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**REQUEST FOR QUOTATION S: #: IPFMRP-II/LRA/G/RFQ/2.1.21/2022**

**And 1.3.3.7 /2022 AfDB**

August 19, 2022

1. The Republic of Liberia has received Financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB) toward the cost of Integrated Public Financial Management Reforms Project (IPFMRP-II) for support to Liberia Revenue Authority & Bureau of State-Owned Enterprise and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under the contract for which this Request for Quotation is issued. This procurement process will be conducted in accordance with the Open National Competitive method contained in the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July, 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018 ("Procurement Regulations"), and the procedures described herein.

2. **Preparation of Quotations:** You are requested to quote for the item by completing, signing and returning:

- ✦ the List of Goods and Price Schedule;
- ✦ the List of Goods and Delivery Schedule

3. **Documents Evidencing Eligibility:** You are requested to submit copies of the following documents as evidence of your eligibility.

- a) Current Business Registration Certificate
- b) Valid Tax Clearance
- c) PPCC Vendor Registration
- d) Manufacturer or Distributors Authorization

The standard forms in this RFQ may be retyped for completion but the Bidder is responsible for their accurate reproduction.

4. **Validity of Quotations:** The quotation validity required is 45 days.

5. **Sealing and marking of Quotations:** Quotations should be placed in a single sealed envelope, clearly marked with the Reference above, the name of the Bidder and the Implementing Agency.

6. **Submission of Quotations:** Quotations should be submitted to the address below:

The Acting Project Manager

**Integrated Public Financial Management Reform Project (IPFMRP-II)**

1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Ministry of Finance and Development Planning

Corner of Broad and Mechlin Streets

Monrovia, Liberia

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Emails: [vfofana@mfdp.gov.lr](mailto:vfofana@mfdp.gov.lr)

CC: [ctoef@mfdp.gov.lr](mailto:ctoef@mfdp.gov.lr)

7. The quotation shall be in English language,

8. The deadline for receipt of your quotation is September 2, 2022 at 2:00 p. m.

9. **Supplier** must quote for all the items. A partial quote will not be accepted. If a quotation shows items listed but not priced, their prices shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other items. An item not listed in the quotation shall be assumed to be not included in the quotation.

10. **Evaluation.** All quotations shall be evaluated based on compliance to specifications, price and delivery period. The Purchaser shall award the Contract to the Supplier whose offer has been determined to be the most advantageous quotation and is substantially responsive to the request for quotation, provided further that the Supplier is determined to be qualified to perform the contract satisfactorily as per the criteria below:

- Examine if the quotation conforms substantially to the statement of requirements and delivery schedule.
- Examine if the Supplier meets the qualification requirements as stated above.
- Ensuring the Supplier passed both the preliminary and detailed examination.
- Verify any arithmetical errors. For example, if the quotation in figures is different from the quotation in words, the amount in words will prevail. If there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the total price that is obtained by multiplying the unit price and quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected;

11. **Prices.** Prices shall be in United States Dollars (USD). Prices quoted in currencies other than United States Dollars (USD) will be evaluated after converting the currency into USD at the exchange rate prevailing at the Central Bank of Liberia on the date of the deadline of **quotation** submission, or from OANDA Exchange Rates Services at [www.oanda.com](http://www.oanda.com).

12. **Delivery Schedule.** The item(s) shall be delivered within three to four weeks after award of contract.

12. **Warranty.** Items offered should be covered by at least 12 months' warranty from the date of delivery to the Purchaser. Goods offered shall be new, unused and based on the manufacturer's current and most recent model.

13. **Payment.** Payment shall be made within 30 days against submission of Invoice and supporting documents following delivery of the Goods.

Yours sincerely,

Vee-Musa Fofana

**Acting Project Coordinator**

**QUOTATION LETTER**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

RFQ Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Attention: PMU Project Manager:

Integrated Public Financial Management Reform Project

Having examined the documents regarding the Request for Quotations, the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged, we, the undersigned, offer to supply and deliver [description of goods and services] in conformity with the said Request for Quotations for the sum of [total bid amount in words and figures] or such other sums as may be ascertained in accordance with the Schedule of Prices attached herewith and made part of Quotation.

We confirm that we are eligible to participate in public procurement and meet the eligibility criteria specified in the Request for Quotations.

The validity period of our quotation is: \_\_\_\_\_ days/weeks/months.

We confirm that the prices quoted in the List of Goods and Price Schedule are fixed and firm for the duration of the validity period and will not be subject to revision or variation.

The delivery period offered is: \_\_\_\_\_ days/weeks/months from date of Purchase Order.

The warranty period offered is \_\_\_\_\_ months.

**Quotation authorised by:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yy)

Authorised for and on behalf of: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

**Appendix 2**

**List of Goods and Delivery Schedule**

No	Description of Goods	Quantity	Physical unit	Final Destination (Project Site)	Delivery Date	Bidder's offered Delivery date
1	Laptops	18	Pcs	Liberia Revenue Authority	Three Weeks after contract award	
2.	Printer	18	Pcs	Liberia Revenue Authority	Three Weeks after contract award	
3	Projector	2	Pcs	Project Management Unit/ Ministry of Financial Management	Three Weeks after contract award	

