassock that would never make them a monk or priest, even as they continually seek saintly and sagely acceptance from the society, possess the moral candour to confront the ills that it claims torments the nation?

Where is the political latitude to extricate the country from the very inward looking, uncompromising, and political selfishness they are displaying as well as the recourse to eliciting foreign manipulation and destructive influences that have become their sleeping bag?

It's ignorance that makes the dog call out to the cat for a fight and **if much of the current outbursts from the opposition and those who cannot remove the party blinkers from their eyes, is leaning to the point that truth and justice become secondary considerations that cannot reason beyond petty sentiments, then it simply means that we are collectively on the march again to where we were yesterday and yesteryears.** It is simply turning Sierra Leone into a fraud which is why we'll forever continue to cruise into absurdity.

Freedom of speech and expression is a fundamental right for every citizen to express their thoughts, beliefs, social, cultural, and political opinions. **Craving for unnecessary attention and heating a fragile polity is not patriotism but social irresponsibility and an act of state sabotage while the garrulity and minions' antisocial vituperations can only turn us into the dark side of history.**

After six decades of independence, one aspect of our reality is that we have not learnt from history. We are still divided along socio-political and ethno-religious lines which has ended up creating a system and society of frustrated citizens. Not displaying integrity

and uprightness have become our by-story, and no one gives a toss anymore. It is a free-for-all regarding impunity, irregularity, corruption, and moral decadence that are mentally rattling and jarring.

This immensely blessed and gifted land given by God as a diamond populated by a peerless people, and which was the Athens of Africa and envy of sub-Saharan nations, has been pulverized now and again by ethnopolitical poseurs whose sheer greed, viciousness, exploitation, and manipulation has often led to bloodshed, destruction of the poor and desolation of our commonwealth.

The Bio-led administration has a challenge indeed, which is simply that it is now time more than ever, to 'Tok and do' as it professes. We cannot change our narratives if we continue to water down the framework of decency in the fight to change the direction of the multiple headwinds facing Sierra Leone.

As the feeding bottle generation continue to roost with the aid of the sugar-coated grains of speeches, laced with disinformation, misinformation, reckless, irresponsible, inciteful, and harmful to a fragile society, **we must stop being lawful captives and having our human reasoning imprisoned, as we turn ourselves into robots in the hands of charlatans.**

I plead for empathy and certain mild socialist approach to life. But five decades ago, the Asian Tiger countries like Singapore, India, Malaysia, and Indonesia among others, were a part of the third-world, like Sierra Leone. They've found their way out of that labyrinth. In the 1990's, Rwanda went through a genocide and civil war. Today, it is a reference point for all that is positive in the upward African trajectory of national development. Let's hope that same can be said of Salone five years from now.

Truth is, Sierra Leone is a work in progress and hopefully, we'll remember that, especially in the midst of global economic, social, and political realities. If not, then let us remember that when the fowl perches on a rope that sways precariously, there's no succour for either the rope, or the avian. We underestimate how difficult it is to get things done. But instead, we talk as a people oblivious of how much has been done. Those who live without tomorrow will always eat the fruit of regret.

It is time for the coalition of sane and reasonable people to pick the gauntlet, roll up their sleeves and double down on efforts to regain control of our nation from the intrinsically corrupt political hegemony, whose core values are artifacts of sorrow and trauma. The onus is on people with integrity to mend our already broken lives by presenting alternative narratives. A new paradigm that fosters equality and justice for all must emerge.

We need to see things with a fresh lens on old truths. We must begin to blur the dividing line, and eschew societal values of dishonesty, as well as denormalise impunity. Until we can understand where we are and intentionally decide to change our narratives, we cannot begin to grow as a nation. Also, loving one another regardless of the ethno-religious divide is antidotal and denies those manipulating this weakness from gaining a foothold.

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Bio receives CEO of Orange SONATEL Group

President Julius Maada Bio has hosted the Chief Executive Officer, CEO, of Orange SONATEL Group, Sékou Drame, who expressed delight in operating in Sierra Leone and assured of his company's commitment to delivering on the government's priority projects.

He expressed gratitude for the encouraging changes they continued to experience in the country, regarding ease of doing business and investing in people, pointing out that "as a responsible company, we promised to give back to society."

Mr. Drame also used the opportunity to thank and congratulate the President for his resounding second-term victory, saying that on behalf of the board of the company, they wished him a successful term in office. He thanked the President for his achievements in governance and assured him of their commitment to ensuring that they delivered on the government's projects and agendas.

