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Cummings to leave CPP?



ANC Leader, Mr. Cummings

Amb. Boakai

-Lobbies with U.S. to fight Weah in 2023



CPP set to win 2023

-Boakai vows

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JOB VACANCY

The NGO Coalition of Liberia is a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization created in Liberia in 2001 in response to increasing forestry and other natural resource development challenges in Liberia. The coalition is a conglomeration of many civil society organizations within the natural resource management sector and has over 16 members. Over the past years, the NGO coalition of Liberia has established itself as an important platform for forest and land governance development in Liberia. Its mission is to empower the disadvantaged communities within the forestry sector while increasing economic opportunity, and sustaining natural resources.

The NGO Coalition of Liberia now invites qualified individuals to apply for the below post:

Position	County	Number of post
National facilitator	Montserrado	One(1)

Summary of Position

Opening date: October 18, 2021

Closing date: October 20, 2021

Base station: Monrovia with extensive travel to rural counties

Duration: 12 months (renewable base on good performance)

Reporting to: Management Team

Job type: Full time

Start date: Immediate (November, 2021)

Job objectives

To contribute and support all aspects of program development, implementation and sustainability of the NGO coalition of Liberia by writing persuasive proposals and ensuring successful implementation of all projects within the NGO coalition.

Major Responsibilities

1. Work with Management Team to oversee NGO Coalition's programs in environment, forest, biodiversity, climate change, etc.
2. Work with the Management Team to Identify and establish links between natural resource management and sustainable livelihood partners and donors;
3. Work with Management Team to design and lead research for pending and active projects
4. Work with Management Team to manage external consultants and partners;
5. Organize and assist with meetings, workshops, presentations and other events;

6. Effectively communicate with relevant government agencies, organizations and staff;
7. Actively involved in writing persuasive proposals and robust fund raising;
8. Prepare all reports as per project documents and ensure timely submission;
9. Enhanced organizational and operational capacities of all NGO coalition member organizations to monitor forest governance and forest land-use changes, including changes in livelihoods and social and environmental safeguards;
10. Work with the Management Team to Improve NGO coalition members' capacity in effective advocacy for transparent forest governance; and effective engagement of in FLEGT-VPA and REDD+ processes and other forest related activities.
11. Improved national and cross-border networking and information exchange among NGO coalition members; information and lesson exchanged with international partners and the donor communities;
12. Perform any other tasks as would be assigned by the Management Team and the General Assembly

Qualification

Must hold Bachelor of Science degree in environment management, development, program management, economics, rural development, social science, or related disciplines. At least 4 years of national experience in similar position, open, creative, experienced, mature, responsible, flexible, experience in project management, research, communication and computer applications. Must have computer knowledge in word, excel and power point.

A master's degree in any of the above mentioned fields will be an added advantage.

How to apply

Interested applicants should send a one page motivational letter, detailed CV and two letter of recommendation from current and last place of work and address to Mr. Dominic Johns, Head of Management Team NGO Coalition of Liberia, via email to the below email addresses: ngo_coalition_liberia@yahoo.com ; Cc dominic.johns@gmail.com and ahanky@scnliberia.org

The NGO coalition is an equal opportunity organization that does not discriminate in its employment, therefore FEMALE CANDIDATES and the PHYSICALLY CHALLENGE are STRONGLY encouraged to apply.

EDITORIAL

CPP must match words with deeds

THE COLLABORATING POLITICAL Parties or the CPP that is so divided against itself almost about everything else except to unite seems very upbeat of defeating President George Manneh Weah in the next presidential election in 2023. In the words of newly inducted chairperson former vice president Joseph Nyumah Boakai of the Unity Party, the CPP will in coming days organize, engage, discuss all issues internally and develop a blue print going forward for victory in 2023.

IF BOAKAI MEANS that victory can only be achieved for the CPP with him at the helm of leadership of the Collaboration than the dream to defeat President Weah is nothing but a dream, because in the past five to six months a lot of damages have been done to the CPP, including damaging allegation and name-calling that cannot be repaired in few days, as oldman Boakai wants Liberian to believe.

BOAKAI SOUNDED LIKE some of those selfish Liberian politicians who see something good only when they are in the driver's seat. How does he hope to reunite a fractured Liberty Party that sees its Political leader Senator Nyongblee Kangar Lawrence and Vice President for Political Affairs Darius Dillon dining with him, while the LP Chairman Musa H. Bility and Mr. Alexander B. Cummings of the ANC are way behind grieving for all of the reasons?

FROM THE WRITINGS on the wall, the CPP is not going to face President George Weah in 2023 as a united force. And that's exactly what the governing Coalition for Democratic Change is looking for in an opposition bloc that wants to unseat the ruling party.

A DEEPLY HURT and divided CPP will be no match for Weah and his CDC. A CPP in which one of the constituent leaders, in this case, 80-year-old Joe Boakai believes he is the most suitable contender for the ruling party than his colleagues even before their own convention, has already sent a wrong signal of disagreement within its ranks and file.

THIS POLITICS OF supremacy seems to be confusing Liberian voters who will have to make the ultimate decision at the ballot box with their votes. How well is this Boakai-Nyongblee ticket sinking down to the people?

WHAT HAPPENS TO the Bility faction of the Liberty Party and Mr. Alexander B. Cummings of the ANC? Are they being dumped by the wayside as sacrificial lamps? These are questions that beg answers and the Boakai-led chairmanship of the CPP should exert honest efforts to addressing them and other concerns.

WITH SO MUCH distrust following allegation of tempering with the CPP framework document under the leadership of Mr. Alexander B. Cummings which has dampened his character before the public despite his denial of not doing anything wrong, the shadow wouldn't go away.

THE CPP WOULD do itself and the Liberian people well by honestly threshing out these issues to present a united face come 2023, but what we see unfolding is not encouraging for a Collaboration.

WE ARE NOT in support of any side but want to see a strongly united opposition, in the case the CPP that would make our democracy very competitive and vibrant.

COMMENTARY

By Jan-werner Mueller

The Conservative Without Qualities

PRINCETON - The satirist Karl Kraus observed about his native Austria in 1899: "When the constitution is violated, the people just yawn." How upset Austrians really were last week when Chancellor Sebastian Kurz was accused of corruption is unclear. But the charges - and the public leaks of vulgar chats involving Kurz and his colleagues - were serious enough to prompt his always somewhat unlikely coalition partner, the Greens, to bring him down.

Kurz's fall is widely seen as having consequences beyond Austria: his approach had been touted as a model for center-right parties across Europe, especially in Germany, where the Christian Democrats are currently in disarray after their dramatic election loss last month. But "Kurzism" has been all about style and tactics, not new political ideas or, for that matter, a sustainable alliance of social forces. Worse, Kurz's model is downright dangerous for democracy.

Just 35 years old, Kurz has the distinction of having been ex-chancellor twice already. He was always the youngest and fastest: foreign minister at 27, chancellor at 31. He was also fast when it came to switching political positions: initially liberal, he turned hardliner on matters of immigration and refugee policy, in effect copying and mainstreaming the far-right Freedom Party (FPÖ). In 2017, he entered a coalition with the FPÖ. When a similar government had been formed in Austria in 2000, it set off alarm bells across Europe. This time, with Hungary and Poland having since pioneered the autocratization of EU member states, the creation of the Kurz coalition elicited only yawns.

Mainstreaming the far right has been a general trend across Europe, owing partly to the fact that center-right parties are bereft of ideas. For many years, the conventional wisdom has been that social democracy is in a terminal crisis. But the fact is that the proverbial man (or woman) on the street will be able to indicate roughly what it is about. The same has not been true of center-right forces: Christian Democrats, in particular, no longer push for European integration or offer a distinctive model, in line with Catholic social doctrine, for mediating conflicts between capital and labor.