**Appendix 3**

**APPENDIX I: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

No.	Description	Qty	Supplier's Offered/Statement of Compliance
<b>Laptop</b>			
1	<b>Processor</b>	18Pcs	
	8th Gen, Intel Core i7-8565U, Four cores, Up to 4.60GHz		
	<b>RAM</b>		
	16GB DDR4-2400MHz, Dual channel		
	<b>Hard Disk Drive:</b>		
	1TB PCIe SSD		
	<b>Operating System:</b>		
	Windows 10 Professional		
	<b>Graphics</b>		
	Intel UHD Graphics 620		
	<b>Display</b>		
	14 inches, 2560x1440 (WQHD), Dolby Vision HDR, Touch Screen		
	<b>Ports</b>		
	One USB-C 3.1, Thunderbolt 3, USB-A 3.1, HDMI 1.4, RJ45 Ethernet, microSD card reader, Micro-SIM (optional), Smart Card Reader (optional), 3.5 mm audio		
	<b>Wireless</b>		
	Intel Wireless-AC 9560, 802.11ac (2 x 2), Bluetooth 5.0		
	<b>Camera</b>		
	Front-facing 720p, Webcam shutter		
	<b>Biometrics</b>		
	Fingerprint reader, IR camera		
	<b>Keyboard</b>		
	Backlit		
	<b>Touchpad</b>		
	Precision, TrackPoint System		
	<b>Battery</b>		
	50Wh, 65W AC adapter		
	<b>Processor</b>		
	8th Gen, Intel Core i7-8565U, Four cores, Up to 4.60GHz		
	<b>RAM</b>		
	16GB DDR4-2400MHz, Dual channel		
	<b>Hard Disk Drive:</b>		
	1TB PCIe SSD		
2.	<b>Printer</b>	18Pcs	
	<b>Printing Technology</b>		
	Monochrome laser		
	<b>Maximum Resolution</b>		
	1200 x 1200 dpi		
	<b>Print Speed</b>		
	Up to 35 ppm		
	<b>First Print Out Speed</b>		
	As fast as 8 seconds		
	<b>Duplex Printing</b>		
	Automatic		
	<b>Printer Duty Cycle</b>		
	Recommended: 750 to 3000 pages/month Maximum: 50,000 pages/month		
	<b>Paper Handling</b>		
	50-sheet multipurpose tray 1, 250-sheet input tray 2, optional 500-sheet tray 3		
	<b>Paper Capacity</b>		
	Multipurpose Tray 1: 50 sheets Input Tray 2: 250 sheets Optional Tray 3: 500 sheets Output: 150 sheets		
	<b>Paper Types</b>		
	Paper: Plain, green mode, light, heavy, bond, color, letterhead, preprinted, prepunched, recycled, rough Other: envelopes, labels, transparencies, cardstock Multipurpose Tray 1 - Standard: Letter, Legal, Executive, 8.5 x 13.0" Multipurpose Tray 1 - Custom: 3.0 x 5.0 to 8.5 x 14.0" (7.62 x 12.7 to 21.59 x 35.56 cm) Input Tray 2 - Standard: Letter, Legal, Executive, 8.5 x 13.0" Input Tray 2 - Custom: 4.1 x 5.8 to 8.5 x 14.0" (10.41 x 14.73 to 21.59 x 35.56 cm) Optional Tray 3 - Standard: Letter, Legal, Executive, 8.5 x 13.0" Optional Tray 3 - Custom: 4.1 x 5.8 to 8.5 x 14.0" (10.41 x 14.73 to 21.59 x 35.56 cm)		
	<b>Paper Sizes</b>		
	Maximum Printable Area: 8.5 x 14.0" (21.59 x 35.56 cm)		
	<b>Media Weight</b>		
	Multipurpose Tray 1: 16 to 43 lb (60 to 163 g/m <sup>2</sup> ) Input Tray 2: 16 to 32 lb (60 to 120 g/m <sup>2</sup> ) Optional Tray 3: 16 to 32 lb (60 to 120 g/m <sup>2</sup> )		
	<b>Connectivity</b>		
	USB: Hi-Speed USB 2.0, Host USB, Walk-up front-facing USB Network: Gigabit Ethernet 10/100/1000 network		
	<b>Interface</b>		
	Processor: 800 MHz		
	Fonts: 84 scalable TrueType fonts		
	<b>PostScript Support</b>		
	Postscript Level 3 emulation		
	<b>Memory</b>		
	256 MB		
	<b>OS Compatibility</b>		
	Windows: Windows 7 (32/64-bit), Vista (32/64-bit), XP (32-bit, SP2 or higher), Windows Server 2008 (32/64-bit), Server 2003 (32-bit SP3 or higher) Mac: OS X v 10.5, v 10.6, v 10.7 Linux: Linpus 9.4/9.5, Red Hat 5.0/6.0, OpenSuSE 11.3/11.4, Fedora 14/15, Ubuntu 10.04/10.10/11.04, Debian 5.0/6.0		
3	<b>PROJECTOR</b>	2	
	<b>White Brightness:</b> 3,300 ANSI Lumens		
	<b>Color Brightness:</b> 3,300 ANSI Lumens		
	<b>Resolution:</b> 1024x768		
	<b>Aspect Ratio:</b> 4:3 (XGA)		
	<b>Dynamic Contrast:</b> 15,000:1		
	<b>Dynamic Iris:</b> Yes		
	<b>Display Type:</b> 0.55" 3LCD Chips		
	<b>Color Processing:</b> 10-bit		
	<b>Video Modes:</b> 720p, 1080i, 1080p/60, 1080p/24, 1080p/30, 1080p/50, 576i, 576p, 480p, 480i		
	<b>Data Modes:</b> MAX 1920x1080		
	<b>Lamp Type:</b> 210W UHE bulb		
	<b>Lamp Life:</b> 6,000 hours / 12,000 hours (Eco)		
	<b>Lamp Model:</b> ELPLP97 / V13H010L97		
	<b>Included Lens:</b> Fixed focal length, manual focus		
	<b>Throw Distance:</b> 3.2' - 36.9'		
	<b>Image Size:</b> 30.01" - 349.9"		
	<b>Throw Ratio:</b> 1.58:1 (D:W)		
	<b>Projector Placement:</b> For a 100 " diagonal screen, place the projector lens 10'-6" from the screen		
	<b>Digital Zoom:</b> Yes		
	<b>Digital Keystone:</b> Horizontal & Vertical		
	<b>Projector Size:</b> 3.20" x 11.90" x 9.30" (HxWxD)		
	<b>Weight:</b> 5.3 lbs		
	<b>Audible Noise:</b> 37 dB / 28 dB (Eco)		
	<b>Internal Speakers:</b> 2.0 Watts Mono		
	<b>Power:</b> 345 Watts 100V - 240V		
	<b>Connection Panel:</b> HDMI USB VGA In: Dsub-15pin		

# EDITORIAL

## No disrespect to Representative Solomon George

**OUR FRIEND** Representative Solomon George of Montserrado County District #7 is unhappy about a nickname ascribed to him in our last editorial for which he called this paper and expressed so. Sorry; we did not in any manner or shape intend to disrespect the Montserrado lawmaker.

**AND IF** Rep. George felt insulted or disrespected for the nickname ascribed to him in that editorial, we use this medium to publicly apologize.

**NOTWITHSTANDING**, WE vehemently maintain our opposition to his recent call for President George Manneh Weah to ban student politics at the University of Liberia or in schools across the country. We think the call by Rep. Gorge is not only preposterous but highly disgraceful and disappointing. It is an ill-advice to the President from a blind loyalist that does not see beyond his nose.

