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Continental News

Rwandan ex-army officer gunned down in Mozambique

A prominent member of the Rwandan refugee community in Mozambique, who had told police there was a plot to kill him, has been shot dead.

Révoocat Karemangingo had been a lieutenant in the Rwandan army that was overthrown in 1994 by forces led by President Paul Kagame.

In Mozambique he became a businessman and was not involved in politics, the leader of the refugee community said. The Rwandan government has been accused of targeting opponents living abroad.

It has consistently denied the allegation.

Mr Karemangingo, who was the treasurer of the Rwandan refugee association, was driving to his home near the Mozambican capital, Maputo, when his car was ambushed on Monday.

He was shot nine times, police said.

No-one has been arrested so far and the police do not yet have a motive for the killing. Mr Karemangingo had

warned the authorities that there were people with links to Rwanda who were plotting to kill him, refugee association chairman Cléophas Habiyaemye told the BBC.

The Rwandan high commissioner in Mozambique was not immediately available for comment.

A previous plan to kill him in 2016 was foiled as he had

unexpectedly changed the vehicle he was travelling in, Mr Habiyaemye added.

Mr Karemangingo was among the suspects in the 2019 killing of another Rwandan refugee, Louis Baziga, who was at the time the leader of the Rwandan community in Mozambique.

But he was cleared of involvement in that killing

and played no role in Rwandan politics, Mr Habiyaemye said.

The death of Mr Karemangingo comes three months after the arrest by Mozambican police of Cassien Ntamuhanga, a former journalist turned opposition activist who had escaped from prison in Rwanda. He has since been held incommunicado.

Three weeks ago there was an attempt on the life of the secretary of the refugee association, the chairman said.

Human rights organisations have consistently accused Rwanda of targeting or killing opposition members abroad who are involved in - or perceived to be involved in - activities against the

government.

The Rwandan government has also accused some Rwandan refugees of carrying out or financing activities aimed at destabilising the country.

In neighbouring South Africa, a leading Rwandan opposition politician Seif Bamporiki was shot dead in February.

Rwanda's former intelligence chief Patrick Karegeya was murdered in a hotel room in Johannesburg in 2014.

Former army chief Gen Faustin Nyamwasa was shot and wounded in the same city in 2010.

Rwanda's government has always dismissed suggestions that it was involved in any of these killings or attempted killings. BBC



Révoocat Karemangingo was the treasurer of the refugee association in Mozambique

Guinea's coup leaders start cross-party talks

Military officers who seized power earlier this month in Guinea have been holding talks with representatives of dozens of political parties.

The coup leaders say the four days of talks are aimed at building a consensus on the country's future including a timetable for a return to

civilian rule.

But lengthy discussions or debate would seem impossible given that the dozens of politicians were given just two hours with the military officers.

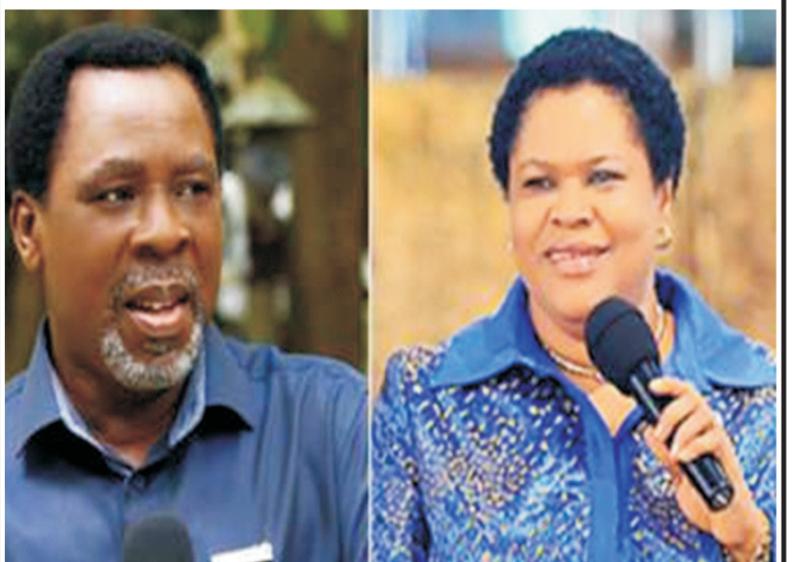
Amongst those taking part are the main opposition leader Cellou Dalein Diallo and officials from the party of the toppled president Alpha Condé.

The military officers will also meet meet religious leaders, representatives of business, trade unions, diplomats and civil society groups. The West African regional body, Ecowas, and the African Union have suspended Guinea and the country faces the threat of economic sanctions. BBC



Guinea's new military rulers are anxious to avoid economic sanctions

TB Joshua's widow takes over church leadership



TB Joshua's widow says he remains the overseer

The TB Joshua church in Nigeria has announced a new era in its leadership as the late preacher's widow takes over. Evelyn Joshua said her late husband will remain as the general overseer and founder of the church.

She has asked for prayers as she begins her new role.

Mrs Joshua said in-person worship would resume "as God leads".

Mr Joshua died in June and the church has never announced who would take charge.

The influential preacher was buried inside his synagogue in Lagos after a week of mourning. BBC

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EDITORIAL

CPP is sending mixed signals

ACTIVITIES OF THE FOUR Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) seem far from collaboration, thus sending mixed signals to the Liberian people who they seek to lead. The opposition bloc is also self-destructing gradually.

DISAGREEMENTS OVER WHO should become standard bearer or how to choose one, among others are issues that seem to confront the CPP, far ahead of the next presidential election in 2023.

THE CONTEST IS between leaders of two of the constituent parties - former vice president Joseph Nyumah Boakai of the Unity Party and Mr. Alexander B. Cummings of the Alternative National Congress. The ego has reached a point that both leaders are finding it difficult in sitting in a room to reason, leaving their respective partisans and supporters to beat the war drum.

AND SO WHAT is meant to be a united front is increasingly becoming fragmented characterized by wrangling and acrimony that clearly contradict the primary objective of the CPP. What is even more disturbing is that constituent parties are sounding their individual interests louder than the interest of the Collaboration they seek to build.

THE TRUTH OF the matter is voters are confused and they watch with uncertainty whether these group of politicians under the CPP framework who want to defeat President Weah in 2023 can ready provide the Liberian people an alternative to the governing Coalition for Democratic Change.

BY THEIR CURRENT actions and public posture Liberian voters are not convinced they can look up to the opposition politicians in the CPP for leadership because they are busy pulling one another down instead of providing direction.

THIS IS SAD and unfortunate. Liberians need hope desperately and when they look at the end of the tunnel, the light is bleak. All they hear is I, I rather than we. Who should they follow?

TWO SEPARATE INCIDENTS in the past weeks where leaders of the four parties that constitute the CPP have gone to meeting and failed to reach common understanding undermined the collective objective and they should desist. The Liberian people deserve better.

IT IS TIME leaders of the CPP rise up and give the people hope for a better Liberia. Failure to do so could send them looking elsewhere, for anything that could come their way.

THE CLOCK IS ticking and time is running out. The sooner the CPP can its acts together and speak with a united voice the better it would be for voters across Liberia, because the mixed signals are confusing them.

COMMENTARY

By Simon Zadek

Financing a Sustainable Global Food System

BEIJING - The global food system is unsustainable. While it is worth approximately \$8 trillion annually, its negative impact is valued at roughly \$12 trillion. And this is not the system's only contradiction. Around the world, food systems are both affected by climate change (owing to disruptive weather and rising temperatures) and make significant contributions to it (through greenhouse-gas emissions and biodiversity destruction). The millions of jobs they provide are often low-quality and poorly paid. And, most significantly, they fail in their ultimate purpose of delivering affordable, healthy food to all.

Because the global food system is fundamentally unviable, change is inevitable. But the radical reforms needed to create an inclusive, sustainable sector that produces nourishing food for the world's population may have devastating short-term consequences. If we take the wrong approach, incorporating the true costs of production into food systems could trigger widespread bankruptcy, devastate rural unemployment, drive up prices, and increase poverty.

The best way to achieve a rapid, fair, and safe transition to a sustainable global food system that can deliver affordable, healthy food for all is, however, a matter of heated debate. This is reflected in the strident and largely unproductive discussions taking place in the run-up to the United Nations Food Systems Summit, to be held during the UN General Assembly this month.

From a production standpoint, advocates of regenerative farming vehemently oppose a new generation of soilless food production, such as lab-grown "alternate protein" and vertical farming. But it is tough to scale regenerative farming rapidly. Soilless systems must be a major part of the solution, given their dramatically reduced carbon footprint and water use, minimal impact on biodiversity, and potential for rapidly delivering cheap, healthy food at scale.

The role of finance in this transition is no less controversial.