Even after the fall of the Berlin Wall, they relied on a Cold War strategy of being the moderate center that served as a bulwark against communism. As Germany's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) discovered a few weeks ago, because warnings about a red menace are so implausible, reliance on them is widely perceived as a sign of desperation and intellectual bankruptcy.

Kurz did not solve the problem of a conservatism without qualities. But he was a master of public relations: rebranding the staid Austrian People's Party (ÖVP) as a "movement" suggested youthful dynamism. A "movement" connotes grassroots

enthusiasm and participation. But the reality was the opposite: what Kurz sold as a "new style" consisted of the ÖVP having to accept his total dominance. Party elders agreed that Kurz alone would decide on candidates and set the programmatic direction of what was rebranded as the "Sebastian Kurz List." The latter was not a people's party reinvented for a new age; it was and is a single person's party.

Plenty of people both inside and outside the ÖVP probably liked Kurz's post-2017 leadership. After all, it contrasted with the squabbling in the grand coalitions between Social and Christian Democrats that had dominated postwar Austrian politics. And, whereas the ÖVP had long been divided by rivalries between old male barons in control of individual federal states, Kurz's team was disciplined, remained on message, and was excellent at dominating coalition partners, be it on the far right or the left. If the anti-corruption authorities' accusations are true, they were also good at manipulating the press and fanning the flames of political conflict, as long as it served the ambitions of their man.

Legal and democratic theorists are right to say that an internally autocratic party is likely to exhibit autocratic tendencies in government. Kurz in effect took a page from Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán's playbook, with frequent attacks on independent news organizations and the judiciary (and, like Silvio Berlusconi, portraying himself as the innocent victim of a vast conspiracy by a nefarious left-wing establishment).

Kurz has not succeeded the way Orbán has, but it would be premature to conclude that, west of the former Iron Curtain, the center will always hold. Kurz himself, promising to step aside (but not down), has just been elected as leader of his party's parliamentary group, receiving 98.7% support in a secret vote - just what one would expect when anything resembling intra-party democracy has been killed (even former US President Donald Trump, who has reshaped the Republican Party into a personality cult, has not managed such a feat).

In Germany, Markus Söder, the leader of the CDU's Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union, is likely to dominate the center-right in the coming years; he is at least as ruthless as Kurz and just as opportunistic. The venerable Christian Democrat Wolfgang Schäuble did his utmost to prevent Söder from becoming the party's candidate for German Chancellor this past spring, fearing that Söder, following Kurz's template, would hollow out and in effect destroy his party.

Christian Democrats and center-right forces more broadly need to rethink what they stand for, beyond a claim to technocratic competence. They also must decide where to draw the line vis-à-vis the far right. The alternative, as Kurz's example demonstrates all too clearly, is a quasi-authoritarian politics that regards democratic institutions like the judiciary and the free press as pesky obstacles for a charismatic and popular leader.

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IFB No. LTC MOBILE/NCB/004/2021	Supply and Delivery of Cleaning Tools	In Bid Doc	September 20, 2021 – October 18, 2021 9:00AM – 5:00PM	October 19, 2021 1:00PM

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IFB No. LTC MOBILE/NCB/005/2021	Supply and Delivery of Generator Spare Parts	In Bid Doc	September 20, 2021 – October 18, 2021 9:00AM – 5:00PM	October 19, 2021 1:00PM

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Tender No	Description of Jobstems	Qty	Bid Submission Date & Time	Bid Opening Date & Time
IFB No. LTC MOBILE/NCB/002/2021	Supply and Delivery of Janitorial Supplies	In Bid Doc	September 20, 2021 – October 18, 2021 9:00AM – 5:00PM	October 19, 2021 1:00PM

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IFB No. LTC MOBILE/NCB/014/2021	Supply and Delivery of Lubricants	In Bid Doc	September 20, 2021 – October 18, 2021 9:00AM – 5:00PM	October 19, 2021 1:00PM

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IFB No. LIBTELCO/NCB/015/2021	Supply and Delivery of Power Equipment	In Bid Doc	September 20 2021 – 9:00AM

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IFB No. LTC MOBILE/NCB/001/2021	Supply and Delivery of Stationery	In Bid Doc	September 20, 2021 – October 18, 2021 9:00AM – 5:00PM	October 19

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IFB No. LTC MOBILE/NCB/003/2021	Supply and Delivery of Vehicles Spare Parts	In Bid Doc	September 20, 2021 – October 18, 2021 9:00AM – 5:00PM	October 19 1:00PM

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2	Application Fee for a Permit (Non-Refundable)	USD 150.00	USD 250.00
3	Application Fee for Charitable Gaming (NonRefundable)	USD 150.00	USD 250.00
4	Late Fee (License Renewal)	USD 250.00	USD 500.00
5	Gaming License (Casino -up to twenty -five (25) Gaming Devices) – Montserrado County	USD 60,000.00	USD 100,000.00
6	Gaming License (Casino up to twenty-five (25) Gaming Devices) Other Counties within the Republic of Liberia	-	USD 60,000.00
7	Gaming License (Sports Betting)	USD 40,000.00	USD 80,000.00
8	Gaming License (Scratch and Win)	USD 40,000.00	USD 50,000.00
9	Gaming Machine License (1-25 Gaming Machine)	USD 20,000.00	USD 40,000.00
10	Mini Slot (Chinese Machine)	USD 10,000.00	USD 10,000.00
11	Operation Fee per additional county (Sports Betting)	6.5% of the License Fee	7% of the License Fee
12	Operating Fee per additional county (Scratch & Win)	6.5% of the License Fee	7% of the License Fee
13	Operating Fee per additional county (Gaming Machine)	USD700.00	USD 1,000.00
14	Gaming Permit (Raffle)	15% of the value of the prize (s)	15% of the value of the prize (s)
15	Registration of additional Gaming Machine	USD 500.00 each	USD 500.00 each
16	Registration of additional Table Game	USD 500.00 each	USD 500.00 each
17	Permit for Promotional Game	15% of the total prize of the promotion	20% of the total prize of the promotion
18	Penalty for violation of Regulation 001	Not less than USD 2,500.00	Not less than USD 3,000.00

SITTING IN ITS JUNE TERM, A.D 2020
 BEFORE HIS HONOR J. BOIMA KONTOE CIRCUIT JUDGE PRESIDING
 IN RE: PETITION OF VIOLA S. BESTMAN OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, LIBERIA,
 PETITIONER PRAYING THIS HONOURABLE COURT FOR COURT'S DECREE OF
 CHANGE OF HIS NAME TO BE KNOWN REGARDED AND CALLED AS "VIOLA S.
 TAYLOR"

COURT'S DECREE OF CHANGE OF NAME:
 WHEREAS Petitioner herein named the above entitled cause of Action having filed a
 Petition with Affidavit attached thereto requesting an order from this Honourable Court to
 have the name of the Petitioner to formally and legally change from VIOLA S. BESTMAN
 TO "VIOLA S. TAYLOR"

During the hearing Petitioner's testified that the Change of her name requesting this
 Honourable Court is intended to reflect her true family named and render her identity more
 explicit and absolute:
 After conducting the necessary interrogations requested by law these Proceedings, the Court
 observed that the intention is just and legal and that there is no objection in the Change of
 her name Proposed by her is therefore it is adjusted as follows:

That the Petitioner having shown with justification satisfaction that she was born on April
 4th 1995 in J.F.K. Sinkor Montserrado County, the Republic of Liberia, unto the union of Mr.
 Emmad S. Taylor and Madam, Satta B. Taylor and that change of name will substantially
 promote her interest in all of the understanding and help to establish just identity more
 firmly, and being satisfied that she has met all legal requirement for the change of her name
 in this jurisdiction it is therefore DECREE as follows:

That the Petition having been heard, and it is hereby ordered granted and now render that
 the name VIOLA S. BESTMAN TO VIOLA S. TAYLOR' beginning 16TH day of June, A.D.
 2020.