The CEO informed that since 2016 they had contributed positively to bring the best communication technology service delivery to Sierra Leone, adding that they would continue to provide high-speed internet with plans already complete to roll out their 5G campaign in the country.

He assured the President that they were driven by their ambitions to give social and financial support to Sierra



Leoneans through supporting government programmes on education and healthcare.

In his response, President Julius Maada Bio welcomed the CEO and entourage and described Orange SONATEL Group as a major private-sector player requiring regular government

engagement. He expressed how excited he was to receive the CEO and team's confirmation of the data center in Bo City, noting that the government was optimistic that it would be positively utilised.

He assured that his government was committed to supporting Orange in terms of financial inclusion and to also ensuring that there was an open-door system for all investments in the country.

He thanked the company, on behalf of Sierra Leoneans, for their interventions in constructing pre-schools in some parts of the country, noting that "even though I was not fortunate to go to preschool, as the President who believes strongly in education, I am happy for Orange Sierra Leone's intervention in supporting education, which is the most valuable investment in the world".

Magistrate promises to discharge Sumaila Town murder matter

By Yusufu S. Bangura

The presiding Magistrate at Pademba Road Court No.1, Mark Ngegba, has promised to discharge a murder matter that is being preliminarily investigated after the prosecution failed to present their first witness on three consecutive hearings.

The acting police prosecutor, Sergeant Momoh Lahai, applied for adjournment of the matter because there was no witness on that day to testify in respect of the matter.

"This should be the final adjournment and if you fail to bring witness I will discharge the matter on the next adjournment," Magistrate Ngegba warned the prosecution.

The 21-year-old fair-in-complexion accused, Salamatu Conteh, is before the court on one count of murder.

He was accused to have committed the crime on 16th July, this year. Magistrate Ngegba had earlier expressed his dismay over the failure of the prosecution to present its first prosecution witness during the second hearing.

However, the Head of Sierra Leone police legal affairs, Chief Superintendent of Police, Joan Bull, promised to take stern action against police prosecutors dealing with cases.

She also promised to take up the issue with the Inspector General of Police.

The substantive prosecutor of the murder matter Assistant Superintendent of Police, Dahlia Wellington was reported sick during the second hearing.

The matter comes up on 4th October, this year.

Murder: Accused acquitted and discharged

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

Justice Manuela Harding has acquitted and discharged 25-year-old building contractor, Fadiru John Moiwo for want of prosecution.

The accused was brought before the court to answer to a count indictment of murder contrary to law.

According to the particulars of offence, the accused Fadiru John Moiwo on the 3rd February, 2020, in Freetown, allegedly murdered Emmanuel Prince Samuel Jones. Addressing the court, Justice Harding said the objective of the Judicial Week was to complete the backlog of cases and decongest the

prison.

Pursuant to the above, Justice Harding asserted that the court cannot continue to tolerate the numerous excuses from the prosecution regarding the consistent absence of witnesses.

"In light of the above stated circumstances, the accused Fadiru John Moiwo is discharge for want of prosecution," Justice Harding ordered.

In another development, Justice Harding remitted the file of Abibu Turay alias Augero to the Criminal Registry after efforts to trace parties involved in the case proved futile.

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The United States through the U.S. Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP), is announcing a \$450,000 grant awarded to implementing partner World Monuments



Fund (WMF) for the continued stabilization of Old Fourah Bay College in Freetown. This grant will support the completion of emergency stabilization on the historic building, installation of a new roof, and masonry conservation. Old Fourah Bay College became the first western-style university in sub-Saharan Africa when it was established in 1827. The historic building plays an important role in the story of Sierra Leone's history and the power of education. For a century, the college taught the ideas of governance, religion, and public service.

Many graduates became West African leaders, including those who helped end colonialism. This is the second grant awarded to WMF for Old Fourah Bay College. A 2021 phase one grant supported initial emergency stabilization and implemented a planning and design process for the structure's eventual rehabilitation in partnership with the local community. Ambassador Bryan Hunt, who recently visited the historic site said, "we are

pleased to play a role in the preservation of this incredible historic site in Sierra Leone so it can continue to inspire and educate the public for generations. The story of Old Fourah Bay College is important to preserve for the people of Sierra Leone, and for Americans with family ties to this region who can learn from its history as well."

The AFCP, a U.S. Department of State program, supports projects around the world to preserve cultural heritage and

demonstrate American respect for other cultures. WMF is a nonprofit organization that works with local communities around the world to safeguard irreplaceable cultural heritage. This second project phase follows significant input from community members and other local stakeholders through interviews and workshops with the organization to share their future aspirations for Old Fourah Bay College.