There is some merit to complaints about the undue influence of a limited number of private players on decisions that impact the entire global food system. Financialization - the drive to maximize risk-adjusted financial returns - is increasing across the global food system, and market concentration is growing. For example, just ten companies control half of the world's seed market, and four agribusiness firms account for 90% of the global grain trade. Just 1% of agricultural firms own 65% of the available farmland.

Financialization reinforces the unequal distribution of economic returns, squeezing the incomes of small farmers and communities, while supporting business models that under-supply healthy,

affordable food, and over-supply foods containing high levels of salt, sugar, fat, and carbohydrates. Moreover, financialization amplifies corporate lobbying that externalizes public-health costs, maintains perverse agricultural subsidies, and ensures that the costs to the climate and nature do not adversely affect financial bottom lines.

But private capital is absolutely necessary for financing the global food system's transition. We need to harness the massive financial resources managed on our collective behalf by pension funds, banks, and private equity while mitigating the dangers of financialization.

In a recent report, *Making Finance Work for Food: Financing the Transition to a Sustainable Food System*, the Finance for Biodiversity initiative maps out the role global finance can play in the needed transition. The report, prepared in association with the Food System Economics Commission, describes four ways financial tools can be used to shape future food systems.

For starters, financial policies and regulation, reinforced by shareholder and public activism, must drive investors' internalization of the costs to nature and climate in their financing decisions. This change would strand dirty assets, accelerate green-friendly investments, and trigger a shift toward more nutritious food production.

Second, financial innovations, including blended public and private solutions, are needed to accelerate investment in healthy food produced by climate- and nature-friendly forms of farming, thereby driving down costs. Such innovations could involve scalable instruments equivalent to the feed-in tariffs that have been used to great effect in catalyzing investment in renewable energy.

Third, policies and public finance are needed to protect and retrain those whose livelihoods are eroded during the transition. The goal should be to provide technology, skill development, and capital to enable them to own and operate commercially viable regenerative and soilless forms of food production.

Finally, we need to create opportunities to empower citizens, especially by harnessing the power of digitalization. As consumers, they can make an impact by adopting improved, sustainable diets. As investors, pension policy holders, and taxpayers, they can advocate for better uses of their money.

Delaying the transition to a more inclusive and sustainable global food system would jeopardize food security, destroy livelihoods, and prevent us from achieving environmental goals. We need to overcome the resistance not only of those who profit from today's systems but also of those who seek to protect the vulnerable. Resetting global finance and harnessing its benefits is necessary to fund a rapid, sustainable, and equitable transition.

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **SOLICITATION NO:** VA-669-21-00009
2. **ISSUANCE DATE:** 09/10/21
3. **CLOSING DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF OFFERS:** 09/24/2021 at 17:30
4. **POINT OF CONTACT:** Executive Officer, email at LiberiaHR@usaid.gov
5. **POSITION TITLE:** Project Management Specialist (HIV/AIDS) Care and Treatment
6. **MARKET VALUE:** USD 40,344 - 64,550 FSN- 11
In accordance with **AIDAR Appendix J** and the Local Compensation Plan of USAID Final compensation will be negotiated within the listed market value.
7. **PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:** Initial contract will be for one year (with optional years included for extension), based on the programmatic needs, funding availability, and performance. This is considered a permanent position. Employment under any contract issued under this solicitation is of a continuing nature. Its duration is expected to be part of a series of sequential contracts; all contract clauses, provisions, and regulatory requirements concerning availability of funds and the specific duration of the contract shall apply.
8. **PLACE OF PERFORMANCE:** Monrovia, Liberia with possible travel as stated in the Statement of Duties.
9. **ELIGIBLE OFFERORS:** Individuals who are Liberian citizens or non-Liberian citizens lawfully admitted for permanent residence in Liberia. Current employees serving a probationary period with the mission are not eligible to apply.
10. **SECURITY LEVEL REQUIRED:** Facility and computer access.

11. STATEMENT OF DUTIES**BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION:**

The US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) represents the US government response to the global HIV/AIDS epidemic and is the largest commitment by any nation to address a single disease in history. Thanks to American leadership and generosity, alongside the work of many partners, PEPFAR has saved millions of lives, averted millions of infections, and changed the course of the epidemic. As countries progress towards HIV/AIDS epidemic control, the point at which new HIV infections have decreased and fall below the total number of deaths among HIV-infected individuals, PEPFAR is now undertaking the challenge of controlling the pandemic.

The USAID Project Management Specialist (HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment) serves as a technical leader and resource in strategic planning, program and activity design, budgeting, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment programs/projects/activities. The Specialist serves as the inhouse subject matter leader on HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment, and the Mission and USG representative in policy, strategic, and technical engagements with the host-country Ministry of Health (MOH), U.S. Government (USG) interagency, international and bilateral organizations, and donor agencies to address technical issues and coordinate efforts in implementation of HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment activities. The work includes serving as a Program/Project Manager and Contracting/Agreement Officer's Representative (COR/AOR) for significant and targeted interventions, service as an Activity Manager for centralized programs, providing technical assistance to the appropriate host-country Ministry in the development of host-country policies, and the design and management of in-country programs/projects/activities, reflecting best practices in HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment. The Specialist works with the host government and other donors to ensure a well coordinated approach to HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment.

The position is located in the USAID Office of Health. The incumbent reports to the Health Service Delivery Team Lead and has no supervisory responsibility.

1. Major Duties and Responsibilities**Technical and Strategic Leadership**

The Specialist provides a high level technical guidance, including clinical HIV Care and Treatment recommendations, to the Mission and the Ministry of Health in HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment including counterparts and senior level officials; provides direction in the design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment programs/projects/activities and interventions; and/ provides oversight to the annual HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment budget, ensuring costs remain within budget planning levels, and that efficiency is maximized.

The Specialist works closely with other units within the Health Office, and across the USAID Mission, to optimize opportunities for cross-sectoral integration, and the leveraging of resources across the different program components; and, works closely with the Health Systems Strengthening Team to ensure adequate planning towards uninterrupted availability of key HIV commodities, including antiretrovirals (ARVs), test kits, and essential laboratory reagents.

The Specialist provides technical leadership in quality and performance improvement, working with key stakeholders to improve the quality of facility and community-level HIV Care and Treatment services, by applying evidence-based guidelines, approaches, and tools; and, liaises with the other technical advisors and MOH staff to institutionalize and scale up quality improvement for HIV Care and Treatment service delivery Through literature review, research and regular communication with local and international stakeholders, the Specialist keeps abreast of emerging developments in the national and global HIV Care and Treatment landscape, and advises accordingly on how policies, strategies, and technical guidelines can most effectively be incorporated to enable the Mission to maintain fidelity and relevance in its HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment programs.

The Specialist provides advice and guidance to other Health Office and HIV/AIDS Team colleagues on matters relating to HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment, and how best the other program components could contribute to ensure an effective service cascade. The Specialist provides oversight and guidance to USAID IPs newly emerging and highly efficacious approaches to HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment program/project/activity implementation; with the Strategic Information Team, advise on the development of tools (dash boards, league tables, etc.) that support continuous learning and adapting to further improve and evolve the USAID knowledge base and data management capability related to HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment activities; and, advises on targeted analyses of HIV/AIDS data to inform program/project/activity planning and implementation.

The Specialist provides technical assistance to USG financial teams and technical working groups in completing the PEPFAR Funding Allocation to Strategy Tool (FAST), and any other new tools that may be provided for use in the planning processes,

Program/Project/Activity Management

The Specialist serves as a Contracting or Agreement Officer's Representative (COR/AOR) for Mission HIV Care and Treatment programs; keeps the supervisor informed regularly of program implementation progress, results, and issues/problems on a timely basis; perceives, determines, and arranges for procurement of Short Term Technical Assistance (STTA), ensuring that objectives and outcomes of the TA are consistent with and support the furtherance of the Mission HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment portfolio; participates in and ensures the effectiveness of Site Improvement Monitoring System (SIMS) and other field visits to improve service delivery quality, including provision of clinical recommendations on HIV Care and Treatment; and, organizes site visits and prepares orientation materials for delegations from OGAC, USAID Headquarters, the Department of State, and other agencies, and plays a leading role in advising other Health Office colleagues on quality assurance/improvement methodologies and techniques in order to improve the performance of all health service providers.

Representation and Reporting:

The Specialist represents USAID and PEPFAR at designated national, regional, and international meetings, in particular those relating to HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment, including regular participation in national-level HIV/AIDS technical working groups and related committees; represents USAID on the inter-agency USG PEPFAR Inter-Agency Technical Team, along with the Team Leader; represent USAID at meetings outside of the HIV/AIDS field, as requested by the Mission Director, Health Office Chief, or the Team Leader; responds to a wide range of work-related requirements as a member of the PEPFAR Team, including responding to requests for information from USAID Washington, OGAC, and the Congress; establishes strategic working relationships with senior host-government officials at the national and district level, donor agencies, civil society organizations, private-sector health counterparts, and Medical Associations in order to enhance the sharing of information on HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment, including changes in key policies, and legal and regulatory environments that could affect the implementation of USAID programs/projects/activities; and, serves as a USAID representative on inter-agency forums related to HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment. The Specialist provides strategic and technical leadership in the preparation of key annual and mid-term planning and reporting documents, including the Country Operational Plan, Operational Plan, Congressional Budget Justifications, Technical Notifications, Quarterly, and Semi-Annual and Annual Progress Reports; and, supports the annual PEPFAR budget preparation processes.