The decree shall be regarded in the Office of the Registrar of Deed and other Official
 Document within (10) days from this date and also be Published twice in any recognized
 Newspaper Operating in the republic of Liberia, within twenty (20) days from date.
AND IT IS HEREBY SO ORDERED

COURT'S SEA: GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN OPEN COURT,
 THIS 16TH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 2020
 J. BOIMA KONTOE
 ASSIGNED CIRCUIT JUDGE PRESIDING, SIXTH
 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, MONTSERRADO CO. R.L.
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**Lonestar Cell MTN and "Bet to the Max":
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Lonestar Cell MTN, Liberia's leading GSM and mobile financial services company, announced that BETTOMAX Liberia Customers can now use their Lonestar Cell MTN Mobile Money wallets to place bets and cash out.

BETTOMAX Liberia Country Administrator, Firas Aoun, said this initiative is the result of an eleven-month effort to provide a convenient method of payments for customers.

Lonestar Cell MTN Mobile Money Open Application Programming Interface (API) provided ta seamless integration between the mobile money platform and BETTOMAX Liberia mobile App and website to

facilitate digital payments.

Chris Ssali, the Head of Mobile Money Financial Services said, "Through this new partnership with BETTOMAX Liberia we are extending the availability and

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Training in IFMIS Financial reporting for comptrollers, accountants climaxed in G/Bassa

A refresher training in Integrated Financial Management System (IFMIS), for comptrollers and accountants across government ministries and agencies; climaxed over the weekend in Buchanan, Grand Bassa County.

Held under the theme "Usage of IFMIS Free-balance Platform to generate and prepare financial statements", the training brought comptrollers and accountants of government together.

Ministries and Agencies.

Making remarks during the opening and closing sections, the Director for Accounting Treasury/Technical services, Dede D. Sandman thanked the Minister of Finance and the Senior Management Team for the level of support in building financial officers' capacities.

He also acknowledged development partners for their "financial support" and consistent help in building a strong financial system through reporting.

can raise any vulture for spending. Once you have the financial budget approval you have the authority to spend and the next level is disbursement" he explained.

For his part, the lead facilitators, Mr. Daniel Mavolo whose presentations were cut across various financial topics, encouraged financial officers to put more time and energy during budgetary allotment, approval and reporting process through generating a smooth report from the integrated public financial management information system

"The three days training is geared towards strengthening reports by using the integrated public financial management information system platform; meaning the free-balance which is used for reporting" stated.

He pointed out that comptrollers and accountants that are using the IFMIS system to generate reports quarterly or annually should focus on usage of IFMIS system to enhance their reporting process that will give a fruitful result.

"From the past, we find out that reports from various ministries and agencies have been rated low. So recently, the Comptroller and Accountant General, Mr. Janka Kowo saw it prudent to build capacity and increase the rating of comptrollers and accountant's performance" he noted.

However, he said it would enable participants to effectively use the IFMIS system to enhance their reporting process timely and to get a better result at the end of each quarter or at the end of the fiscal year.



Organized by the Comptrollers and Accountant General Department, at the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning; the three days training was supported by the UNDP, AfDB, EU, and SIDA.

It seeks to improve efficiency among Comptrollers and Accountants for sound financial reporting through the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMIS) free balance platform across

"The issue of capacity building never ends, until we depart this earth. Basically, the IFMIS system is the platform that we use for other government transaction" he added.

The training essence, he says, is about improving participants' capabilities in terms of financial reporting in a timely manner, and pouring various reports from the IFMIS system into preparing IFMIS financial reports.

"Right now, we have a financial budget that says cash should be available before you

Media Organizations Call on Government to Disclose Arcelor Mittal's Revised Agreement

It has been more than five weeks since President George Weah and the CEO of ArcelorMittal, Lakshmi Mittal, signed a revised Mineral Development Agreement (MDA) on Friday, September 10, extending the company's concession in Liberia for an extra 25 years. Since the agreement, valued at US\$800 million, was signed and forwarded to the Legislature for ratification, there has been a rather disturbing silence from the

Government of Liberia concerning the details of the revised and extended concession agreement.

No doubt, calls for full disclosure have been made since the signing of the agreement. However the Government of Liberia, seems to be playing deaf to these requests. Many persons in Civil Society, Academia and within the industry are concerned that the MDA has not been disclosed for public debate and now the National Legislature is taking up the issue when the

public is unaware of the details of the Agreement.

As a result, a consortium of seven Liberian media institutions are filing a Freedom of Information (FOI) request, demanding full disclosure of the details of the revised MDA and believes that the process should be more transparent. The media institutions, comprising mostly newspapers and a couple of online-only news outlets, include The Inquirer, New Dawn, New Republic, The

Mano River Union FIUs Endorse Currency Declaration -Vow to Fight Smuggling of goods

Liberia and Sierra Leone, two key members of the Mano River Union (MRU), have endorsed the declaration of currency or banknotes at every entry point to robustly help in the prevention and fight against money laundering and countering terrorist financing in the MRU region.

Speaking at the signing of the joint communique on Friday, October 15, 2021, the Director General of the Sierra Leonean Financial Intelligence Unit, David N. Borbor,

gotten assets and other illicit acts, which are posing serious threats to the financial system of the two countries and the MRU region at large.

He mentioned that their visit to Liberia will be used as a Launchpad to promote cooperation amongst countries within the Mano River Basin, namely, Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Ivory Coast to help prevent and combat money laundering and countering terrorist financing.

"The development of joint



elaborated that several provisions in the communique that are common challenges relating to cross border activities such as, smuggling of goods, precious stones, illicit financial flows, counterfeit currencies, trade-based money laundering, have been analyzed by the two countries for robust action.

According to him, Liberia and Sierra Leone FIUs are prepared to increase intelligence gathering and sharing information to reduce the risks associated with metals, currency declaration, freezing and confiscation of ill-

proposal for funding under the OSIWA's Economic Justice Programme and other cross-cutting initiatives to address common challenges relating to cross border illicit activities is important," he noted.

Mr. Borbor further proposed the working on a typology study focusing on cross-border trade based money laundering and terrorist financing, coupled with the enhancement of bilateral intelligence gathering and sharing of information to address the effectiveness of money laundering and other

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Heritage, News Public Trust, The Daylight and the Daily Observer.

As the National Legislature resumes official business today, October 18, one of its key assignments before it finally adjourns on December 18, 2021, is to fulfill the wish of President Weah to pass the agreement into law but the public has not been given an opportunity to see what is in the new agreement that will impact the country for 25 years.

However, ArcelorMittal has come under intense criticism lately, by communities affected by its concession, for not living up to its promises in the existing agreement that was signed with the Ellen Johnson Sirleaf administration in 2006 after an initial agreement signed with the Interim Government headed by the Late Gyude Bryant in 2005. Complaints from some in the media over the years have ranged from lack of employment opportunities as promised to

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Gov't launches US\$17 Million West Point Coastal Defence Project

President George Weah is expected to launch the 'Monrovia Metropolitan Coastal Resilience Project' (MMCRP) Monday, 18, October 2021, in the slum of West Point.

The MMCRP would address barriers to effective climate

Protection Agency of Liberia (EPA), the project includes an infrastructure component for the construction of a rock revetment to protect West Point against coastal erosion and storms.

West Point has an estimated population of 5, 206, 375. It is a

has resulted in coastal erosion and shoreline retreat thus threatening the sustainability of ecosystem services and directly impacting Monrovia's fishery sector.

In 2016, the Government of Liberia through the EPA in partnership with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Liberia Country Office submitted a joint proposal to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for the Monrovia Metropolitan Coastal Resilience Project (MMCRP).

EPA is the executing entity for the project, which is financed by GCF grant of USD\$17 million and co-financed by UNDP and the Government of Liberia.

The project seeks to build the long-term climate resilience of coastal communities in Liberia by addressing immediate adaptation priorities and creating an enabling environment for upscaling coastal adaptation initiatives to other parts of Monrovia.