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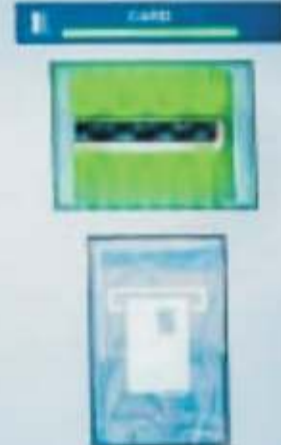
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1st Extended deadline for Submission of Bids: **Tuesday the 3rd of October, 2023 at 15:30 Sierra Leone Time.**

2nd Extension Date: 21st September, 2023

2nd Extended deadline for Submission of Bids: **Friday the 27th of October, 2023 at 15:30 Sierra Leone Time.**

1. The Government of Sierra Leone, through the Ministry of Finance has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Sierra Leone Land Administration Project (SLLAP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the Procurement to design, supply, and install Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS), Rovers and related trainings. For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the World Bank's Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing, except for those payments, which the contract provides to be made through letter of credit.
2. The Ministry of Lands, Housing and Country Planning (MLHCP), through the Project Coordinating Unit now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the Procurement of service to design, supply and install Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS), Rovers and related trainings in Sierra Leone, within a contract duration of eleven (11) calendar months.
3. Bidding will be conducted through international competitive procurement using Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers for the Procurement of Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, November 2020 version ("Procurement Regulations")

and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Country Planning - Sierra Leone Land Administration Project (SLLAP), West Wing of third floor, Youyi Building Brookfields, Freetown. E-mail address is sllaprocurement@gmail.com, copying alphajohcham@yahoo.com and joejoe7787@yahoo.com. Bidding document can be inspected during office hours 0900 to 1700 hours Sierra Leone time at the address given below.

5. The bidding document is in English language and may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of One thousand One Hundred and Fifty New Sierra Leone Leones (SLE 1,150) or in a convertible currency. The method of payment will be direct bank deposit, using the following account details:

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6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before Friday the 27th of October, 2023 at 15:30 Sierra Leone Time. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on Tuesday the 3rd of October, 2023 at 15:30 Sierra Leone Time.
7. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of Six Hundred and Ninety-Seven Thousand New Sierra Leone Leones (SLE 697,000) or equivalent in a freely convertible currency.
8. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.
9. The address referred to above is:
Alphajoh Cham (PhD), Project Coordinator
Sierra Leone Land Administration Project (SLLAP), Ministry of Lands, Housing and Country Planning (MLHCP)
3rd Floor of Youyi Building (West Wing), Brookfields,
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REQUEST FOR OFFER FOR AN OFFICE SPACE TO RENT

Request for Proposal (RFP) No. CCM/SL/RFP/2023/001

Issue Date: Monday 2nd October 2023

Deadline for Submission: Monday 30th October 2023 at 4pm SL Time.

If you have any question, please contact: ccm@sierraleoneccm.org

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In view of the above, the CCM SL is looking for an office space with the following minimum requirements/specifications:

Office Space Requirement/Specifications.

Facility	Dimension/Comment	Quantity
Boardroom	35-39ft x 18-22ft approximately	1
Meeting/Breakout rooms(Minimum)	20-22ft x 15-17ft approximately	2
Office rooms	18-20ft x 13-15ft approximately	3
Internet Connectivity	The space should be able to support proper internet connectivity	N/A
Reception room	11-12ft x 9-10ft approximately	1
Pantry/Kitchen	8-6ft x 4-3ft approximately	1
Restroom	11-12ft x 9-10ft approximately	3/2
Store	11-12ft x 9-10ft approximately	1
Car space	Ability to accommodate min 10(ten) cars at any point in time	1
Water Availability	42.9-90% (At least three(3) times/week)	N/A
Water Tank Holding Space	Ability to accommodate/hold 5000L(Vertical/Horizontal) water tank	1
Light Availability	70-90% six(6) hours daily	N/A
Preferred Areas(Suitable environment – Less noisy & crowd)	Around (Central Freetown, Brookfields, Kingtom, Congo Cross, Wilkinson Road, Wilberforce, Hill Station) etc	N/A
Security post	10-12ft x 8-10ft approximately	1
Decent Outside Toilet Facility	11-12ft x 9-10ft approximately	1
Fence	Fence Compound	N/A
Secured Environment	The space should be free from noisy environment, violent prone etc	N/A
Generator House	11-12ft x 6-7ft approximately	1
Generator Holding Space	9-8ft x 3-4ft approximately	1
Payment currency (Rent/Lease payment should be in conformity with GoSL regulations)	NLe/SLL	N/A

Other requirements:

Please provide information with supporting document(s) where applicable on:

1. Ownership & title of office space/building
2. Duration for rent/lease i.e How long will the space be available for rent/lease?
3. Is the building/space ready for use or need renovation?
4. Office Space Cost
5. Payment terms. i.e should payment be made monthly, annually etc

Payment Terms

1. Payment shall be after signing agreement, within 30 working days of receiving correct & detailed invoice.
2. Payment shall be via bank transfer or check.