Supervision controls

The Specialist works under the very general supervision of the Health Office Chief, and the closer but general supervision of the Health Service Delivery Team Lead. Supervisor makes assignments in terms of overall objectives and resources available. Completed work is reviewed in terms of achievement of program/project activity goals, effectiveness in meeting host country and USAID and objectives, and integration with other initiatives in the Health Office and Mission portfolio. Some technical direction may come from other professionals in the Office; in general, however, the specialist will be expected to exercise considerable autonomy and best judgment in discharging the duties of the assignment.

Supervisory Relationship

Continuing supervision of other Health Office and/or Mission staff is not contemplated. Oversight of short- and medium- term technical contractors and TDYers is contemplated, requiring the Specialist to prepare interim performance assessments for long-term TDYers and contractors. The Specialist provides mentoring and coaching in key areas of HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment, especially on newly emerging evidence and approaches to foster common knowledge across the portfolio.

12. PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The work requested does not involve undue physical demands.

II. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION

1. **Education:** The work requires the equivalent of a Master's Degree in Public Health, in a field related to HIV, Health, Social Work, International Development, Social or Behavioral Sciences, Epidemiology, Biology, Infectious Disease, Organizational Development, Political Science, Business Administration or a closely related field.
2. **Prior Work Experience:** A minimum of five years of progressively responsible experience in the field of public health programming in developing or middle-income countries, with a focus on HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment is required. The Specialist must demonstrate that he/she has strong clinical skills in HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment. The Specialist must have demonstrated technical leadership in public health program management, planning, policy experience, and problem-solving skills while working on complex programs/projects/activities in a highly sensitive environment.
3. **Work/Residency Permits:** Applicants must have valid work and/or residency permits allowing work in Liberia.
4. **Language Proficiency:** Level 4 (fluent proficiency) English and local language proficiency, both oral and written, is required.

III. EVALUATION AND SELECTION FACTORS

The Evaluation Factors listed below will be the basis for evaluating and ranking applicants for the position. Applicants will be scored based on the documentation submitted within the application. Applicants must submit a supplemental document outlining their responses to the evaluation factor(s) in order to be considered.

1. Selection Process

After the closing date for receipt of applications, a committee will convene to review applications that meet the minimum requirements and evaluate them in accordance with the evaluation criteria. As part of the selection process, the most qualified candidates will be interviewed. Reference checks will be made only for applicants considered as finalists. The applicant's references must be able to provide substantive information about his/her past performance and abilities.

2. Evaluation Factors

Those applicants who meet the minimum education and experience qualifications will be evaluated based on the content of their application as well as on the applicant's writing, presentation, and communication skills. Applicants should include their name and the announcement number at the top of each additional page including a written response to the Evaluation Factor. Failure to specifically address the Evaluation Factors will result in the applicant not receiving full credit for pertinent experience.

FACTOR #1:

In 250 words or less, outline how you have demonstrated your knowledge in HIV testing, care, and treatment service delivery. Provide examples of your efforts by describing your experience in providing, managing or overseeing approaches toward index testing, linkage to care and/or virological suppression among HIV positive individuals.

3. Basis of Rating

Applicants determined to be competitively ranked will also be evaluated on their interview performance and satisfactory professional reference checks. The Applicant Rating System is as follows:

Evaluation Factors: 20 points

Factor #1 20 points (Addendum to application packet)

Timed writing sample exercise: 30 points

The writing sample will demonstrate the candidate's ability to interpret, analyze and communicate in writing data to the appropriate audience.

Interview Performance: 50 points

Interview questions will revolve around the candidate's

- Management abilities
- Teamwork and interpersonal skills
- Technical knowledge

Possible Points 100 point total

IV. SUBMITTING AN OFFER

Applications must be submitted electronically by email with the subject line **VA-669-21-00009 – Project Management Specialist (HIV/AIDS) Care and Treatment** LiberiaHR@usaid.gov

Applicants may submit an application prior to the closing date and time specified in Section I, item 3 mentioned above unless revised.

Qualified applicants must submit the following documents or their applications will not be considered for this position:

1. A current curriculum vitae (CV) or resume, not to exceed 3 pages.
2. A minimum of three (3) professional references with telephone and email contacts, who are not family members or relatives, with working telephone and email contacts. The applicant's references must be able to provide substantive information about his/her past performance and abilities. At least one reference provided should be a current or former supervisor.
3. A supplemental document with a **written response to the Evaluation Factors.**

Candidates who are applying for this position must fully meet the education requirement (graduated and degree and/or diploma already received) as specified. At the time of applications, candidates must also meet in full the work experience requirement. There is no exception to these requirements.

Short-listed candidates may be requested to provide educational documents such as transcripts for degrees, diplomas, certificates, and other pertinent documents as needed.

Any attachments provided via email must be compatible with Microsoft Word or PDF and not zipped. Note that attachments to email must not exceed 25 MB. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Agency retains the right to cancel or amend the solicitation and associated actions at any stage of the recruitment process.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The U.S. Mission provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation.



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **SOLICITATION NO:** VA-669-21-00008
2. **ISSUANCE DATE:** 09/09/21
3. **CLOSING DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF OFFERS:** 09/23/2021 at 17:30
4. **POINT OF CONTACT:** Executive Officer, email at LiberiaHR@usaid.gov
5. **POSITION TITLE:** Supervisory Financial Analyst
6. **MARKET VALUE:** USD 51,630 to 82,612 **FSN-** 12 in accordance with **AIDAR Appendix J** and the Local Compensation Plan of USAID Final compensation will be negotiated within the listed market value.
7. **PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:** Initial contract will be for one year with optional years included for extension based on the programmatic needs, funding availability, and performance. This is considered a permanent position. Employment under any contract issued under this solicitation is of a continuing nature. Its duration is expected to be part of a series of sequential contracts; all contract clauses, provisions, and regulatory requirements concerning availability of funds and the specific duration of the contract shall apply.
8. **PLACE OF PERFORMANCE:** Monrovia, Liberia with possible travel as stated in the Statement of Duties.
9. **ELIGIBLE OFFERORS:** Individuals who are Liberian citizens or non-Liberian citizens lawfully admitted for permanent residence in Liberia. Current employees serving a probationary period with the mission are not eligible to apply.
10. **SECURITY LEVEL REQUIRED:** Facility and computer access.

11. STATEMENT OF DUTIES
BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION:

The Supervisory Financial Analyst (SFA) position is in USAID/Liberia's Office of Financial Management (OFM). The incumbent oversees the functions of the Financial Analysis team, whose responsibilities include, but are not limited to, financial assessments, evaluations and reviews, advisory services, implementing partner (IP) training, and project financial analysis or quarterly financial reviews. The Supervisory Financial Analyst serves as a principal advisor to the Technical Offices, senior Mission management, the Contracting/Agreement Officer, and implementing partners in the financial management of USAID program funds. The Supervisory Financial Analyst's supervision responsibilities include technical and administrative guidance, mentoring, quality control, timeliness of submission, performance evaluation, and leave planning/approval of the financial analysis team.

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
Program Financial Analysis and Assessments

(30%)

Directs and performs pre-award surveys, financial reviews, and risk assessments of implementing partners and prospective beneficiary institutions. Conducts institutional and capacity-building training to implementers to enhance their understanding of USAID rules and regulations and strengthen their capabilities to safeguard U.S. Government funds. Directs and coordinates all reviews of program funds: (1) unliquidated obligation reviews, (2) accrual reviews, and (3) quarterly financial pipeline reviews. Develops systems and procedures to ensure the Financial Analysis team creates high-quality, timely Mission-wide and project-specific reports that include pipeline, expenditure rate, accruals analyses, and budgets. Participates in the Mission's semi-annual technical teams' performance reviews by providing relevant financial information and responding to inquiries on funds disposition.

Advisory Services **(30%)**

- Participates in activity design teams and serves on technical review panels for new proposals to provide financial management technical expertise.
- Advises the technical teams on how to develop the independent government cost estimate (IGCE) for new activities.
- Provides forward funding guidelines and pipeline status, including reviewing options on reducing pipelines to reasonable levels.
- Participates in post-award meetings to explain the financial management aspects of the award.
- Reviews the financial sections of work plans and provides input to expenditure plans and budgets.
- Serves on the Government Agreement Team, assists in milestone development, reviews activity budget estimates, and advises on incorporating risk management plans into the activity design.