**FOR THE** ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) lawmaker to question whether the campus-based Vanguard Student Unification Party (SUP) at the University of Liberia is a political party clearly demonstrates that he is power-possessed and speaks like someone, who has never entered the classroom.

**WE WONDER** what fear does Rep. George have for which he wants student politics banned in the country. Isn't he aware that this one of many extra-curriculum activities that allow students to demonstrate their potentials and talents for future responsibility?

**WE REITERATE** that the recent July 26 Independence Day violence before the Embassy of the United States near Monrovia was master-minded and executed by the CDC-Council of Patriots, not members of SUP. Instead, the victims were students of the University of Liberia.

**THE ONLY** wrong they did for which they were brutalized was to peacefully call on the government to address the excruciating hardship in the country that has made the learning environment uncondusive for them.

**THE RAMPANT** human rights abuses, mysterious deaths and arbitrary killings by state security forces under the Weah administration are not the works of students, including massive corruption and flagrant constitutional breaches that Liberians and the international community continue to lament on.

**ON THE** contrary, it is innocent and peaceful students across the country, who are enduring the scorches of pillage and loot by public officials which denies them opportunities for a better future.

**IT IS** sad that the Montserrado District#7 lawmaker would ignore the plight of his constituents - the neglected people of the township of West Point and surroundings in the current county tour of the President, and rather called for a ban on student politics. How does this benefit his people directly?

**REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE** should rather advocate for his district to benefit better schools, toilets and health facilities than focusing his energies on something that does not in any way interfere with his role as a lawmaker or the governance of the State. Students do not contest in national elections, but it is their right under the Constitution to express reservation about how the country is governed.

**THE GOVERNMENT** and its officials, including the likes of Rep. George seem to be terrified by reaction from the United States Government against unabated public corruption in the Weah administration that has led the American Treasury to designate three confidants of President Weah.

**THE CDC** lawmaker should rather advise the President to take steps against officials bent on tarnishing his government and the country's image than seeking to prey on suffering innocent students, who hardly find a decent daily meal because their parents are jobless, primarily due to the appalling economic situation prevailing in Liberia.

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# COMMENTARY

By Eddie Ndopu

## Human Rights Without Handicaps

**N**EW YORK - When the United Nations was built from the rubble of World War II, it would have been inconceivable for someone like me - a young, Black, gay wheelchair user - to be considered for a top job in the organization. So, it is a stunning testament to the distance humanity has come since 1945 that I will be among the candidates the UN will consider to succeed Michelle Bachelet when she leaves her post next month as the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

If selected, I would be the highest-ranking international civil servant with a disability since the UN was founded. This would be a historic victory for the 1.3 billion disabled people who, according to the UN, comprise the world's largest minority group.

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, signed in 2007, has helped to advance inclusion across the board. But to see someone in a wheelchair in a position of power is still highly unusual. In many parts of the world today, the face of ostracization is still that of a brown-skinned disabled kid.

I could easily have been that kid. But you could say my experience as a human-rights advocate began at the age of six, when - with tears streaming down my face - I told my mother, "I want to go to school."

Life for a kid in a wheelchair in Namibia, where I spent the first nine years of my life, is often extremely limited - as it is in much of the developing world. According to the UN, 90-98% of kids with disabilities in the Global South do not have the opportunity to go to school at all.

At the time, indeed, I was beating the odds just to be alive. As a two-year-old, I was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy, a deadly degenerative disease that attacks the nervous system. Doctors told my mother I would most likely not live to see my fifth birthday. I am now 31.

My mother, who wiped the tears from my eyes, was determined. She found a school willing to take me. On my first day, I was placed at the very back of the classroom. It was clear little was expected of me. I stunned the teacher by writing my own name - something most of the other kids could not do. A smile spread across her face. She saw that I could learn just like, or maybe sometimes faster, than the others.

That experience taught me to reach high, no matter the obstacles in my path. My candidacy to succeed Bachelet seeks to push the boundaries of possibility, not just for people with disabilities but for anyone who has ever felt devalued, underestimated, and marginalized.

If selected, I would be the youngest leader at the main leadership level. The UN often emphasizes the importance of engaging

young people, given our stake in the future. And yet we are an unrepresented demographic at the institution. Selecting a young leader for this position would give fresh impetus and authority to the work of the UN High Commissioner.

Attainment of human rights for all very often feels like an impossible pursuit, especially now, when everything feels impossible. But, as Nelson Mandela pointed out, it always seems impossible until it is done.

I had to remind myself of these words some time back, when I was still at Amnesty International and had the impossible mandate of bringing together two groups known to be distrustful of each other: business leaders and human-rights defenders. I persuaded them to listen to each other as part of a campaign to hold extractive industries to account for human-rights violations in Africa.

At a time when the world is increasingly fractured and it feels as though we have simply stopped listening to one another, I think the office of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights is uniquely qualified to address the most pressing challenges of our day. For the first time since 2001, a majority of the world's population lives under non-democratic, rights-violating governments. We face heightened nationalism, an emerging economic crisis, and a global pandemic - a health crisis that too many governments have met by claiming emergency powers and adopting restrictions that often violate rights. And of course, the conflicts in Ukraine, the Sahel, Myanmar, and a host of other places create their own significant rights concerns.

The UN High Commissioner plays a crucial role in times like these, serving as a beacon for the principles of human rights and championing those who bravely speak out when they see violations around the world. As UN Secretary-General António Guterres has said, human rights underpin "the entire UN system. [They] are essential to addressing the broad causes and impacts of all complex crises, and to building sustainable, safe, and peaceful societies."

Should the Secretary-General select me for this role, my job will be to identify and expose rights violations tirelessly, no matter what powerful interests stand in the way, and to engage with civil-society advocates to make the UN's work more participatory and more relevant to driving change.

I am, admittedly, an outside-the-box candidate for this post - an impossible choice, some might say. But I believe, in these times especially, that fresh thinking, new energy, and an ability to see how to overcome seemingly impossible barriers is exactly what the world needs.

*Eddie Ndopu, a human-rights activist, is a Sustainable Development Goals advocate for the UN Secretary-General.*

# Minister Nathaniel F. McGill Writes President George Weah

Nathaniel F. McGill  
Bible Way Mission Junction  
Roberts Field Highway  
Monrovia, Liberia

**His Excellency George Manneh Weah**  
President of the Republic of Liberia  
Executive Mansion  
Capitol Hill  
Monrovia, Liberia

18 August, 2022

Your Excellency:

I have the honor, most respectfully, to present my compliments and to congratulate you for Your Excellency's exceptional statesmanship in steering the affairs of this nation in these trying times of our national existence.