Payment shall be made upon verification and acceptance of the office space as per the Office Space Requirement/Specifications.

Acceptance of Payment Terms

Do you accept the above payment terms?

Yes

No

Offer Requirements

Offers that do not meet the following will be automatically rejected regardless of price:

1. Offers must be received before the stated deadline.
2. Offers must include all information requested above.
3. Offer should remain valid for a period of at least ninety (90) days from the submission closing date.
4. Offer must be accompanied by relevant supporting documents
5. Offers must be submitted through hard copy in sealed envelopes or email.
6. Offers must be clean & clear. The vendor/individual should sign and stamp next to handwritten corrections or corrections made with whiteout.
7. Interest Company/Vendors/Landlords/Property Owners shall sign the Integrity Pack Form during the submission of proposal. The Integrity Pack Form is available at the CCM SL Secretariat.
8. Offers must be complete, signed in a clear date and stamped on all pages.

Delivery Instructions:

Interested Company/vendors/Individuals may submit their offers via one of the following methods:

1. Complete, stamped and signed offer to be delivered in sealed envelope with tender number on it CCM/SL/RFP/2023/001 to CCM Sierra Leone Secretariat Office, 45 Adelaide Street. For further information about CCM SL office address please contact: +23276324248

2. Completed, stamped, and signed offer can be submitted by email to ccm@sierraleoneccm.org as PDF file. Email must indicate the tender number which is CCM/SL/RFP/2023/001 or the offer will be excluded. The file should not exceed 15 MBs and the company biography should not exceed 10 pages where applicable. When sending your tender, kindly copy the below emails:

Cc: gf-fa-sl@dt-global.com, ccm@sierraleoneccm.org emmanuel_lahai@yahoo.com



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Driver Job Advert Terms of Reference

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Driver support service is one of the back-office services required by CCM SL, to keep operations running efficiently and effectively.

In view of the above, the CCM SL is seeking applications from suitable qualify Sierra Leoneans to apply for the driver position as below:

Position: Driver

Location of Position: Freetown and will be required to travel up country when demanded.

Contract Duration: Initially 6 months. Contract will be extended to another 6 months pending availability of funds and satisfactory performance.

Responsibilities:

- The driver will be attached to the CCM SL secretariat and provide effective support to the overall operations of the CCM SL
- The driver may be called upon to make trips up country as demanded by the situation
- The driver should inspect the vehicle and report on any fault observed
- Ensure the vehicle he/she is driving is clean on a daily/weekly basis
- Take the vehicle to garage for maintenance and monitor all repairs done on the vehicle
- The driver should maintain an updated valid driver's license.
- Adhere to all rules and regulations of the CCM SL

Report To: The Administrative and Finance Manager

Requirements:

- Should be a Sierra Leonean with valid driver's license
- Qualification: WASSCE Equivalent
- Minimum of 3years of excellent driving experience/ record with NGO, Ministries, Departments & Agencies (MDAs) or Private Sector.
- Has sound mechanical knowledge and experience of basic vehicle maintenance and repairs plus ability to perform daily vehicle check and report maintenance needs promptly
- Knowledge and experience on the protocol to delivering paperwork to Government Ministries, Agencies, Department, Banks, NGOs and other CCM SL Stakeholders
- Desirable; experience in driving senior officials or international donors
- Ability to work under pressure with tight and conflicting deadlines and simultaneous activities
- Good communication and inter-personal skills and able to work as a member of a team
- Ability to speak English comfortably and experienced in keeping written transport records and logbooks
- Flexibility and adoptability to changing working environment
- Ability to drive 4x4 wheel vehicles(Land Cruiser and Hilux) will be an added advantage

All applications should be delivered by hand to our office 45 Adelaide Street Freetown on **Monday 30th October 2023 on or before 4pm SL time.** The application should consist of a cover letter, valid Sierra Leone driver's license and names of two referees as well as an updated CV. Women drivers are encourage to apply.

Date Posted: Monday 2nd October 2023

Deadline for the receipt of application: Monday 30th October 2023

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