This will be done through interventions in three interrelated focus areas including coastal protection; coastal management; and diversified climate-resilient livelihoods.

The project interventions will also focus on activities such as coastal protection, comprehensive, long-term

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change adaptation in the coastal zone of Monrovia, Liberia's Capitol through interventions in three interrelated focus areas including coastal protection, coastal management and diversified climate-resilient livelihoods.

According to a release from the Environmental

township of Monrovia located on a peninsula that juts out into the Atlantic Ocean between the Mesurado and St. Paul Rivers.

The densely populated slum is particularly vulnerable to climate effects including sea level rise and the increased frequency of high-intensity storms.

This, according to the release

Baptist children receive leadership skills

The Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention at the weekend held its 47th mid-year session with a special recreational and training session held for children within the denomination.

Headquartered in Monrovia, the Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention is a Baptist Christian denomination in Liberia and an affiliate of the Baptist World Alliance.

The 47th mid-year session of the Convention was held at the Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary on the Robertsfield Highway in Paynesville, outside Monrovia.

Speaking to this paper, the First Lady of the Convention, Madam Alice C. Reeves, said the goal is to prepare children for leadership role so

that they would be able to serve the church in the future.

According to her, the inclusiveness of children at the annual convention will give them (children) love and desire to always serve the church while growing up.

"I want to use this time to call on all Baptists to train their children, because they are the future of the church in Liberia and beyond," she urged.

"Just as our parents used to train us when we were still little children, we need to bring our children up in that same manner. We need to start bringing them up that way so that they can grow up in the faith. By that, the children will have the joy of serving Christ Jesus; our Lord," she furthered.

Madam Reeves also pointed out that the idea is to familiarize the children with each other since they are all of the same doctrine.

"We want them to play together so that they can get to know each other from different churches. We want them to see themselves as one family."

At the end of the training and recreational activity, Madam Reeves disclosed that the children will be provided some educational materials as the new academic year commences November.

"Few families and friends were contacted about this initiative and some of them responded well by sending in their contributions. It is based upon this that we were able to purchase few things for our children; we will now be able to give some educational packages because the new school year will be commencing November 1," the Baptist First Lady among other things, added.

PAL holds Second Editors'

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personal life is factual, accurate, and obtained from trusted sources, devoid of misinformation and disinformation.

Nimba County Gender Coordinator, Mrs. Yaah Belleh Suah emphasized the need for strict adherence to privacy laws and professional ethics of Journalists in gathering and processing data about an individual's sexual orientation considering, cultural and traditional differences, which could be sometimes life-threatening and injury to minority groups.

She said Journalists must be prudent and exercise caution and due diligence in gathering and reporting about medical conditions and sexual orientation of minority groups, fearing the negative ramifications and danger to individual security and well-being.

She stressed the need for facts check by media houses and as well seek appropriate clarification from relevant authorities before releasing information about people's personal lifestyles and conditions.

She said individuals' personal data must be treated with absolute confidentiality and should not be recklessly used, because Journalists and media houses want to point at people or just expose them to harm's way.

She said media spotlight on individual personal data could have grave unintended negative backlash or consequences to the safety of persons whose sexual orientation is deemed contrary to society's culture and tradition, particularly those of the LGBT community.

Attorney G. Yelegar Kennedy of the Law Chamber for the protection of Human Dignity, in Nimba County, spoke about the law of privacy and confidentiality, which he stressed must guide the conduct of Journalists and media houses in gathering and disseminating information about people personal lifestyles and medical conditions.

He said Journalists must be

professional and ethical in gathering and processing information about people and institutions which could have serious legal implications.

"Everyone needs privacy and the need to keep certain things Private even from your own children," Attorney Kennedy said, noting that mismanagement and reckless use of information could cause chaos in society and even threaten the personal safety and security of Journalists.

Participants at the workshop later shared their personal experiences, about the perceived invasion of people's privacy and failure to do facts check and non-adherence to Journalistic professional standards in Liberia.

Earlier PAL president Othello B. Garblah in a welcome statement opined that there have been numeral questions about individual private data protection. "When a public official or an individual data does become personal? And when does it require protection?"

Garblah noted that it is against this backdrop that PAL with support from the Liberian Media Initiative, co-founded by the European Union is organizing these forums across the country among media practitioners to come up with a document that would guide us to formulate a legal framework for this purpose.

The PAL is a conglomerate of more than 50 newspapers and online publications in the country.

The theme of the forum is Increasing Awareness of Personal Data Privacy among editors and senior media managers.

The goal as he explained is to advocate for the Government to pass specific legislation that will address the protection of data ad privacy and advocate for the media industry to pass regulations on personal data privacy.

It is also intended to enhance professionalism in the media through peer review. In collaboration with Internews and CEMESP, PAL seeks to promote the self-regulation of the media.



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Français

Mme Sirleaf partage son expérience de Freetown avec Koijee

L'ex-présidente libérienne Ellen Johnson Sirleaf appelle les Libériens à aider l'administration municipale de la ville de Monrovia à assainir la capitale afin de lui donner un air nouveau et décent.

« La propreté de cette ville commence par chacun d'entre vous ; ce que vous faites et dites fera de cette ville ce que nous voulons tous qu'elle soit », a-t-elle dit.

Madame Sirleaf a lancé l'appel le jeudi 13 octobre 2021 à la suite d'une réunion à huis clos avec le maire de Monrovia Jefferson T. Koijee, à son retour de Freetown, Sierra Leone, où elle s'était rendue pour prendre part à un forum.

Elle a rendu une visite de courtoisie au patron de la City Corporation pour partager l'expérience de la Sierra Leone voisine avec lui.

Pour beaucoup, c'est pour donner des conseils au maire de la ville de Monrovia quant à comment s'y prendre pour maintenir de la propreté,

surtout étant donné que le chef de la délégation de l'Union européenne au Libéria, Laurent Delahousse, a décrit Monrovia comme étant la ville la plus dégoûtante et la plus sale d'Afrique.

S'exprimant au début d'un forum de deux jours sur la gestion des déchets solides ici récemment, l'ambassadeur

Delahousse avait déclaré : « Monrovia est dégoûtante, elle est plus sale que tous les endroits que j'ai visités dans le cadre de mon travail en Afrique ».

Il avait aussi invité les autorités à faire davantage pour assainir la ville car cela

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Le secrétaire du sénat accuse le ministre de la justice de conflit d'intérêt

Le secrétaire du Sénat Nanborlor Singbeh accuse le ministre de la Justice Musa Dean et son assistant, Me Wesseh A. Wesseh de conflit d'intérêts dans l'affaire de vol de propriété qui l'oppose au ressortissant britannique, Hans Armstrong.

Il s'est dit convaincu qu'il n'obtiendrait en aucun cas une représentation équitable dans l'affaire étant donné que les procureurs d'État avec lesquels il est à couteaux

tirés, sont à la solde de l'accusé et dont ils ont été des conseils dans la même affaire.

Détaillant dans une lettre qui date du 13 octobre 2021 les raisons pour lesquelles il a rejeté les services d'avocats de l'État dans l'affaire controversée de vol de propriété, le secrétaire du sénat a accusé le ministre Dean et le ministre adjoint chargé des contentieux Wesseh d'être en connivence avec l'accusé Armstrong.

« ... Avant votre accession en

tant que ministre de la Justice, vous (Musa Dean) avez nommé le co-accusé Hans Armstrong en tant que membre du conseil d'administration et directeur général de notre société, MHM EKO Liberia, tout en vous nommant président du conseil d'administration et président de MHM EKO LIBERIA, Inc. , ce qui est tout à fait contraire aux statuts de MHM EKO LIBERIA, INC. et sans avoir fait référence à moi en tant que président », a déclaré Singbeh dans la lettre qu'il a adressée au ministre de la Justice Musa Dean.