Excellency, let me commend you for your unwavering determination to fight waste, abuse and the mismanagement of public resources which was a solemn pledge you made at Your Excellency's inauguration, and for the swift and decisive action taken thus far, in ordering my immediate suspension and others named in the United States Treasury Department report for alleged corruption to face investigation.

Excellency, the United States Treasury Department report contains several criminal mischaracterizations of my person, name and character as Your Excellency's Minister of State, as in keeping with the Executive Law of Liberia, and given that the allegations range from bribing business owners, receiving bribes from potential investors, and accepting kickbacks for steering contracts to companies, and or manipulating or manipulated public procurement processes in order to award multi-million dollar contracts to companies in which I have ownership, including by abusing emergency procurement processes to rig contract bids, among others, I humbly welcome Your Excellency pronouncement to set up an investigative committee to probe into these grave allegations to afford me the opportunity to have my "day in court" as in keeping with the principle of due process. These allegations are crimes also under Liberian law and must be investigated consistent with law controlling.

Excellency, please allow me to provide you brief analyses and clarifications of some of the allegations: that I have been accused of:

1. Bribed business owners, received bribes from potential investors, and accepted kickbacks for steering contracts to companies in which he has an interest:

**Response: a. Bribed business owners--- To what end, and for what purpose, and in in whose interest? One who bribes business owners must have an objective to achieve something in his own interest, but in this case, no interest is defined, and no reason is provided.**

**b. Receiving bribes from potential investors---What are the names of the investors? And who are the investors? I have at no time ever received bribes from any investors.**

**c. Kickbacks for steering contracts--- I do not preside over contract negotiations, nor do I sign contracts, and so where will the kickbacks come from? Those who may have provided wrong information to the members of the Treasury Department investigators who were seeking to gather accurate and genuine allegations of corruption, abuse, waste and mismanagement of public funds in the fight against corruption unfortunately provided the wrong and false information. For full disclosure Mr. President, my only involvement with contract discussions is the current ongoing impasse between and amongst AML, HPX and the SOLWAY issue.**

2. Manipulated public procurement processes in order to award multi-million dollar contracts to companies in which he has ownership, including by abusing emergency procurement processes to rig contract bids.

**Response: Under this count, while I have not seen any evidence today, the multi-million dollar contract that I am aware of, since the ascendancy of this government is the US\$116million dollars RIA Road Contract to East International. As you are aware Mr. President, this matter was presented to the cabinet in 2019 by then Public Works Minister, Mobutu Nyanpan that the RIA Road project would cost US\$116M and that cabinet should approve the borrowing of said amount. It was then the decision of the cabinet that due to Liberia's huge debt burden said amount was too huge for the government to borrow at the time. Therefore, the cabinet decision was that since Madame Ellen Johnson Sirleaf government had granted East International a concession of US\$56, 432Million (plus) agreement ratified by the legislature for the construction of feudal roads in Liberia before your ascendancy, said agreement should be presented to the legislature for amendment so that instead of borrowing US\$116m, the government will now borrow US\$56, 432Million (plus) for the RIA road project. My ownerships in East International as alleged is false and misleading because East International was in existence around 2011 and granted road contracts under the Unity Party Government, one of which was the US\$9,567,010.9 Million contract. I do not see how the Unity Party government would have granted a US\$9, 567,010.9 Million contract to a company with an ownership of the sitting chairman of the CDC. Also the Unity Party government granted the following contracts to East International prior to the ascendancy of the CDC lead administration. Also, in January 2017 the Unity Party Government awarded East International was awarded US\$19, 900, 005 million under the signature of Gyude Moore. The total contract granted East International by the Unity Party government is US\$ 79,467,015.9 million.**

Instead of accusing the Unity Party people of creating and owning East International, I am been accused as it owner.

3. Accused of involvement in a wide range of other corrupt schemes including soliciting bribes from government office seekers and misappropriating government assets for his personal gain.

**Response: While these allegations are broad and require specificity, it is the fact of public records both in the media that criminal individuals have been using my name without my knowledge to get money from people seeking public office.**

4. Used government funds allocated to other Liberian government institutions to run his own projects, made off-the-books payments in cash to senior government leaders, and organized warlords to threaten political rivals;

**Response: Apart from asking public and private institutions to support the cause of poor and underprivileged Liberian high school students, I do not run private projects. For the records, all monies donated to public High School students are deposited in the school accounts for the specific counties to which I am not a signatory and counties that have benefited thus far are Bong, Margibi, Nimba and Grand Bassa. Unfortunately, we are yet to raise all of the monies that have been pledged to these counties for student projects.**

- a. I would highly appreciate the senior government officials to come forth with the evidence. And since these are senior government officials, I would be glad to face them. In the case of politicians being attacked by some individuals I have no idea. I am a friend to all of the political leaders and none has personally complained to me about being attacked.

5. Received an unjustified stipend from various Liberian government institutions and used his position to prevent his misappropriation from being discovered.

**Response: Again, these allegations are broad, but for the records, I deny and reject them because I do not receive stipends from other government agencies as doing so would greatly erode my stature and authority as the ' Principal Assistant to the President and Minister of State for Presidential Affairs. Because doing so I would be involved in corruption with them.**

6. Regularly distributes thousands of dollars in undocumented cash to other government officials for government and non-government activities;

**Response: I hereby incorporate the averments of my response in count 5 and hereby deny and dismiss the allegations contain herein. However, when a friend or any Liberian citizen in need seeks assistance from me, it is a public information and a fact that individual coming to me for assistance, I always ask other private institutions and individuals to help.**

7. Responsible for or complicit in, or who has directly or indirectly engaged in, corruption, including the misappropriation of state assets, the expropriation of private assets for personal gain, corruption related to government contracts or the extraction of natural resources, or bribery.

**Response: These allegations are vague and indistinct. I need the specific details as to what is meant by misappropriation of state assets, the expropriation of private assets for personal gain, corruption related to government contracts or the extraction of natural resources, or bribery. I need full details on these allegations.**

As always, and as Your Excellency's Principal Assistant" and Minister of State for Presidential Affairs, I want to recommit myself to the fight against corruption and your government's open declaration to arrest and prosecute whoever is involved.