Audit management **(20%)**

- Assists the Controller in managing the Audit Management Program for the Mission and coordinates with the Audit Management Officer (AMO) in accordance with USAID guidance.
- Develops and maintains the Mission's annual audit inventory and audit plan.
- Coordinates the audit contracting process to include reviewing audit scopes of work.
- Monitors and clears audit recommendations by solving financial and related problems and preparing supporting documentation for auditors.
- Reviews and prepares written management decisions for review and signature.
- Leads the periodic audit firm assessment and audit environment appraisal and directs final reports for the Controller's review/approval.

Internal Control Assessment **(10%)**

- Coordinates the internal management control reviews to determine and ensure Mission compliance with U.S. Government (USG) regulations and reporting requirements.
- Leads the Mission in the annual Internal Control and Enterprise Risk Management assessment in accordance with the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA) by 1).
- Advising on the control environment and how to assess risk; 2) performing testing of controls if deemed necessary, and 3) developing or improving control systems to address identified weaknesses.
- Tracks corrective actions that address any deficiencies identified during such reviews.

Staff Management and Supervision **(10%)**

- Assigns tasks to the Financial Analysts/Financial Analyst Assistant and oversees their work to ensure compliance with pertinent requirements and Agency/Mission standards.
- Prepares work objectives and evaluations for staff.
- Trains and mentors Financial Analysts to ensure their effective performance and achievement of set work objectives.
- Conducts a comprehensive review of FAs skills and develops annual training plans.
- Plans long term strategy of the Financial Analysis Team's human resources and where appropriate participates in the recruitment of Financial Analysts.
- As a professional position, it is anticipated that at times the duties of this position may require the incumbent to travel both domestically and abroad.

Supervision controls
Works under the direct supervision of the Controller who may delegate direct supervision to the Deputy Controller

Supervisory Relationship
Supervises, assigns work, and provides guidance and training to a team of four FSN-11 Financial Analysts and one FSN-08 Financial Analyst Assistant. May supervise work carried out by outside contractors.

12. PHYSICAL DEMANDS
The work requested does not involve undue physical demands.

II. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION

1. **Education:** A University degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, or related field or possess a professional certification such as a CPA or Chartered Accountant.
2. **Prior Work Experience:** A minimum of seven (7) years of progressively responsible experience in accounting, auditing, budgeting, or financial management is required.
3. **Work/Residency Permits:** For applicants who are not Liberian Citizens, valid work and/or residency permits allowing work in Liberia are required. **This information should be clearly stated in the application package.**
4. **Language Proficiency:** Level IV fluent spoken and written proficiency in English is required.

III. EVALUATION AND SELECTION FACTORS

The Evaluation Factors listed below will be the basis for evaluating and ranking applicants for the position. Applicants will be scored based on the documentation submitted within the application, and their oral and written interviews.

1. Selection Process

After the closing date for receipt of applications, a committee will convene to review applications that meet the minimum requirements and evaluate them in accordance with the evaluation criteria. As part of the selection process, the most qualified candidates will be interviewed. Reference checks will be made only for applicants considered as finalists. The applicant's references must be able to provide substantive information about his/her past performance and abilities.

2. Evaluation Factors

Those applicants who meet the minimum education and experience qualifications will be evaluated based on the content of their application as well as on the applicant's writing, presentation, and communication skills. Applicants should include their name and the announcement number at the top of each additional page. Failure to specifically address the Evaluation Factors will result in the applicant not receiving full credit for pertinent experience.

FACTOR #1: Prior work experience - Progressively responsible experience in professional accounting, auditing, or financially oriented business management. Prior CPA firm audit experience is highly desirable.

FACTOR #2: Job knowledge - Thorough knowledge and understanding of professional accounting, budgeting and auditing principles, theories, practices and terminology related to both public and private institutions is essential.

FACTOR #3: Skills and abilities - Ability to analyze data, narrative reports, internal control flowcharts, etc., to permit detection of strengths and weaknesses of projects & make independent judgments of institution's financial capability for the purposes of discussions concerning program project implementation and audit recommendations.

3. Basis of Rating

Applicants determined to be competitively ranked will also be evaluated on their interview performance and satisfactory professional reference checks. The Applicant Rating System is as follows:

Evaluation Factors	50 points
Interview Performance	50 points
Total Possible Points	100 points

Interview questions will revolve around the candidate's ability to:

- Respond in a clear and concise manner to a series of questions about your experience, skills, goals, and other areas.
- Respond in writing, to different scenarios, clearly stating your proposed solution.

IV. SUBMITTING AN OFFER

Applications must be submitted electronically by email with the subject line **VA-669-21-00008 – Supervisory Financial Analyst LiberiaHR@usaid.gov**

Applicants may submit an application package prior to the closing date and time specified in Section I, item 3 mentioned above unless revised.

Qualified applicants must submit the following documents or their applications will not be considered for this position:

1. A current curriculum vitae (CV) or resume, not to exceed 3 pages.
2. A minimum of three (3) professional references with telephone and email contacts, who are not family members or relatives, with working telephone and email contacts. The applicant's references must be able to provide substantive information about his/her past performance and abilities. At least one reference provided should be a current or former supervisor.
3. A brief summary not more than 200 words (in total) on how your qualifications meet the three Evaluation Factors above.

Candidates who are applying for this position must fully meet the education requirement (graduated and degree and/or diploma already received) as specified. At the time of applications, candidates must also meet in full the work experience requirement. There is no exception to these requirements.

Short-listed candidates may be requested to provide educational documents such as transcripts for degrees, diplomas, certificates, and other pertinent documents as needed.

Any attachments provided via email must be compatible with Microsoft Word or PDF and not zipped. Note that attachments to email must not exceed 25 MB. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Agency retains the right to cancel or amend the solicitation and associated actions at any stage of the recruitment process.

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We will not take “susu” to improve your living conditions

--Dr. Cassell assures Liberians

The Vision Bearer of the People’s Liberation Party (PLP), Dr. Daniel E. Cassell, has admonished Liberians against pledging their support to recycle and failed Liberian politicians who take loans from commercial banks and other areas to win their minds during electioneering period.

While inducting into offices the local leadership of the PLP headed by Morris Johnson in Buchanan, Grand Bassa County recently, Dr. Cassell pointed out that for too long, Liberian politicians have been putting “susu” and using loans to buy rice and other materials to persuade electorate to cast their votes in their favor.

In Liberia, susu is a local form of saving money between two or more persons

tourism industry, construction of roads and the infrastructural sector,” he said further.

“We will make PLP different. The reason why PLP will fulfill those promises is because PLP is doing these things now,” Dr. Cassell continued.

He urged Liberians not to be carried away by empty promises from politicians who desperately need their votes during electioneering period.

He called on citizens to follow and thoroughly scrutinize the track records of those vying for elected offices before making a determination for the sake of their children’s future.

Dr. Cassell promised that the PLP will not be like other political parties that normally take “susu” and avoid paying on time.

He emphasized that a PLP led-government will ensure that the

He vowed to be the voice of the voiceless in the Liberian society, regardless of any circumstances or conditions. He maintained that he will continue to advocate for less fortunate Liberians in a bid to ensure that their plights are addressed and the voices are heard.

“Dr. Cassell is here to encourage you to join the liberation train. This train is here for the poor, disabled, market women, motorcyclists, for our people who they call good for nothing and all the less fortunate. I am the friend of the poor and the strength for the weak. I will not let y’all down,” he vowed.

Dr. Cassell pointed out that his decision to contest the highest seat in Liberia is not for not to satisfy his personal aggrandizement, but to fight and ensure that the Liberian people, especially less fortunate Liberians benefit their equal share of the country’s wealth and resources.

He noted that the vast majority of Liberians remain hopeless of things working in their favor as a result of the continuous manner and form in which their wellbeing has been downplayed by those who they elected to the helm of power.

According to him, most Liberians are left in a state of uncertainty, with nowhere to go or turn, but he has come to give hope to the hopeless citizens with a call on them to join the “liberation train”.

Dr. Cassell emphasized that God has heard the cries of weeping Liberians and has sent him to liberate and give hope to the suffering Liberian masses.

He noted that as a servant and advocate for change, he remains fully prepared and willing to go the extra mile in helping to alleviate the mountainous challenges confronting Liberia and its citizens.

“This is the time for us to join this train because we are ready to serve our people. We have to be open participants on the liberation train because our children will judge us,” he urged Liberians.

He suggested that the future of the Liberian people will be secured when the PLP becomes victorious in the upcoming 2023 general and presidential elections.

Dr. Cassell indicated that the nation and its people will benefit positively if the natural resources are

wealth and resources of the country are equitably distributed among the citizenry.

“When somebody who does not have money come to you for credit, look at that person history. If in the past the person took money and paid or they been taking susu and paying on time that’s how you know tomorrow when you credit them, they would not pay,” he said.