Pour Singbeh, à partir du moment où le ministre Dean a déjà été l'avocat de la défense d'Armstrong dans la même affaire avant de devenir ministre de la Justice, il est difficile, voire impossible de mettre à sa disposition un avocat qui puisse réellement défendre son intérêt.

« ... Etant donné que vous présidez actuellement les affaires du ministère de la Justice, exerçant ainsi une influence sur tous les procureurs du ministère, je vois qu'il est difficile, voire

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Éditorial

Vaccin contre le COVID-19 : l'Afrique n'est pas à oublier

Le monde combat la pandémie du Covid-19, mais avec une force inégale. Ce qui est peu efficace si l'on veut parvenir à une éradication totale de la maladie. Pendant que des nations puissantes telles que l'Amérique, la Grande-Bretagne et la France visent vacciner toutes leurs populations entières, l'Afrique, elle, a toujours du mal à trouver du vaccin pour vacciner ne serait-ce un quart de sa population. Il faut faire quelque chose dans l'urgence pour donner de l'espoir à l'Afrique.

Prononçant un discours à Freetown, en Sierra Leone, l'ancienne présidente libérienne Ellen Johnson Sirleaf a souligné la nécessité de faire preuve d'équité en matière de vaccination qui reste toujours le seul moyen efficace de prévention.

Pour elle, vacciner tout le monde dans les pays riches pendant que dans les pays les plus pauvres comme ceux d'Afrique on ne peut pas vacciner au moins de 5% de leur population est très contre-productif.

Il est incontestable que les nations les plus riches ont des populations plus importantes et des ressources humaines bien sophistiquées qu'elles veulent désespérément protéger, mais il ne faut pas oublier que l'Afrique fait partie de la communauté mondiale, et donc vacciner que 5% de sa population constituera un danger pour l'humanité toute entière.

Il faut faire quelque chose et très urgemment pour augmenter la part de vaccin pour l'Afrique afin de pouvoir protéger tout le monde. Car dans l'état actuel des choses, le continent tout entier est vulnérable. Il manque de capitaux et son économie croît très lentement.

Madame Sirleaf a également dit que la relance inclusive post-COVID-19 nécessite également que l'on se débarrasse du monopole de la fabrication des vaccins dans le Nord. « Nous appelons à la renonciation aux droits de propriété intellectuelle et aux transferts de technologie pour faciliter la fabrication de vaccins dans les pays du Sud. Des progrès sont à signaler à cet égard. Les voix du plaidoyer ont prévalu et des efforts sont maintenant en cours pour la collaboration entre les sociétés pharmaceutiques qui assureront la fabrication dans les pays du Sud.

Déjà la J and J Company a démarré en Afrique du Sud avec des expansions attendues au Sénégal et au Rwanda, puis dans d'autres pays », a-t-elle expliqué.

C'est une bonne nouvelle pour l'Afrique et nous devons tirer parti de cette opportunité afin que l'Afrique puisse vacciner une grande partie de sa population.

Nous pensons que si le vaccin J&J est fabriqué ici en Afrique, il sera beaucoup plus abordable et disponible pour tous, et beaucoup de personnes seront vaccinées.

Tout ne semble pas perdu. Nous remercions Madame Sirleaf qui copréside le Panel indépendant pour la préparation et la réponse aux pandémies. Elle a promis que les prochains mois des discussions critiques entre les gouvernements et les institutions et l'institutionnalisation des changements nécessaires feront de COVID-19 la dernière pandémie.

Français

Mme Sirleaf partage son expérience

est essentielle pour attirer les touristes et créer des emplois pour les jeunes.

Quoique les médias nationaux aient relayé ces propos dans leurs éditions, l'ancienne présidente a fait valoir qu'elle n'en a aucune idée, déclarant : « Je ne suis pas au courant ; Je n'en sais rien en fait, je viens de rentrer de Sierra Leone. »

A la question de savoir quelle note elle donnerait au maire Koijee pour sa performance, Mme Sirleaf a répondu qu'elle n'apas la formule pour donner des notes. « Ce que je peux dire maintenant, c'est d'encourager tout le monde à travailler ensemble, si nous voulons tous avoir une ville décente, il est nécessaire de travailler ensemble ».

Pour sa part, le maire Koijee s'est dit heureux d'avoir reçu l'ancienne présidente à la MCC. « C'est une personne âgée et ça été une occasion pour moi de m'asseoir avec elle pour échanger ».

En ce qui concerne le contenu de leurs échanges, rien en a filtré, à part l'explication selon laquelle l'ex-présidente, ayant rencontré le maire de

Freetown, a jugé important de venir échanger avec le maire de Monrovia.

Selon M. Koijee, Madame Sirleaf a offert ses services pour aider la municipalité. « Rien que sa visite envoie un message à tout le monde, peu importe notre appartenance religieuse ou politique. Il est question de travailler ensemble à l'amélioration de l'image de la ville et du pays dans son ensemble ».

Le scénario en Sierra Leone est très différent de celui du Libéria. Comme dans la plupart des villes d'Afrique, en Sierra Leone, le maire et les membres du conseil municipal sont élus et ils utilisent les ressources collectées pour travailler. Pourtant au Libéria, le maire et les membres du conseil sont nommés et les allocations budgétaires sont décidées par le gouvernement central.

« Mais ce n'est pas là le problème. Je pense que le message central est que nous devons tous commencer à travailler ensemble, parce que ce ne sont pas des étrangers qui viennent salir la ville, ce sont plutôt les citoyens libériens, il est donc maintenant temps pour notre peuple de détester certains comportements », a déclaré le maire Koijee.

Le secrétaire du sénat accuse le ministre

impossible d'avoir confiance en un procureur du ministère de la Justice pour une affaire qui a commencé avec votre

participation, ayant servi d'avocat au défendeur Hans Armstrong dans cette affaire », a déclaré le secrétaire du Sénat.

49 millions d'euros pour faire face aux inondations au Libéria

Le ministère des travaux publics est en pourparlers avec la France et la Banque mondiale pour obtenir 49 millions d'euros pour faire face aux problèmes d'inondation au Libéria.

Le projet s'intitule « Projets de développement intégré de Monrovia ». Les études et la conception du projet sont toujours en cours, à en croire la ministre des travaux publics par intérim qui a fait l'annonce lors de la conférence de presse régulière du ministère de l'Information le jeudi 14 octobre 2021.

Mme Ruth Coker Collins, ministre par intérim des Travaux publics, a révélé lors de la séance d'information que le processus d'étude et de conception du projet se fait en collaboration avec la Monrovia City Corporation (MCC), Paynesville City Corporation (PCC), le ministère de l'Intérieur (MIA) et l'Agence de protection de l'environnement (EPA).

Les inondations sont un défi majeur dans certaines communautés du Libéria qui se trouvent le long de la côte. Récemment, certaines maisons le long du sentier côtier se sont effondrées à cause de l'érosion et ce projet cherche à résoudre certains de ces problèmes ici.

« Environ 34,8 km de route sont actuellement en cours de réhabilitation, tandis que 277, 67 km de route seront terminés cette saison des pluies », a dit la ministre des Travaux publics par intérim.

Selon elle, le ministère des Finances a déjà décaissé l'argent pour bitumer la route qui part de Saclepea à Tapita, dans le comté de Nimba.

En outre, elle a déclaré que l'accord de financement de la route du comté de Nimba - Grand Gedeh a déjà été signé et qu'ils attendent que les législateurs ratifient l'accord.

COMMENTAIRE

Par Jan-werner Mueller

Le conservateur sans les qualités

PRINCETON - L'écrivain satirique Karl Kraus disait de son Autriche natale en 1899 : « Pendant que la Constitution est violée, le peuple se contente de bâiller ». L'ampleur du mécontentement des Autrichiens, qui ont appris la semaine dernière que leur chancelier Sebastian Kurz était accusé de corruption, demeure inconnue. Les accusations se sont néanmoins révélées suffisamment sérieuses - tout comme la divulgation d'échanges de messages vulgaires impliquant Kurz et ses collaborateurs - pour conduire son improbable partenaire de coalition de toujours, les Verts, à lui montrer la porte de sortie.