Assuring Your Excellency always to remain faithful to your progressive development agenda for our country and people, I remain.

Respectfully yours,

Nathaniel Farlo McGill  
Minister of State (*Suspended*).



## Specific Procurement Notice



# Request for Quotations Goods

**Country:** Liberia

**Employer:** Ministry of Finance and Development Planning

**Name of Project:** Integrated Public Financial Management Reforms Project (IPFMRP-II)

**Project ID:** P-LR-K00-014

**RFQ Reference No.:** IPFMRP-II/ LRA/G/RFQ/2.1.21/2022 and 1.3.3.7 /2022 AfDB

**Contract Title:** Procurement of Laptops, Printers and Projectors for Liberia Revenue Authority and Bureau of State Own Enterprise

**Issued on:** August 19, 2022

1. The Republic of Liberia has received Financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB) toward the cost of Integrated Public Financial Management Reforms Project (IPFMRP-II) and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under the contract for procurement of Laptops, Printers and Projectors.
2. The Ministry of Finance and Development Planning through the Integrated Public Financial Management Reform Project-II now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the supply and delivery of Laptops, Printers and Projectors to support the **Liberia Revenue Authority and Bureau of State Own Enterprise** as delineated below:

Item	Description	Quantity	Delivery
1	Supply of Laptops	18	3-4 weeks
2	Supply of Printers (3-in-1)	18	3-4 weeks
3	Supply of Projectors	2	3- 4 weeks

4. Bidding will be conducted through Open National Competitive Procurement Method using Request for Quotation (RFQ) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers -" July, 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018 ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Project Management Unit (PMU) 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Annex, Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, Monrovia, Liberia; and inspect the bidding document during office hours 0900 to 1700 hours.
6. The bidding document (RFQ) in English may be collected at no cost by interested Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below.
7. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before September 2, 2022. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on September 2, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
8. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Mr. Vee-Musa Fofana, Acting Project Manager or Ms. Caroline Hoff Toe , 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Annex, Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, Monrovia, Liberia; e-mail: [vfofana@mfdp.gov.lr](mailto:vfofana@mfdp.gov.lr) and copy [ctoe@mfdp.gov.lr](mailto:ctoe@mfdp.gov.lr) and inspect the bidding document during office hours 09:00 to 17:00 hours at the address given below. The request for quotation document in English will be published on the Executive Mansion website.
9. Bidders are required to quote for all the items in the Schedule of Requirements. A partial quote will not be accepted.
10. Bidders shall submit Past Performance Record, List of References, Certificates and Achievements from previous Clients and Manufacturer or Distributors Authorization to prove their eligibility.
11. The address referred to above is:

Attn: Mr. Vee-Musa Fofana, Acting Project Manager  
 Public Financial Management Reforms for Institutional Strengthening Project (PFMRISP)/Project Management Unit  
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## MANO RIVER UNION UNION DU FLEUVE MANO



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### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

#### (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTING SERVICES)

**Position open to Nationals of the Mano River Union countries  
(Guinea, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone)**

**Project to Build Inclusive Business Ecosystems for Stabilization and  
Transformation in the Mano River Union (BI-BEST) – Technical  
Assistance and Capacity Development**

**Sectors:** GENDER EQUALITY  
**Financing Agreement reference:** 59001550168  
**Project ID No:** P-Z1-IDO-009  
**REF. NO:** EOI – AfDB/MRU/BI-BEST-0024  
**DATE OF ISSUE:** Tuesday, 16 August 2022

The Mano River Union Secretariat has received a grant from the African Development Fund to implement the project to Build Inclusive Business Ecosystems for Stabilization and Transformation (BI-BEST) in the Mano River Union (MRU), and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this grant to payments under the contract for the recruitment of a **Monitoring and Evaluation Assistant to monitor the project's indicators and coordinate the implementation of the monitoring, evaluation and sustainability plan.**

The services to be provided under the Assignment include the following:

- Develop the monitoring and evaluation plan with performance tracking indicators.
- Report on the status of the Monitoring and Evaluation of the project, and propose tools, methods or any other improvement in monitoring and evaluation.
- Provide advice on the development of data collection instruments and monitor data quality.
- Propose, in collaboration with the Communications Assistant and other Members of the Project Implementation Unit (PIU), methods of communication in terms of achievements (results) and impact of the activities of the project.
- Contribute to the preparation of Annual Work Plans and accompanying Budgets.
- Prepare quarterly reports to feed in the overall project quarterly reports and assist in the synthesis of the overall reports from the PIU.
- Participate in coordination meetings for the project.
- Participate in training programmes organized or arranged by the Bank.
- Develop a sustainability plan for the project and suggest innovations in the monitoring and evaluation of the overall performance of the project.
- Perform any other task that the Project Coordinator will wish to entrust to you.

#### **Minimum Education Qualification and Experience**

- A postgraduate degree in project monitoring and evaluation, planning or related field, at least three (3) years' experience in monitoring of projects of similar nature.
- Good knowledge and appreciation of capacity building, women's economic empowerment, socio-economic development, regional integration and related issues in MRU and its member States.
- Experience in Programme design, management, and implementation.
- Experience in developing and implementing monitoring and reporting tools.
- Experience in reviewing and writing results-based donor reports.
- Good report writing and analytical skills.
- Familiarity with computerized management information systems and management.
- Experience with the management of international technical cooperation programmes.
- Familiarity with AfDB programmes policies and procedures will be an added advantage.

#### **Other Qualities or Requirements**

- Demonstrated ability of high level/strategic report writing is a must.
- Demonstrated ability to transfer skills and knowledge – previous training or teaching experience a plus.
- High Proficiency in the use Microsoft Excel is a must.
- Very good time management skills and ability to multi-task and work under time pressure
- Demonstrated ability to communicate ideas and analyses clearly and tactfully, both orally and in writing.
- Fluency in English including demonstrated report writing skills.
- Ability to work in an effectively in a team-oriented environment.
- Demonstrated capacity to rapidly gain familiarity.

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The services to be provided under the Assignment include the following:

- Support the development and implementation of a communication and visibility plan for BI-BEST.
- Develop advocacy materials and builds strategic relationships with major partners and stakeholders to enhance BI-BEST project's visibility.
- Represent BI-BEST in communication groups as appropriate and provide guidance and advice on various issues relating to communication.
- Develop and disseminate communication products through avenues such as the Bank's web page, and social media channels among others in accordance with the Bank's Communication guidelines.
- Support development of communication materials for BI-BEST project impact/ results to be shared at regional and national level.
- Research, prepare fact-checking, edit, and produce professional media and communications materials for various audiences and ensure their timely dissemination and amplification via AfDB communications channels.
- Assist in drafting and editing articles, press releases, human interest stories and other advocacy materials.
- Contribute to policy, strategy, and reports.
- Oversee internal communications and liaise with the Front Office communication focal person.