“How do you know that during PLP administration this country is going to transform or your lives are going to improve? It’s by looking at our track records and the different interventions that we have made and are going to make,” Dr. Cassell added.

Dr. Cassell called on citizens to join the “liberation train” as he strives to ensure the best for those who have been marginalized, stigmatized, downplayed and neglected in their own country.



[outside of officially recognized banking system].

He emphasized that when elected, these failed politicians normally turn away from those who elected them and focus on repaying loans and improving them and their respective family members’ living conditions.

“We are going to continue to impact the lives of our people and you will not be left behind. The PLP believes in equitable distribution and the people of this country are going to feel the impact under a PLP led-government,” he said.

“The PLP believes in empowerment of our people; giving loan to our mothers, marketers, providing access to medical care for our people, the

supporting of farmers, entertainment and the

China, US hold 12th political party leaders dialogue

The 12th China-U.S. Political Party Leaders Dialogue was held from Monday to Tuesday via video link.

Song Tao, head of the International Department of the CPC Central Committee, attended the dialogue. He said that Chinese President Xi Jinping had recently held a phone conversation with his U.S. counterpart, Joseph R. Biden, mapping out the direction of the development for bilateral ties.

“China and the United States should implement the important consensus reached by the two heads of state, strengthen dialogue, meet each other halfway, and create advantages for the relationship between the two countries returning to the right track of stable development,” said Song.

Song said that the dialogue is conducive to enhancing communication, understanding, and mutual trust.

“We are willing to work with the Democratic and Republican parties of the United States to give full play to the political leading role of political parties in relations

between states. We would also like to promote the two sides in strengthening coordination and cooperation based on respecting each other’s core interests and major concerns and properly managing differences to provide positive factors to the stable development of bilateral relations,” Song said.

Howard Dean, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee, who is also former Vermont governor, and Carla Hills, former U.S. trade representative as well as former secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, attended the dialogue. They both hailed the U.S.-China relationship as the most important bilateral ties globally, and said that the dialogue between political parties of the two countries is a vital part of bilateral ties.

Despite going through some hard times bilaterally, the two countries still share many common interests, they said. They called for more high-level dialogues to increase trust, advance cooperation, promote the two countries’ respective development, and jointly tackle global challenges. -Source *People’s Daily*

distributed equitably, instead of benefiting a selective few government officials and their respective family members.

“Gone are the days when they [brought] bag of rice and other materials to you people to ask for your votes in return. Our people have plenty [of] sense now; they cannot be used or abused now,” said Dr. Cassell.

“The PLP has come to change the political trademark in Liberia and our humanitarian works to identify with our people that started more than six years ago can speak for us. I believe in

equitable distribution and impacting the lives of my people,” he noted.

Meanwhile, he contributed the amount of L\$1.5 Million to help address some of the challenges confronting residents of Salala district in Bong County.

Out of the total money, the amount of L\$500,000 each was committed as interest free loan to marketers, and vocational and technical skills training education for less fortunate youths in the area.

About L\$250,000 each was also committed to traditional leaders and made as a donation for medical services.

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Citizens want 2 Sinoe officials out -for alleged corruption

A group of citizens from Sinoe County under the banner, Dugbe River Union have accused County superintendent Lee Nagbe Chea and Jaedae Statutory

county, thus calling for their dismissal.

In a written complaint to the minister of internal affairs Varney A. Sirleaf, they listed six counts against Superintendent

Chea allegedly led 14 armed police officers to Tuzonbury city in Sinoe, harassed and intimidated citizens, business community, including gold miners and extorted over 1.3 Million Liberian dollars plus sheep.

It also reveals Chea collaborated with Ghanaian gold miners in Jaedae district and dredged rivers and creeks, polluting the only sources for drinking water for citizens.

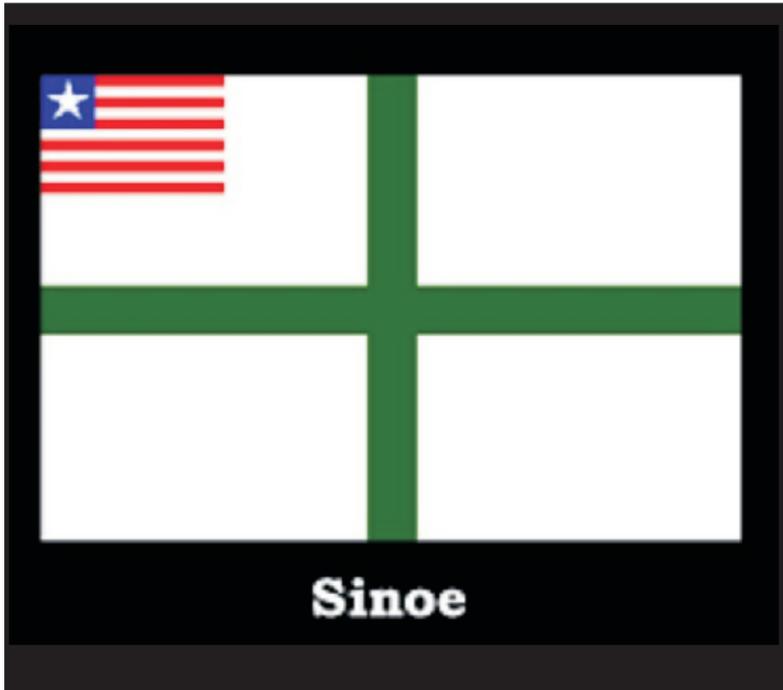
According to the communication, on October 29, 2020 the superintendent again took armed police officers and disrupted a meeting between tribal people of Jaedae and the Management of Hummingbire, a mining firm thereby denying their right to peaceful assembly. "Sometimes in 2019 Mr. Chea demanded and collected from Jaedae Development Fund LRD100,000.00."

The Dugbe River Union officials said Chea sidelined the people of Jaedae and signed social contract agreement with a Chinese Mining Company operating in the district, personally accruing benefit from the agreement, among others.

Chea and three counts against district superintendent Tarpeh, detailing cash and items allegedly extorted by the two officials.

The letter dated September 8, 2021 says Superintendent

Superintendent Robert M. Tarpeh for extorting nearly two million Liberian dollars plus US\$2,000.00 and cattle from miners, local businesses and the Forestry Development Authority in the



Law student hails Liberia's election in FALAS executive

By Winston W. Parley

A law student at the Louis Arthur Grimes School of Law, University of Liberia (UL) Mr. Siaffa Bahn Kemokai has hailed Liberia's election for the first time in the executive of the Federation of African Law Students (FALAS) as a pride for the country.

In a recent interview with this paper following his election as FALAS Deputy Secretary General for Diplomacy and External Affairs, Mr. Kemokai said his election gives a very good image to Liberia and also means that UL is up to the standard that its students can engage peers from other universities in Africa and return victorious.

Kemokai also praised the great job being done by the Dean of the Louis Arthur Grimes School of Law at the University of Liberia and by extension, the University of Liberia under the stewardship of its President, Rev. Prof. Dr. Julius JulukonSarwolo Nelson, Jr.,

who is giving the support to get the law school to where it is.

He narrated that the annual conference was held from 1 to 5 September 2021 in Accra, Ghana, bringing together academicians, achievers from the legal profession and law students.

At the conference, Kemokai said Liberia had a 13 - person

delegation which made a very strong case and won the Deputy Secretary General for Diplomacy and External Affairs position for the first time in the FALAS executive. The new leadership was elected for one year to replace the outgoing

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Police investigate NTA driver's injury at CDC HQ

By Bridgett Milton

Police in Monrovia say they are investigating an incident resulting in the injury of National Transit Authority (NTA) driver Jessie Baytuh at the Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) Headquarters in Congo Town on Saturday, 11 September 2021.

Liberia National Police (LNP) Spokesman Moses Cater confirmed the incident involving victim Bartuah on local broadcaster OK FM's live radio program Okay Morning Rush Tuesday morning, 14 September, but indicated that he could not state what caused the injury.

According to Carter, police are working to find out who did the act, and they are working to establish from a medical examination that is being carried out if a bullet or stone had caused the wound on

was one of the drivers on one of the assigned buses to go and receive Mr. Morlu from the airport.

When the buses arrived at CDC Headquarters, the information indicated that a huge confusion broke out among partisans over the alleged struggle for control and cash.

As the conflict intensified, the information said someone in the crowd allegedly fired bullets and one of them allegedly hit driver Bartuah's head.

In his reaction against the claim of bullet wound, CDC Chairman Morlu termed the information as a lie, explaining through social media post on Tuesday that on Saturday night, contrary to the lies being told, there was no live bullet discharged at the CDC Headquarters, neither was there any internal disagreements nor



victim Bartuah.

According to Carter, victim Baytuh got injured in the head when a group of CDCians gathered at the party headquarters to welcome CDC party chairman Mulbah K. Morlu from the United States of America.