La chute de Kurz est largement considérée comme porteuse de conséquences au-delà de l'Autriche, son approche ayant été vantée comme un modèle pour les partis de centre droit en Europe, notamment en Allemagne, où les chrétiens-démocrates se trouvent en difficulté après leur échec dramatique aux élections du mois dernier. En réalité, le « kurzisme » repose entièrement sur le style et la tactique, pas sur des idées politiques nouvelles, ni d'ailleurs sur quelque alliance durable des forces sociales. Pire encore, le modèle de Kurz est purement et simplement dangereux pour la démocratie.

À seulement 35 ans, Kurz se distingue pour avoir été chancelier à deux reprises déjà. Il a toujours été le plus jeune et le plus précoce : ministre des Affaires étrangères à 27 ans, chancelier à 31 ans. Le plus rapide également dans ses changements de positions politiques : libéral dans un premier temps, il durcira sa ligne sur les questions d'immigration et de politique concernant les réfugiés, copiant et banalisant ainsi l'extrême droite du Parti de la liberté (FPO). En 2017, il forme une coalition avec le FPO. La dernière fois qu'un gouvernement de ce type avait été formé en Autriche en 2000, un signal d'alarme avait retenti dans toute l'Europe. Cette fois, la Hongrie et la Pologne ayant depuis été les pionniers de l'autocratisation de plusieurs États membres de l'UE, la formation de la coalition de Kurz n'a suscité que des bâillements.

La banalisation de l'extrême droite constitue une tendance générale en Europe, notamment parce que les partis de centre-droit apparaissent à court d'idées. Depuis de nombreuses années, la pensée dominante consiste à parler de crise terminale de la social-démocratie. Or, dans la réalité, le citoyen ordinaire sait encore globalement comment la définir, ce qui n'est en revanche pas le cas pour les forces de centre-droit : les chrétiens-démocrates, en particulier, n'œuvrent plus activement pour l'intégration européenne, et ne proposent pas de modèle singulier, conformément à la doctrine sociale catholique, dans la médiation des conflits entre le capital et le travail.

Même après la chute du mur de Berlin, les chrétiens-démocrates ont employé une stratégie de guerre froide consistant pour un centre modéré à servir de rempart contre le communisme. Comme l'a découvert l'Union chrétienne-démocrate (CDU) il y a quelques semaines, les avertissements autour d'une menace rouge paraissant si improbables, leur formulation est largement perçue comme un signe de désespoir et de faillite intellectuelle.

Kurz n'a pas résolu le problème d'un conservatisme dénué de qualités. Il était toutefois maître dans l'art des relations publiques : en parlant du très guindé Parti populaire autrichien (OVP) comme d'un « mouvement », l'image donnée était celle d'un dynamisme propre à la jeunesse. Le terme « mouvement » suggère une participation et un

enthousiasme profonds. La réalité a cependant été tout autre : ce que Kurz a présenté comme un « style nouveau » impliquait en vérité un OVP acceptant sa totale domination. Les anciens du parti ont accepté que Kurz décide seul des candidats, et qu'il fixe la direction programmatique de ce qui a été qualifié de « liste Sebastian Kurz ». Il ne s'est jamais agi d'un parti populaire réinventé pour une nouvelle ère, mais plutôt d'un parti d'une seule personne.

Au sein et en dehors de l'OVP, beaucoup ont probablement apprécié le leadership de Kurz après 2017, qui contrastait en effet avec les querelles de grandes coalitions, entre socio et chrétiens-démocrates, lesquelles avaient dominé la politique autrichienne depuis l'après-guerre. Et en dépit de divisions de longue date dans l'OVP, liées à des rivalités entre vieux barons au contrôle d'États fédéraux individuels, l'équipe de Kurz s'est montrée disciplinée, fidèle à son message, et excellente dans la domination des partenaires de coalition, que ce soit à l'extrême droite ou à gauche. Si les accusations des autorités de lutte contre la corruption se vérifient, cela signifiera également le talent de l'équipe dans la manipulation de la presse et l'attisement des flammes du conflit politique, avec pour objectif de servir les ambitions du chef.

Les théoriciens du droit et de la démocratie ont raison d'affirmer qu'un parti autocratique sur le plan interne aura tendance à se montrer également autocratique dans l'exercice du pouvoir. Kurz s'est en effet inspiré du Premier ministre hongrois Viktor Orbán, en s'attaquant fréquemment aux organisations de presse indépendantes ainsi qu'à la justice (et, à l'instar de Silvio Berlusconi, en se présentant comme la victime innocente d'un vaste complot fomenté par un infâme establishment de gauche).

Si Kurz n'a finalement pas reproduit la réussite d'Orbán, il serait prématuré d'en conclure qu'à l'Ouest de l'ancien rideau de fer, le centre tiendra toujours bon. Ayant promis de se tenir de côté (sans pour autant se retirer totalement), Kurz lui-même vient tout juste d'être élu chef du groupe parlementaire de son parti, avec une adhésion de 98,7% dans le cadre d'un vote secret - précisément ce à quoi l'on s'attendrait lorsque tout semblait de démocratie a disparu à l'intérieur d'un parti (l'ancien président américain Donald Trump lui-même, qui avait su transformer le Parti républicain en un culte de la personnalité, n'a pas réussi un tel exploit).

En Allemagne, Markus Söder, chef du parti de l'Union chrétienne-sociale, petite sœur bavaroise de la CDU, dominera probablement le centre-droit dans les prochaines années ; à tout le moins, il est aussi impitoyable et opportuniste que Kurz. Le très respecté chrétien-démocrate Wolfgang Schäuble a tout fait pour empêcher Söder de devenir le candidat du parti pour le poste de chancelier allemand au printemps dernier, de peur que Söder, suivant l'exemple de Kurz, ne vide de sa substance et finalement ne détruise son parti.

Les chrétiens-démocrates et plus largement les forces de centre droit doivent repenser ce qu'ils représentent, au-delà d'une prétention de compétence technocratique. Il leur faut également décider du seuil où tracer la ligne par rapport à l'extrême droite. Car l'alternative, comme le démontre de manière frappante l'exemple de Kurz, n'est autre qu'une politique quasi-autoritaire considérant les institutions démocratiques, telles que la justice et la presse, comme autant d'obstacles pénibles sur la voie d'un leader populaire charismatique.

CPP set to win 2023

By Lincoln G Peters

Former Vice President Joseph Nyuma Boakai says the Collaborating Political Parties or CPP is set to win the 2023 presidential and general elections and redirect the course of Liberia's history.

"Collectively we remain poised to win in 2023, building upon the expectations, hopes and justifiable excitement of the Liberian people that an alternative is possible.

This is why I feel deeply humbled to accept the responsibility bestowed upon me today by the CPP as its Chairperson for the next 8 months", Amb. Joseph Boakia expresses.

Speaking over the weekend after taking the chairperson position of the four opposition Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) for next eight months as mandated by the CPP framework document, he notes that for the past few months, the CPP has been fraught with difficulties creating anxiety in the public and a sense of explosion within the CPP, adding that they recognized these challenges, which have occasioned internal wrangling and a distasteful impression.

The Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) framework document calls for a rotational power-sharing within the leadership and chairperson of the four opposition Collaborating Political Parties.

The first chairperson for the Collaboration was the political leader of the All Liberian Party Benoni W. Urey; followed by Mr. Alexander B. Cummings of the Alternative National Congress, who was succeeded by the political leader of the Liberty Party Senator Youngblee Kangar-Lawrence who served for 8 months 11 days before turning office last Friday, October 16, 2021 to the Unity Party Standard Bearer, Amb. Joseph Nyumah Boakai.