#### **Minimum Education Qualification and Experience**

- A degree at postgraduate level in the field (e.g., communication/journalism, international relations, political science, economics, development, etc.).
- Five (5) years working experience in communication, journalism, writing and editing preferably in the area of communication for development, ideally within recognized international development institutions.
- Ability to deal with sensitive issues in a multi-cultural environment and to build effective working relations with colleagues.
- Understanding of the newsgathering and media storytelling process. Solid knowledge of online marketing tools and best practices.
- Familiarity with Adobe Edit Suite: knowledge of multimedia applications like Final Cut Pro, Canva, Quick or iMovie a distinct advantage.
- Fluency in social media and social media management platforms (Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, etc.).
- Experience leading the production of, or overseeing the production of, innovative and contemporary digital storytelling. Submit sample(s) of past communications materials, including articles, press releases, video scripts, social media posts, etc. in application.
- Competent in the use of standard software applications (MS Word, Power Point, Excel), advance Power Point and layout/design skills will be a distinct advantage.
- Demonstrable skills in writing and editing of impact stories, briefs, development project documents, project reporting, website content, promotional content etc.
- An understanding of communications strategy and the role of development institutions in the global aid architecture, knowledge issues within the gender equality and women's empowerment in cross border trade is an advantage.

#### **Other Qualities or Requirements**

- Demonstrated ability of high level/strategic report writing is a must.
- Demonstrated ability to transfer skills and knowledge – previous training or teaching experience a plus.
- High Proficiency in the use Microsoft Excel is a must.
- Very good time management skills and ability to multi-task and work under time pressure
- Demonstrated ability to communicate ideas and analyses clearly and tactfully, both orally and in writing.
- Fluency in English including demonstrated report writing skills.
- Ability to work effectively in a team-oriented environment.
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**Financing Agreement reference:** 59001550168  
**Project ID No:** P-Z1-IDO-009  
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The services to be provided under the Assignment include the following:

- Provide technical advice on women's entrepreneurship development and economic empowerment aspects and support project monitoring and reporting accordingly.
- Assist in monitoring and coordination of various research pieces and assessments to be conducted as part of the BI-BEST project, mainly the Gender responsive, climate friendly and conflict sensitive Value Chain Analysis and the gender audit of the MRU secretariat.
- Organize and carry out technical missions in target border areas and guide other Project Implementation Unit (PIU) members in Freetown and at liaison offices on impactful implementation of activities in favor of women cross border traders, including in synergy with other project funded by the African Development Bank group.
- Liaise and coordinate with women cross border traders, market actors, Grassroots organizations, governments, and regional institutions, as well as development partners to facilitate business linkages, networking, trust, resilience and cohesion in the selected value chains
- Perform other duties as assigned by the project coordinator, as part of the implementation of the BI-BEST project or needs for operational and strategic partnerships.

#### **Minimum Education Qualification and Experience**

- A Master's Degree in Business Administration, Public Administration, Economics, Business Management, Finance, Project Management or related field disciplines.
- At least 5 years of proven work experience in project management in international organizations, solid experience in Women's Economic Empowerment and entrepreneurial development, capacity building and project management and a good knowledge of international procurement procedures.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Experience in donor-funded projects will be an added advantage.
- Computer literate and good command of English.

#### **Other Qualities or Requirements**

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The Mano River Union Secretariat has received a grant from the African Development Fund to implement the project to Build Inclusive Business Ecosystems for Stabilization and Transformation (BI-BEST) in the Mano River Union (MRU). The Secretariat is also serving as implementing agency for the regional component for the Mano River Union Road Development and Transport Facilitation Programmer Phase 3. As such, it intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this grant to payments under the contract for the recruitment of a **Procurement Specialist to provide procurement advice and manage procurement activities for both projects.**

The services to be provided under the Assignment include the following:

- Set up a procurement management system of the projects based on the guideline and procedures for the conduct of procurement under African Development Bank (AfDB) funded projects according to the arrangements in respective agreements, for the procurement of goods, works, non-consulting services and consultancy services.
- Establish a procurement management tracking system for the projects to monitor the implementation of procurement activities in order to provide regular credible updates.
- Ensure the utilization of the AfDB Standard procurement documents, prepare Bidding Documents and Request for Proposals (RFP), Request for Quotations, Letters of Invitations, clarifications/amendments to procurement documentation required for the projects.
- Lead and facilitate various procurement processes including evaluation of bids, preparation of minutes of the Evaluation Committees and negotiation meetings, Evaluation Reports, contract award decisions, etc.
- In consultation with the Project's beneficiary agencies, prepare and update the Projects Annual Procurement Plans and Budgets in line with AfDB specification and requirements.
- Establish a register of qualified suppliers and consultants and periodically update this register to facilitate advertisements, solicitations and drawing up of shortlists when so required.
- In consultation with the beneficiary institutions, coordinate the preparation of Terms of Reference (ToRs), technical specifications using standard documentation, as recommended in respective agreements.
- Facilitate the procurement processes, including those for International and National Competitive Bidding procedures, ensuring compliance with agreed procurement methods' threshold, prior review requirements specific to the projects and agreed aggregate threshold amounts for less competitive procurement methods.
- Ensure effective and efficient management of all contracts under the two projects with adequate administrative mechanisms in monitoring the execution of the contracts.
- Prepare monthly, quarterly, semi-annual and annual procurement reports.
- Participates in tender committees' meetings ensuring that procurement decisions are in line with AfDB requirements and where applicable the relevant national laws. In addition, ensure that relevant criteria and ability to comply with terms and conditions are taken into consideration during tender evaluations.
- Related to the regional component of the MRU/RDTFP Phase 3, liaise with the procurement specialist of the 3 countries executing agencies (Sierra Leone Road Authority for Sierra Leone, Ministry of Public Work (Liberia) and Ministry of Works (Guinea) to ensure that all required procurement is in compliance with the funding agreements.
- Prepare and maintain asset registers for all assets procured under Bank funded projects.
- Establish and maintain a central procurement filing system (both electronically and manually), and ensure all related documents are included in the respective files, to ensure ease of retrieval of information and the ease of following the trail of procurement by independent external auditors or authorized agents.
- Provide training and capacity building needs of procurement staff of beneficiary agencies and other identified stakeholders to ensure long-term sustainability of the project outcomes, with a view of strengthening staff capacities and skills, filling skills gap and also support institutional strengthening.
- Carry out any other relevant duties that may from time to time be assigned by the project coordinator.