He noted that victim Baytuh is undergoing treatment, and police are taking the investigation very seriously because Liberians are approaching a very critical election in 2023 and the police here will leave no stone unturned.

However, Carter said police have not invited anyone for questioning yet, but they are looking up to the public for anyone who has the information they can use.

Information gathered by this paper says victim Bartuah

quarrels.

He noted that such lies are no strangers to calculated deception designed to mislead, conjure and incite public opinion to advance a notorious cause, or perhaps, to undermine democratic governance and disrupt the peace.

Morlu noted that on the same Saturday, a group of bandits alleged to belong to the opposition Unity Party were spotted by witnesses leaving their party premises in Congo Town, allegedly stormed Congo Town Back-road intersection and began throwing stones at buses transporting their partisans.

He called on his partisans and the public to remain calm as the police conduct an independent investigation based on official complaints filed by the mighty Congress for Democratic Change.

Français

« Je refuse d'endosser le mal », s'insurge Cummings contre Boakai

Alexander Cummings, membre fondateur de la Collaboration des Partis politiques (CPP), rejette le choix de l'ancien vice-président Joseph Nyumah Boakai par son parti comme porte-étendard en vue de la prochaine élection présidentielle, tout en affirmant qu'un tort est un tort, peu importe qui le commet.

Pour lui, l'action du Parti de l'unité (ancien parti au pouvoir), risque de saper ce qui a été convenu collectivement dans le cadre de la CPP.

La Collaboration des Parti Politique est une plate-forme des principaux partis politiques de l'opposition. Elle est composée du Parti de l'Unité (UP, le parti de l'ancienne présidente Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf), de l'Alternative National Congress (ANC) et de l'All Liberians Party (ALP).

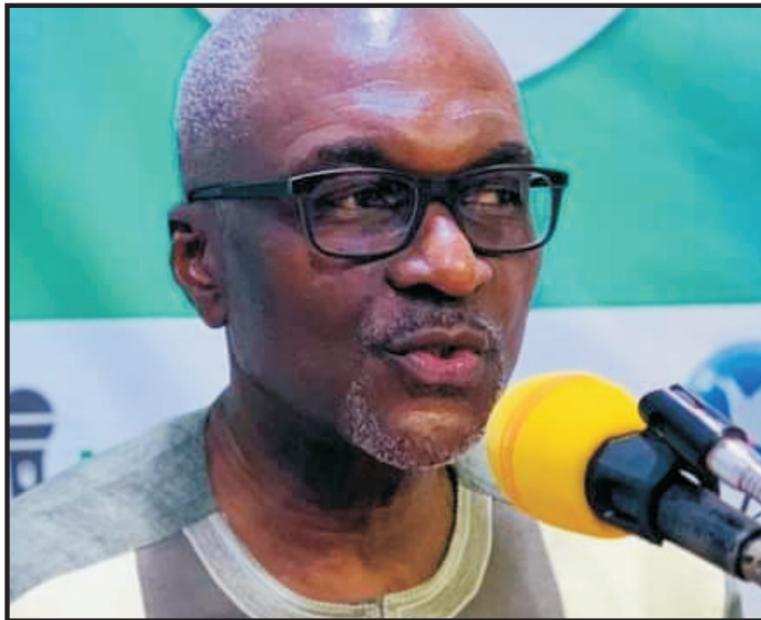
Animant un point de presse lundi à Monrovia, le leader politique de l'ANC Alexander Cummings a

indiqué qu'à partir du moment où les partis membres de la coalition de l'opposition ont accepté d'agir comme une seule famille politique, ils ont aussi accepté d'être jugés publiquement, d'où la nécessité qu'un membre exprime son mécontentement face à une action antidémocratique d'un parti membre, qui viole aussi bien les valeurs fondamentales et les principes directeurs de la

Coalition que ceux du parti lui-même, d'autant plus que telle violation jette un discrédit sur la Coalition et donnent une mauvaise image de chaque parti membre de la Collaboration.

« Reconnaître et corriger un tort n'est pas une faiblesse. C'est un attribut de leadership, et c'est

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Une carte d'identité numérique universelle contre l'exclusion sociale en Afrique ?

Plus d'un milliard de personnes dans le monde, dont la moitié réside en Afrique n'ont pas de documents d'identité. Des individus qui se retrouvent alors exclus des aides et des services publics fournis par leur État. La solution pour remédier à cette fracture sociale serait de mettre en place une identité numérique universelle, préconise une ONG.

Sans aucun document officiel prouvant son identité,

un humain sur huit sur notre planète se retrouve de facto exclu d'une quelconque assistance des services administratifs et d'assistance que son gouvernement a mis en place. Ces citoyens « invisibles » n'ont d'autre choix que vivre en marge de la société. Ces éternels abonnés absents des systèmes de santé ou encore privés de scolarité, ne peuvent ni ouvrir de compte bancaire, ni changer de pays faute de passeport ou encore ne sont pas autorisés à voter.

Une fracture identitaire qui,

sur le continent africain, est synonyme d'extrême pauvreté, constate depuis 2014 l'organisation non gouvernementale ID4Africa. L'ONG s'est donnée pour mission d'aider les pays d'Afrique à « adopter une identité numérique de manière responsable et pour le bien commun » et milite dans le cadre de l'Objectif de développement durable de l'ONU pour instaurer une Journée Internationale de l'Identité tous les 16 septembre.

Appel aux gouvernements africains

« Ces personnes invisibles survivent en passant dans le secteur informel, souligne Joseph Atick, le président-directeur et fondateur de l'association. Sans identité, ces gens se retrouvent totalement exclus de la société. Cela représente un problème majeur pour les pays dits en voie de développement, qui doit absolument être résolu. Notre ONG a un rôle de facilitateur pour donner à ces personnes une identité sous forme numérique et recréer du lien entre eux et les services sociaux et économiques dans

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Éditorial

L'incertitude en Guinée voisine est inquiétante

Les nouvelles d'un coup d'État militaire en Guinée voisine sont très inquiétantes d'autant plus que ce pays voisin est très proche du Libéria et les deux pays partagent des liens culturels, ethniques et économiques.

Toute perturbation dans ce pays a toujours eu de graves répercussions négatives sur le Libéria, qu'il s'agisse d'Ebola, de la politique ou des affaires. Les deux pays sont tellement imbriqués que ce qui affecte l'un a un impact sur l'autre.

Par conséquent, avec les informations provenant de Guinée selon lesquelles des soldats armés ont placé le président élu en état d'arrestation, ordonné aux habitants de rester à l'intérieur et fermé toutes les frontières, il y a lieu de s'inquiéter.

Le ministère guinéen de la défense avait dit avoir dissipé la nouvelle du coup d'État, affirmant que la garde présidentielle avait réprimé la révolte et qu'il contrôlait la situation.

Mais un groupe de soldats sous la bannière du Comité national de rassemblement et du développement (NCRD) aurait affirmé avoir évincé le président Alpha Condé en raison de la corruption généralisée, de la mauvaise gestion et de la pauvreté. Il a également annoncé la suspension de la constitution.

Si le soi-disant coup d'État en Guinée réussissait, le Libéria pourrait se sentir brûlé de plusieurs manières : Premièrement, les deux pays sont membres de l'Union du fleuve Mano et de la Communauté économique des États de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (CEDEAO). Au Libéria, nous dépendons du pays voisin pour les produits de base tels que le poivre, les oignons, les vêtements et les ustensiles, entre autres. En outre, le port de Conakry sert de conduit majeur pour la plupart des voitures d'occasion entrant au Libéria en raison des tarifs élevés au port franc de Monrovia.

Ensuite, il y a la question des mariages mixtes et des relations tribales. Il y a des Malinkés aussi bien en Guinée qu'au Libéria, de même, des membres de la tribu Mano, Gio, Kpelle sont des deux côtés.

Plus tôt cette année, le gouvernement de la Guinée et le gouvernement du Libéria ont signé une importante concession qui permettrait aux minerais guinéens d'être transportés à travers le Libéria pour être expédiés à l'étranger. L'investissement coûtera des millions de dollars et profitera aux peuples des deux pays.

En outre, les troupes guinéennes se sont battues et sont mortes au Libéria pour rétablir la paix dont jouissent les Libériens aujourd'hui, nous ne pouvons donc pas rester assis et regarder ce pays dégénérer en flammes.

Nous appelons à une intervention rapide pour ramener le calme dans le pays voisin, car cela est important pour la sécurité régionale, la paix et la coopération économique. La Guinée est un partenaire clé de l'Union du fleuve Mano et de la CEDEAO.

Français

« Je refuse d'endosser le mal »,

honorables. Doubler les torts est déshonorant et le produit d'un leadership antidémocratique. Là où les uns et les autres insistent sur leur refus de corriger leurs erreurs collectives et continuent à procéder à la violation flagrante des lois, je n'en ferai pas partie », a expliqué-t-il, avant de souligner que la CPP a une obligation envers le peuple libérien, c'est-à-dire faire les choses différemment et être meilleure que l'administration actuelle.