The Unity Party Standard Bearer assures Liberians that wherever they are in the world the collaboration will be strong after the storm, and continue to demonstrate its purpose in pursuing the path of providing alternative and responsible leadership for the people of Liberia.

He maintains that over the next 8 months of his administration, the leadership of the CPP will be institutionalized, noting that he will entrench the constituent leaders' feet so deeply that victory will be the only option, vowing "We will not betray our country.

Our people have given us their confidence, we will not disappoint them."

Boakai: "We are ready to cast out the ghost of what is a reckless political, economic and social order that benefits only very few people and has grown increasingly stubborn to change. We are ready to break the cycle of abject poverty, impunity, illiteracy, disease, social injustice, dictatorship, corruption and other challenges that haunt the present, and most profoundly the future of Liberians."

According to him, poor governance, failed leadership, marginalization of the majority of Liberians, inequity, and institutional failure have caused low public trust in the government and its institutions, adding that much of the progress made in the recent past, including execution of a reformed agenda has eroded.

He also points out that the economy is not healthy and not performing for the people as it

President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, describes security of Liberia as dire and rapidly deteriorating with many citizens and residents living in constant fear, particularly, as a result of unresolved spate of violence and killings in the past two years, noting that this has unraveled the state of the current security apparatus, revealing the bare threads of a security sector largely aimed at protecting only public officials and leaving millions of citizens and residents to their own devices.

He says all of these problems are undergirded by public corruption, the scale of which is yet to be confronted by government in ways that hold public officials to account.

"We must liberate our people from the bondage of failed leadership: A winning soccer icon whose Presidency sees our pitch banned by FIFA and our team as an underdog.



should be, while productivity under the Weah administration is at an all-time low and cost of living high; with price of food and other basic commodities going up, causing most Liberians to fall into poverty.

The 80-year-old CPP chair laments that majority of Liberians, especially the youth, are unemployed, exposed to drugs, make no income and live in poor and unacceptable conditions.

He says poor fiscal decisions, including consistent off-budget spending on nonproductive and vanity projects are causing strain and decline in education and health, adding that as much as the country is endowed with natural resources, its citizens including many in communities hosting concessions are hardly benefiting, causing unwarranted tensions and hanging on the precipice of communal conflicts and insecurity.

The former VP who served two terms I officer under ex-

The one success that brought you to prominence has become a national failure under your leadership. Missing persons, missing parts, armed robbery and general insecurity is now the Liberian Character. This must change and we must concentrate on a vision that will take Liberians from this bondage to new heights of progress."

Boakia says the CPP understands the plight of the people of Liberia whether they are in Monrovia, Saclepea, Tuzon, Sasstown and every village and hamlet of the country, adding, "The CPP understands the pains of our mothers who work in sweltering heat on the farm or in the market, and yet barely make it while some public officials steal the national coffers. We understand the frustration of students who toil in school and cannot find a job upon graduation."

He continues that the CPP

also understands the disappointment of the father, who works hard all day but can barely get enough to buy a bag of rice to feed his family; the CPP understands the fading hope of Yana boys, "auction girls" and the many street traders struggling to make ends meet.

According to the CPP new chair, the people of Liberia deserve a new and better deal; one that is people-centered and aimed to improve the livelihoods of millions of Liberians including children, youth and women.

"Our people deserve nothing less! This is why the Unity Party was founded, and this is why also the constituent parties (comprising the Alternative National Congress, All Liberian Party, the Liberty Party and the Unity Party) have come together to effect a positive change."

"In broad strokes, the alternatives we offer as Collaborating Parties are deeply rooted in the ideals of economic equity, social justice and freedom so that everyone is able to explore his or her potential for better livelihoods. We vow to promote and protect the ideals of political inclusiveness, and constitutional changes that address the limiting strains on our democracy including personalization of the presidency, the dictatorial nature of the governing system, the erosion of the separation of powers within our three branches of government as enshrined in our Constitution, and over decentralization. We will also ensure that public office is not an end in itself, but a means to serve the people of Liberia. As former American President, Franklin Roosevelt, asserted, we must abandon, and I quote "... the false belief that public office and high political position are to be valued only by standards of pride of place and personal profit..."

He says a new day for the CPP has dawned! And rallies his constituency colleagues to put their differences behind and forge ahead by bringing their strengths - and weaknesses - together in the true spirit of the framework to fulfill the aspiration and hope of the

Liberian people.

Her also urges that they must hold together and build alliances with the different layers of our society in transforming the country for the good of the people and the sub-region as well as present themselves as the alternative to a dispensation that is in free fall.

"In this direction, I also offer myself as anintercalated in addressing unresolved issues and other problems, and, here now, admonish my colleagues Alex, Benoni and Nyonblee to see the bigger picture - the People of Liberia; and exhaust our internal processes of conflict resolution in absolute respect for each other. The CPP will hold itself to the strict adherence to its rules."

"Without any defense and justification, I accept full responsibility for all the tethering issues of today. My eloquent silence in the face of these internal wrangling and exchanges strengthens my courage to know that mere defending our individual positions without a deep sense of collectivity only make us weaker. Where others see breakdowns, we see an opportunity to build and become stronger, where others see despair, we offer hope and in the face of what appears to be division, we will work with our colleagues to unite."

Boakai vows: "We will over the next few days organize, engage, discuss all issues internally and develop a blue print going forward for our victory in 2023."

The program brought together several officials of the CPP including the political leader of the LP, Senator Youngblee Kangar-Lawrence, Charlelyn Brumskine, daughter of the late Cllr. Charles Walker Brumskine, founding father of the LP; Senator Abraham Dillon; ALP leader Mr. Benoni Urey; People Liberation Party Political leader Dr. Daniel E. Cassell, the chairperson of the opposition Rainbow Alliance of Liberia, Reginald B. Goodridge, and several other political figures and traditional singers from Lofa County, birthplace of Amb. Boakai.

At the program, the Political leader of the ANC Mr. Alexander B. Cummings was absent, including Mr. Musa Bility, Chairman of the LP and Martin Kollah Secretary General of the LP, amongst others. -Editing by Jonathan Browne



Cummings to leave CPP?

By Winston W. Parley

Opposition Alternative National Congress (ANC) political leader Alexander B. Cummings' latest statements and actions are clear indication he might break away from the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) to fight a lone-political battle against incumbent President George Manneh Weah for the presidency in the 2023 general elections.

Despite not being elected yet to head CPP's ticket, Mr. Cummings, one of the leading forces who has been at the center of incessant political tension within the opposition establishment of four political parties, told the Voice of America (VOA) on Saturday, 16 October 2021 that he will challenge President Weah in 2023 for the presidency.

"As you know I ran in 2017 after only entering the race 18 months prior to the elections and out of about 18 - 20 candidates, we came in 5th and third in a quite a few regions in the country," said Mr. Cummings.

"And so, [we] decided that you know as we go towards 2023, we will challenge President Weah," Cummings continued.

As he has always done in recent political events within the CPP, Mr. Cummings and his ANC announced their boycott of the induction of ceremony CPP's new chairman, former Vice President Joseph Nyumah Boakai on Friday, 15 October due to ANC's alleged exclusion from the planning and organization of the turnover ceremony.

Amidst intensifying battle on the ground for Washington's recognition between the opposition and the government, Cummings was in the United States last weekend when he spoke to VOA about his ongoing introductory meetings with top level U.S. officials, letting them know his perspective on Liberia and to also know their interest.

He said these meetings were strictly introductory meetings, get-to-know-you meetings, letting them know who he is, what he brings to the table, understanding their interest, and answering questions about his perspective on Liberia.

"So it's primarily, Peter, introductory meeting just to get to know me and for me to share my background, my interest on what I could bring to bear to help Liberia become an even stronger and better partner to the United States," Mr. Cummings said.