The Mano River Union Secretariat now invites eligible candidates to indicate their interest in this position and women are strongly encouraged to apply. Interested candidates must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae, a cover letter to the Project Coordinator including a list of at least three referees. The minimum education qualification and experience and as follows:

- Minimum Master's Degree in Procurement or related field experience.
- A minimum of 7 years in public procurement practices and procedures and a of Minimum of 5 years of experience in handling, managing procurement for Donor funded or administered projects.
- Membership in a recognized procurement-related institute such as CIPS or ISM will be an advantage.
- Knowledge of/experience with African Development Bank/other international development organizations' procurement procedures would be an added advantage.
- Demonstrated computer skills, knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite especially, Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

#### **Other Qualities or Requirements**

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# Français

## L'USAID met fin à son programme réussi de lecture au primaire et à la maternelle

L'ambassadeur des États-Unis au Libéria, Michael McCarthy, en compagnie avec des responsables du Ministère libérien de l'Éducation et autres parties prenantes, a procédé à la clôture du programme de lecture qui avait été lancé il y a cinq ans et qui a considérablement amélioré les compétences en lecture notamment des élèves du primaire et de la maternelle dans six comtés du pays.

Le programme USAID Read Liberia a été lancé en 2017 et a permis au gouvernement du Libéria d'atteindre plus de 180 000 élèves des 1ère et 2ème années dans 640 écoles primaires publiques avec un enseignement amélioré de la lecture dans six comtés, dont Lofa, Bong, Grand Bassa, Nimba, Margibi, et Montserrado. Plus de 5 000 élèves de la maternelle ont aussi bénéficié d'une amélioration des compétences en lecture et du vocabulaire, tandis que plus de 4 500 enseignants ont été formés à l'utilisation de la méthodologie de lecture au niveau élémentaire, et 391

418 kits d'enseignement et d'apprentissage ont été distribués.

Le programme a en outre amélioré les compétences dans le vocabulaire oral d'environ 2 700 élèves de la maternelle issus de 60 écoles maternelles publiques. Grâce au programme, environ 57 000 élèves des 1ère et 2ème années sont capables de lire des textes de niveau scolaire avec aisance et compréhension.

Les élèves qui ont bénéficié du programme Read Liberia peuvent désormais lire

correctement par minute près de deux fois plus de mots qu'avant le lancement du programme. L'on a assisté à une augmentation spectaculaire de 13 à 35 % du nombre des élèves de 2e année qui ont atteint la norme nationale de lecture correcte de 35 mots par minute.

S'exprimant lors de la cérémonie de clôture, l'ambassadeur McCarthy a affirmé que les États-Unis partageaient la vision du Libéria selon laquelle investir

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## Un mandat d'arrêt contre le numéro 1 de la Police Nationale de Liberia

Un tribunal de Monrovia a ordonné l'arrestation du chef de la Police Nationale du Libéria le colonel Patrick Sudue pour avoir prétendument refusé de répondre à une convocation de la Commission nationale indépendante des droits de l'homme (INCHR) dans le cadre d'une enquête sur les violences du 26 juillet.

L'INCHR voulait savoir davantage le rôle joué par la Police nationale du Libéria (LNP) lors de l'agression des

étudiants qui manifestaient pacifiquement le jour de l'indépendance du Libéria, le 26 juillet 2022.

Mais, le colonel Sudue aurait refusé de se présenter, à en croire la commission nationale indépendante des droits de l'homme qui a porté plainte devant la Cour de droit civil de Monrovia.

La juge présidente de la Cour de droit civil Nancy Finda Sammy a ainsi lancé un mandat d'arrêt contre le colonel Sudue. "Au shérif ou adjoint, il vous est ordonné d'arrêter le corps vivant de l'inspecteur général Patrick

Sudue", a ordonné la juge.

Elle a ordonné que le colonel Sudue soit traduit devant le tribunal pour justifier, le cas échéant, pourquoi il refuse de comparaître devant l'INCHR.

Le 17 août 2022, l'INCHR, sur ordre de son président Me T. Dempster Brown, a écrit au tribunal pour se plaindre du prétendu refus de l'inspecteur général de la police de comparaître pour être interrogé sur le rôle de la police lors des violences du 26 juillet.

Selon Me Brown, l'INCHR avait invité le colonel Sudue pour, conformément au mandat de l'institution, savoir quel rôle la LNP a joué au cours des violences. « C'était pour conseiller le gouvernement et les parties prenantes, mais le colonel Sudue a refusé de coopérer », a-t-il dit.

L'objectif de l'enquête était d'établir l'ampleur et la gravité de la situation en ce qui concerne les violations des droits de l'homme, en particulier le droit à la liberté de réunion, d'expression, d'association et le droit à la vie et à la dignité.

Toujours selon la commission, le colonel Sudue a

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## Éditorial

### Le Représentant Solomon George a déçu

Le représentant du district n° 7 du comté de Montserrado Solomon "Jah Rude" George conseille au président George Manneh Weah d'interdire le syndicalisme à l'Université du Libéria et dans toutes les écoles du pays. Ce conseil est non seulement absurde, mais aussi très honteux et décevant. C'est le plus mauvais conseil qu'un loyaliste aveugle qui ne voit pas au-delà de son nez donne au président.

Le simple fait que le député de la Coalition pour le changement démocratique (CDC) se demande l'importance du Parti de l'unification des étudiants (SUP) de l'Université du Libéria démontre clairement qu'il est possédé par le pouvoir et que la raison l'a quitté. Il parle comme quelqu'un qui n'a jamais été à l'école.

Que craint le représentant George pour vouloir l'interdiction et la suppression pure et simple des mouvements syndicaux estudiantins dans le pays, qui, pourtant font partie des activités universitaires qui permettent aux étudiants de démontrer leur potentiel et leurs talents pour une responsabilité future.

Pour mémoire, les récentes violences du jour de l'indépendance du 26 juillet devant l'ambassade des États-Unis près de Monrovia ont été orchestrées et exécutées par le CDC-Council of Patriots, et non par des membres du SUP. Les victimes, c'étaient les étudiants de l'Université du Libéria.