Selon lui, le changement étant difficile et le vrai changement encore plus difficile, il ne peut donc rendre pas tout le monde heureux en même temps parce que certains sont trop habitués aux anciennes façons de faire les choses. Mais le vrai changement donne au pays une nouvelle chance de devenir meilleur, et pas seulement de dire les bonnes choses, mais de faire les bonnes choses de la bonne manière.

« C'est pour ça que je suis sorti. C'est pourquoi j'ai refusé d'endosser un tort. Le Libéria et les Libériens sont en jeu. LaCPP doit faire mieux. Le Libéria mérite mieux. Si la CPP ne peut pas être le changement que

Une carte d'identité numérique universelle

chaque pays. »

« Lors de notre assemblée générale en 2018 au Nigéria nous avons lancé un appel aux gouvernements africains et aux représentants de la société civile pour instaurer une Journée internationale de l'identité le 16 septembre de chaque année dans le cadre de l'Objectif de développement durable de l'ONU, poursuit Joseph Atick. De nombreux pays sur le continent qui ont compris les enjeux de l'identité numérique participent depuis à cette journée de sensibilisation et mettent en place des solutions pour lutter contre l'exclusion des invisibles. Pour ID4Africa, le mot d'ordre est une identité numérique responsable et respectueuse des données des citoyens. »

La crainte de la surveillance de masse

Mais cette identification biométrique, qui est souvent

recherche le peuple libérien, alors nous ne méritons pas de le diriger », insiste M. Cummings.

Il a profité de l'occasion pour faire savoir à tout le monde que l'appartenance de son parti ANC à la CPP et sa participation aux actions de cette coalition lui imposent l'obligation d'aider à maintenir les actions de la coalition dans le cadre de son accord. Ainsi lorsqu'il est porté à sa connaissance, preuves à l'appui, qu'il a contribué à des violations de l'Accord-cadre par la décision de proroger le mandat de la présidence et de constituer une commission d'enquête, il est de son devoir, en tant que leader démocrate, de veiller à ce que le tort soit corrigé et l'action illégale annulée.

M. Cummings : « On m'a reproché de ne pas être souvent sur la scène politique libérienne, et c'est vrai. Cependant, ce n'est pas combien de temps mais quel impact on a. Je ne suis en aucun cas un être humain parfait, car il n'y en a pas, mais je suis venu en politique pour faire une réelle différence. Je ne suis pas venu pour garder les choses telles qu'elles étaient, ou pour participer à maintenir notre pays dans sa position stagnante et immobile de son passé difficile. Je suis venu en croyant que la politique est le moyen de rendre l'avenir du Libéria plus brillant et meilleur pour tous les Libériens.

couplée aux dispositifs de surveillance de masse de la reconnaissance faciale, inquiète les associations de défense des droits humains. C'est la raison pour laquelle ID4Africa, qui concentre son action dans 48 pays du continent, exige de chacun de ses partenaires, qu'ils soient institutionnels ou technologiques, de mettre en place un cadre juridique approprié dans le strict respect des données à caractère privées des citoyens.

« Des informations comme la caste ou la religion, par exemple, ne doivent jamais être enregistrées sur ces documents dématérialisés », insiste le responsable de l'ONG. Ce qui est loin d'être le cas ! Certains gouvernements, avec la collecte des données biométriques des individus, ont tendance à dévoyer les systèmes d'identifications numériques pour exercer un contrôle constant de leurs populations.

COMMENTAIRE

Par Simon Zadek

Financer un système alimentaire mondial durable

PÉKIN - Le système alimentaire mondial n'est pas durable. Si la valeur qu'il dégage chaque année est d'environ 8 000 milliards de dollars, les dégâts qu'il provoque sont estimés à 12 000 milliards. Et ce n'est pas son unique contradiction. Les systèmes alimentaires dans le monde sont non seulement touchés par les changements climatiques (bouleversement des conditions météorologiques et hausse des températures), mais y contribuent aussi substantiellement (par leurs émissions de gaz à effet de serre et par la destruction de la biodiversité). Et s'ils fournissent des millions d'emplois, ceux-ci sont souvent de piètre qualité et mal payés. Le plus grave, c'est qu'ils ne parviennent pas à remplir, au bout du compte, leur objectif, qui devrait être de garantir à tous une alimentation abordable et saine.

Et c'est bien parce que le système alimentaire mondial est aussi précaire que le changement est inévitable. Des réformes radicales visant à mettre en place un secteur inclusif et durable produisant une alimentation réellement nutritive pour la population mondiale pourraient toutefois être lourdes de conséquences à court terme. Faute de stratégies appropriées, la réincorporation des coûts réels de production dans les systèmes alimentaires pourrait précipiter leur faillite, détruire l'emploi rural, provoquer la hausse des prix et accroître la pauvreté.

Les voies qu'il faudrait emprunter pour parvenir à une transition rapide, équitable et sûre et permettre à un système alimentaire mondial durable de fournir à tous une alimentation abordable et saine, font toutefois l'objet d'un vif débat. En témoignent les discussions agitées et peu productives entourant la préparation du Sommet des Nations Unies sur les systèmes alimentaires, qui doit se tenir ce mois-ci durant l'Assemblée générale de l'organisation.

Pour ce qui concerne la production, les partisans de l'agriculture régénératrice s'opposent vertement à la nouvelle génération de produits alimentaires hors sol, comme les protéines cultivées en laboratoire ou les cultures verticales. Il sera pourtant difficile de développer rapidement et à grande échelle l'agriculture régénératrice. Les systèmes hors sol doivent être considérés comme une part déterminante de la solution, parce qu'ils réduisent considérablement l'empreinte carbone et la consommation d'eau, ont un impact minimal sur la biodiversité et la capacité de fournir rapidement à une vaste échelle de la nourriture bon marché et saine.

Le rôle des capitaux dans cette transition n'est pas moins sujet à controverse.

Il n'est pas inutile de pointer l'influence excessive d'un petit nombre d'acteurs privés sur des décisions dont les conséquences sont sensibles dans l'ensemble du système alimentaire mondial. La financiarisation - la tendance à maximiser la rentabilité financière tous risques déduits - se développe dans tout le système alimentaire mondial, et la concentration des marchés s'accroît. Ainsi dix entreprises seulement contrôlent-elles la moitié du marché des semences dans le monde et quatre firmes agroalimentaires assurent-elles 90 % du commerce mondial des grains. Un centième des exploitants agricoles possèdent 65 % des terres agricoles disponibles.

La financiarisation renforce la répartition inégale des rendements économiques, captant une partie des revenus des petits exploitants et des communautés, tout en soutenant des modèles économiques qui ne fournissent pas assez de nourriture saine et abordable, tandis qu'ils produisent trop d'aliments contenant d'importantes proportions de sel, de sucre, de graisses et de

glucides. En outre, la financiarisation favorise l'action des groupes de pression et par conséquent l'externalisation des coûts de santé publique, le maintien des aides à l'agriculture, dont on connaît les effets pervers, ainsi que la neutralité sur le bilan des entreprises des coûts pour le climat et la nature.

Ce qui n'empêche pas les capitaux privés d'être absolument nécessaires au financement de la transition du système alimentaire mondial. Nous devons mobiliser les immenses ressources financières gérées en notre nom collectif par les fonds de pension, les banques et le capital-investissement, tout en réduisant les dangers de la financiarisation.

Dans un récent rapport, Making Finance Work for Food: Financing the Transition to a Sustainable Food System (« Mettre les capitaux au service de l'alimentation : financer la transition vers un système alimentaire durable »), la Finance for Biodiversity Initiative analyse en détail le rôle que peut jouer le secteur financier mondial dans la transition dont la planète a besoin. Le rapport, élaboré en association avec la Food System Economic Commission, recense quatre grands axes d'utilisation des outils financiers pour dessiner l'avenir des systèmes alimentaires.

Pour commencer, les modes de financement et la réglementation, appuyés par la prise de conscience des actionnaires et des citoyens, doivent conduire à une internalisation par les investisseurs, lorsque ceux-ci livrent leurs arbitrages, des coûts pour la nature et le climat. Une telle évolution permettrait de se défaire des actifs les plus polluants, d'accélérer les investissements dans des projets respectueux de l'environnement et d'initier le tournant vers une production alimentaire plus nutritive.

Deuxièmement, l'innovation financière, notamment en matière de participations mixtes de capitaux publics et privés, est nécessaire pour accélérer les investissements dans une alimentation saine produite par des formes d'agriculture respectueuses du climat et de la nature, qui permettraient ainsi de diminuer les coûts. Ce type d'innovation pourrait s'appuyer sur des instruments déployables à grande échelle qui fonctionneraient comme des équivalents des tarifs de rachat dont on a pu constater l'utilité pour stimuler les investissements dans les énergies renouvelables.