In the interview, Cummings claimed that it's a fact that the country is not doing well under the presidency of Mr. Weah, saying he's not performed well, and an ANC administration can offer a different alternative to Liberians.

Cummings said he has started the process of making his case to Liberians to consider him to replace President Weah in 2023 because brings solutions to the primary problem Liberians are faced with, which is a stagnant and shrinking economy.

"My private sector experience, my success in the private sector, my understanding of Economics, of Finance, of how investors think, what attracts them to invest, how business people think about investing and creating jobs and making money, I am uniquely qualified, Peter, with those skills and experiences to help grow the Liberian economy," Cummings argued.

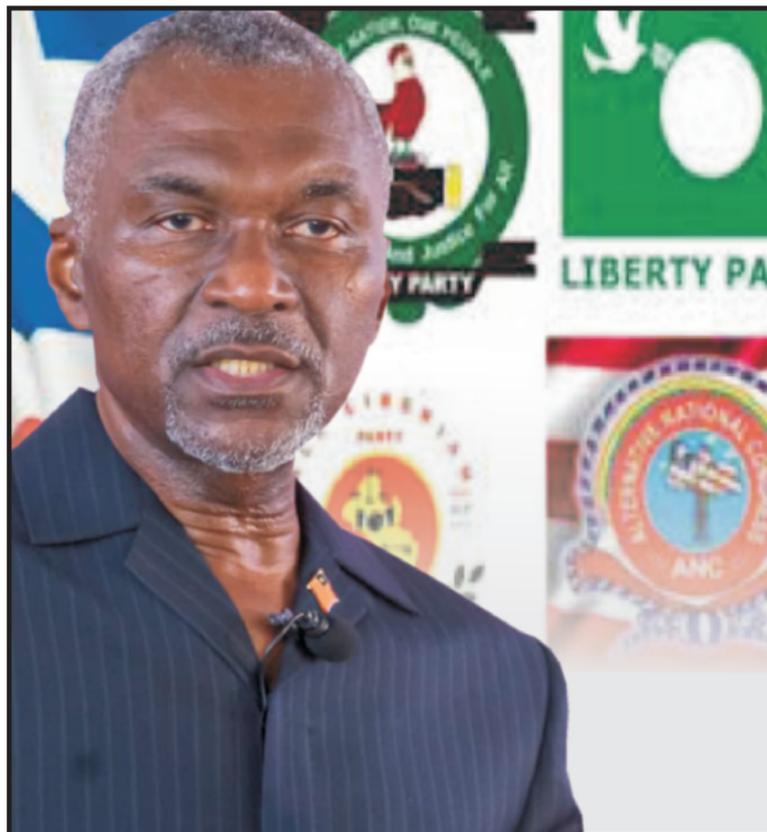
"And as I mentioned earlier,

Stating reasons for his support to establish the War and Economic Crimes Court, Cummings explained that he seeks to fully put Liberia's past behind and begin to reconcile the country to make sure justice is brought to people that were hurt and harmed from the civil war.

"And then second reason why this is important is again, the level of corruption and impunity around that, and that's why for me it's important that it's not just War but it's Economic Crimes," he said.

He believes that establishing the court forms the basis for reestablishing the proper rule of law in the country, end the level of impunity and move the country forward.

But he also suggested that this cannot be achieved alone, adding that if elected president, he will engage all



under President Weah's leadership, it's a fact, not because I'm in opposition, all the key economic indicators in our country are going the wrong way because," he indicated.

The opposition leader stressed that given his experience, he thinks he is uniquely qualified to solve one of the key challenges faced by the country.

Also addressing Liberians quest for the establishment of a War and Economic Crimes Court, Mr. Cummings said he is very supportive of establishing the court.

"And let me tell you why. Today in Liberia the level of impunity around corruption, around just basically following the rule of law is, you cannot have a country, or organization or society where people can break the rules, they can break the laws and get away with it," he said.

of the political actors in this effort.

"For this to be successful, for it to be done well, for it not to be a witch hunt, for true justice to prevail, for us to have both restorative and retributive justice, it has to be both - I think we all need to collectively agree to the process, agree the time table, find the funding and do it together as a country, as a people," he noted.

He said without a collective effort of the actors, it could potentially become even more divisive, contrary to the objective of finally reconciling Liberians.

"And so, absolutely I will be enthusiastically suggesting, recommending engaging all political actors so that we can do this together," he said.

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planning for coastal zone management and the strengthening of local livelihoods – in conjunction with strong awareness-raising and knowledge management considerations and will

address both the immediate and long-term impacts of climate change on the coast of Monrovia and facilitate the potential for upscaling these initiatives across Liberia.

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illicit acts in Liberia and Sierra Leone, have been enshrined in the joint communique.

"The timely collection, maintenance and accessibility of statistical records and other data is vital to demonstrating the extent of the effectiveness of a country's Anti-money laundering and Countering Terrorist Financing (AML/CFT) regime," the Sierra Leonean FIU boss pointed out.

The Sierra Leonean Director General further proposed that Liberia needs to expedite action to enact into law the

Financial Intelligence Agency bill, the draft bill on Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing, preventive Measures and Proceeds of Crime and other outstanding pieces of legislation that could greatly help the country to attract huge global assistance and credible investors.

"Liberia should address the remaining deficiencies in her AML/ CFT system, including criminalization of the full range of predicate offences (illicit trafficking in other goods," Mr. Borbor suggested.

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other shortcomings with regards to interventions in education and healthcare for those communities most impacted, which are prescribed in the agreement under the concessionaire's corporate social responsibility.

ArcelorMittal Liberia, in its own defense, has laid out an elaborate list of positive developments and initiatives that it has implemented over the years and is currently running a major public relations campaign in the media touting its efforts ahead of the debate over its MDA.

Yet, the affected communities say such developments only serve the company's own bottom line and are virtually pointless if promises enshrined in the MDA are not fulfilled. And with a revised agreement on the table, the communities are calling the Government of Liberia, through the House and Senate Committees on Concessions, to halt any movement on the agreement until proper due diligence can be performed with the involvement of all stakeholders.

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the convenience of mobile money to ensure their customers are included in the digital financial ecosystem. They can always access their mobile money safely and securely anywhere and at any time."

BETOMAX Liberia introduced the mobile app in February this year to reduce overcrowding in its centers (3rd Street and Center Street) in the wake of COVID-19

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With Covid-19 subsiding,

there are plans to expand to the 15 counties beginning with Pleebo, Kakata, Buchanan City and Ganta. BETOMAX Liberia expects to expand nationwide in the coming months so residents nationwide can experience the thrill of gaming and the convenience of Lonestar Cell MTN Mobile Money.

Sports betting and other lottery activities in Liberia is becoming a fast-growing industry. According to the National Lottery Authority, there have been 79,000 winners, 140,000,000 cash won, and 20,000,000 dollars, all contributing to Liberia's economic development.

While there is enthusiasm for these games of chance, there are also serious considerations undertaken before any bet is made. For BETOMAX Liberia, these begin with a rigorous registration process.

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PAL holds Second Editors' Forum on protecting personal data privacy in Ganta



Superintendent Mr. Nelson Korquoi served as the keynote speaker and stressed the need to enact laws that will protect the rights of not only minority groups against unethical media reports which expose persons to potential risks of damage, character assassination, and stigmatization.

Mr. Korquoi spoke of the need for Journalists to be professional and respect privacy rights and confidentiality in gathering and disseminating data about persons, which has great potential to cause permanent injury and damage to one's reputation in society.

He said Journalists and media institutions must ensure that news and information about people's

The second Editors' Forum on data privacy and personal data protection, organized by the Publishers' Association of Liberia (PAL) with support from the Liberian Media Initiative, in collaboration with Internews, co-founded

by the European Union took place in Ganta, Nimba County, on October 15, 2021.

The workshop brought together more than 20 rural radio managers and Journalists from four counties including Margibi, Bong, Nimba, and Lofa. Nimba County

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