Troisièmement, les politiques et les financements publics doivent protéger et former à de nouvelles techniques celles et ceux dont les moyens de subsistance seront fragilisés par la transition. L'objectif devrait être de fournir la technologie, de permettre le développement des compétences et d'apporter des capitaux, afin que ces populations acquièrent des exploitations en agriculture régénératrice ou hors sol commercialement viables.

Il nous faut enfin créer les opportunités d'une autonomisation des populations, en exploitant notamment les capacités de l'informatisation. Les consommateurs peuvent influencer la production en adoptant des régimes alimentaires meilleurs et durables. Les investisseurs, les retraités qui ont souscrit à des fonds de pension et les contribuables peuvent réclamer qu'il soit fait un meilleur usage de leur argent.

Surseoir à cette transition vers un système alimentaire mondial plus inclusif et plus durable, ce serait mettre en péril la sécurité alimentaire, détruire des emplois et nous empêcher d'atteindre nos objectifs environnementaux. Nous devons surmonter les résistances non seulement de ceux à qui profitent les systèmes en place, mais aussi de ceux qui cherchent de bonne foi à protéger les populations vulnérables. Une remise à plat globale des investissements et une redéfinition de leurs rendements sont nécessaires pour financer une transition rapide, durable et équitable.

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<u>LOT V</u> IFB No. LIBTELCO/SP/NCB/004/2021	Computers (HP, Lenovo, Dell)	50 pcs	August 30, 2021 – September 24, 2021 9:00AM – 5:00PM	September 24, 2021 1:00PM
<u>LOT VI</u> IFB No. LIBTELCO/SP/NCB/004/2021	Laptops HP – Lenovo, Dell)	50pcs	August 30, 2021 – September 24, 2021 9:00AM – 5:00PM	September 24, 2021 1:00PM

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Vice president not my calling

By Lewis S. Teh

Liberia's former Vice President Amb. Joseph Nyumah Boakai has rejected suggestions here that he might stand as running mate to Mr. Alexander B. Cummings on the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) presidential ticket in 2023, saying running as vice president is not his

September 2021.

The Unity Party (UP) standard bearer Mr. Boakai who served former President Sirleaf's two successive six years terms as vice president has been battling internally with the Alternative National Congress (ANC) political leader Mr. Cummings for CPP's presidential ticket ahead of the 2023 general elections.

Boakai and Cummings' early battle over who heads the ticket for the presidential election.

Recently Mr. Cummings and his ANC party entirely boycotted Unity Party's endorsement of Boakai as its aspirant for the CPP presidential slot on grounds that the UP made the decision in the absence of a party convention.

However Mr. Boakai told the live radio program on ELBC that people in this country are aware of the role he played as vice president, and the positions he occupied with all of the experience he has.

He insisted that it is now time for him to become president and not a running mate to Mr. Cummings.

"It hasn't gotten to the point, but I can tell you I have served my role as a second, and this isn't my calling to be second again. In our set structure of the CPP there are options to get a second place if one refuses to go as second," Mr. Boakai said further.

Boakai argued that it is now time for him to excel to another level, and the only level he can excel to is to become the President of Liberia.

He was blunt in saying if the CPP does not pick him as its presidential candidate, he will not stand as vice presidential candidate to Cummings.--*Edited by Winston W. Parley*



calling.

"I tell frankly, running as vice president is not my calling. As you may know I became vice president for two terms under Madam [Ellen Johnson] Sirleaf, and now it's time for me to become president," Mr. Boakai said on state broadcaster ELBC on 13

Both UP and ANC are constituent parties of the CPP, a conglomeration of four opposition parties aiming to join efforts in supporting a presidential ticket against the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) - led government.

But the CPP has been rocked in months of perpetual political struggle, mainly regarding

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leadership headed by Nigeria.

Mr. Kemokai said he was heavily supported and won the Deputy Secretary General position, adding that Ghana won the presidency, The Gambia won the vice presidency, Uganda won the Secretary General position and Nigeria won the position of Director of Information and Protocol, among others.

As Deputy Secretary General for Diplomacy and External Affairs, Mr. Kemokai said he has a huge responsibility which involves engaging with the African Union (AU) and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to look at issues about how African law students can be well - empowered.

He also explained that the federation seeks to address issues of rule of law and the cross - cutting issues across the

countries, adding that it should be looking in the direction of providing voluntary services in terms of legal aid and reaching out to people in rural areas who barely have access to justice.

Kemokai indicated that for minor issues people go to jail and while facing pre - trial detention, it sometimes takes longer for their cases to be heard.

"So how can these situations be mitigated? And sometimes we all want look more in the direction of arbitration and mediation because litigation is kind of expensive, it takes a long process, it's expensive and you know some people don't even have the means," said Mr. Kemokai.

He noted that what arbitration does is that it handles simple matters without requiring court process to avoid waste of time and resources.

UP Chair Modad

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the recess of national convention.

Modad argues that Ambassador Boakai was duly elected as Standard Bearer for the Unity Party for six years and this period has not expired, noting "How much more democratic, inclusive, and accountable could the process have been, than the unanimous vote of confidence received by the entire NEC?"

Mr. Cummings turned down an invitation from the Unity Party to attend the endorsement of its political leader on grounds that the action was outside of the Framework Agreement of the Collaborating Political Parties that groups the UP, ANC, LP and the ALP.

Addressing a news conference Monday, September 13, 2021 in Monrovia, he justified his boycott of the endorsement by saying a wrong is a wrong regardless who commits it, including himself.

He argued that the actions of the Unity Party risks undermining what have be agreed upon collectively under the CPP framework, and that, actions of a constituent-member party cannot be said to be internal, as they now sit under one umbrella.

The ANC leader also reminded that when they agreed to act as one in the CPP,

it was also an affirmation to be publicly judged, noting the undemocratic action of one member-party, in violation of the core values and guiding principles of the CPP, its own constitution and NEC Guidelines casts a broader aspersion on the CPP, and reflects poorly on every constituent party of the Collaboration.

"Recognizing and correcting a wrong is not weakness. It is an attribute of leadership, and is honorable. Doubling down on wrongs is dishonorable and a product of undemocratic leadership. Where there is insistence on not correcting our collective mistake, but to continue to proceed wrongly, in spite of clear violations of our laws, I will not be part of it", he explained, and stressed that the CPP owes the Liberian people an obligation to do things differently; to be better than the current Weah administration.

But Modad says while his letter sent to the ANC leader is not the appropriate medium to counter all the concerns expressed Cummings, he believes the UP has set the stage for all other constituent parties within the CPP fielding presidential aspirants to follow in compliance with the CPP Guiding Principles he (Cummings) referred to.

Fear in Monrovia

By Lincoln G. Peters

Fear has gripped residents in Monrovia after a woman was discovered dead on 17th Street, Sinkor, suburb of the Liberian capital early Tuesday morning, 14 September 2021, days after another lady claimed to have survived an attempt by her kidnappers to slaughter her for ritualistic purposes.

Residents of the 17th Street, Sinkor community woke up to the horrible news of the discovery of an unidentified woman on the beach side of the community.

Some residents who gathered at the scene have told reporters that the lady was unknown in the community, saying they have never been in the area prior to her death.

They narrated that the deceased appeared to have been sexually harassed and killed in another community by the alleged perpetrators before bringing her corpse to Sinkor and dumping it on the beach side. There were



bruises on the lady's lifeless body and blood was pouring out of it as well.

But James Pewe, a resident of the community, believed that the lack of police patrol in the area was responsible for the lady's death.

He also said residents of the community are not standing up

to take action in helping to protect the community.

Blama Kenneh, a business man in the area said the young lady's corpse was the second to have been discovered after a young mad person was also discovered in the nearby vicinity in recent months.

However the spokesman of

the Liberia National Police (LNP), Moses Carter said the lady found dead was mentally ill.

The police spokesman told reporters that the deceased was sexually tempered with, and quoted family sources as saying that the lady left her

home last week prior to the incident. He noted that police are investigating circumstances leading to her death.

Items found on the scene belonging to the lady included empty bag, long sticks and other lady materials.--*Edited by Winston W. Parley*

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UP Chair Modad writes Cummings



UP chairman Amin Modad

Unity Party national chairman Amin Modad, says the party's intent to have endorsed former vice

president Joseph Nyumah Boakai as standard bearer to contest for the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) presidential ticket was genuine with the hope of

further strengthening the internal relationships amongst the collaborating Political Leaders.

In a letter addressed to the political leader of the Alternative National Congress (ANC) Mr. Alexander B. Cummings, just a day after Mr. Cummings criticized the endorsement, Chairman Modad says contrary to the ANC leader's view, the program went extremely well in accordance with mandate of the UP National Executive Committee.

He says the NEC's decision leading to the affirmation of Ambassador Boakai was not only democratic, but an inherent duty of the party to make consistent with its constitution which empowers the NEC to make decisions in

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