Le seul tort qu'ils ont fait et pour lequel ils ont été brutalisés a été d'appeler pacifiquement le gouvernement à s'attaquer aux difficultés atroces dans le pays qui ont rendu l'environnement d'apprentissage peu propice pour eux.

Les violations généralisées des droits de l'homme, les morts mystérieuses et les assassinats arbitraires dont se rendent coupables les forces de sécurité de l'État sous l'administration Weah ne sont pas l'œuvre des étudiants. Ils ne sont pas non plus auteurs de la corruption massive qui a gangrené la société et des violations constitutionnelles flagrantes que les Libériens et la communauté internationale continuent de déplorer.

Au contraire, ce sont des étudiants innocents et pacifiques qui endurent à travers le pays les brûlures du pillage des derniers publics par ce régime qui les prive aussi d'opportunités pour un avenir meilleur.

C'est triste que le législateur du district n° 7 de Montserrado ignore le sort de ses électeurs - les personnes négligées du canton de West Point et des environs lors de la tournée actuelle du président dans le comté et ne parle plutôt que de l'interdiction des mouvements syndicaux estudiantins. Comment cela profite-t-il directement à son peuple ?

Le représentant « Jah Rude » devrait défendre son district auprès du président plutôt que de se concentrer sur quelque chose qui n'interfère en aucune façon avec la gouvernance de l'État.

Le gouvernement et ses responsables, y compris des gens comme le représentant George, semblent terrifiés par la réaction du gouvernement des États-Unis contre la corruption publique qui a été institutionnalisée par l'administration Weah.

Le législateur du CDC devrait plutôt conseiller au président de prendre des mesures contre les responsables déterminés à ternir son gouvernement et l'image du pays plutôt que de chercher à s'attaquer à des étudiants innocents souffrants, qui peuvent difficilement se permettre un repas décent parce que leurs parents sont au chômage, principalement en raison de la situation économique épouvantable.



# Français

## L'USAID met fin à son programme

dans une éducation de qualité est un puissant moteur de développement et l'un des instruments les plus puissants pour réduire la pauvreté et améliorer la santé, l'égalité des sexes, la paix et la stabilité. « Le gouvernement américain continuera d'investir dans l'éducation des jeunes Libériens, en particulier au niveau primaire. Parce que la recherche montre que des investissements de qualité à ce niveau ont des effets multiplicateurs importants tout au long de la vie des enfants », a déclaré l'ambassadeur McCarthy.

Pour sa part, James Massaquoi, ministre adjoint de l'Éducation chargé des affaires fiscales, a remercié le gouvernement américain pour avoir soutenu le programme qui a eu un impact positif sur le processus d'apprentissage des enfants du Libéria. Il a appelé les parents d'élèves à s'impliquer davantage et activement dans l'éducation de leurs enfants en jouant un rôle plutôt actif que passif.

Utilisant des recherches menées par l'USAID et ses

partenaires, le programme a été conçu pour aider le gouvernement libérien à remplir son engagement d'améliorer l'enseignement de la lecture au niveau primaire, de fournir du matériel didactique approprié et améliorer l'enseignement de la lecture en classe.

Pour soutenir davantage le ministère de l'Éducation, Read Liberia a travaillé avec le ministère sur la révision du matériel didactique existant et le développement d'un nouveau matériel didactique mieux adapté. Il s'agit des guides pédagogiques pour les enseignants, des livres d'activités pour les élèves, des livres de lecture contenant des histoires pour enfants, des livres supplémentaires pour la maternelle et les classes de 1ère et 2ème années. Plus de 15 395 manuels et autres matériels didactiques ont été distribués aux enseignants et aux élèves. L'activité a engagé 635 associations de parents d'élèves pour soutenir les activités de lecture au niveau primaire. Cela a permis aux parents d'encourager et favoriser une culture d'excellence en lecture.

## Un mandat d'arrêt contre le numéro

refusé deux fois de répondre à ses convocations, comme quoi la procédure interne de la police ne lui permettait pas de se soumettre à l'enquête publique de l'INCHR.

Mais la commission a fait valoir dans sa plainte que l'article 6 (1) de la loi INCHR de 2005 prévoit que « la commission, lorsqu'elle enquête sur des plaintes en vertu de cette loi, a tous les pouvoirs d'un tribunal civil jugeant une action en vertu de la loi de procédure civile du Libéria ».

La loi lui confère ainsi un pouvoir d'assignation à comparaître pour traduire dans sa juridiction les personnes accusées de violation des droits de l'homme sur la base de plaintes de parties lésées.

À l'article 6 (4), a ajouté la commission, la loi stipule en

outre qu'au cas où une personne refuse de comparaître dans le cadre d'une enquête, la commission peut demander à un tribunal de circuit de délivrer un mandat d'arrêt.

« Le mandat d'arrêt du tribunal a pour but d'obliger l'accusé à comparaître devant la commission », a ajouté l'INCHR.

La commission a donc prié le tribunal d'émettre le mandat d'arrêt contre le colonel Sudue pour sa comparution dans le cadre de l'enquête publique de l'INCHR.

La juge Sammy a souscrit à l'argument de l'INCHR, affirmant que sa demande est conforme à son mandat de protection et de promotion des droits de l'homme.

Elle a déclaré que la demande est également conforme au mandat de la commission de connaître le rôle de la police nationale du Libéria lors des violences du 26 juillet.

## Côte d'Ivoire : Simone Gbagbo crée son parti politique trois ans avant l'élection présidentielle

Simone Gbagbo a annoncé samedi à Abidjan la création de son parti politique. L'ex-première dame de Côte d'Ivoire rompt ainsi politiquement avec Laurent Gbagbo, avec qui elle avait formé un redoutable tandem au pouvoir pendant dix ans.

L'ex-première dame de Côte d'Ivoire Simone Gbagbo a créé samedi 20 août son mouvement politique, trois ans avant la présidentielle de 2025.

Cette rupture politique avec

l'ancien président Laurent Gbagbo, avec qui elle avait formé un redoutable tandem au pouvoir pendant dix ans, suit une rupture d'ordre privée : Simone et Laurent Gbagbo sont en instance de divorce, à la demande de ce dernier.

Étant la seule candidate, Simone Ehivet Gbagbo a été élue sans surprise présidente du Mouvement des générations capables (MGC) avec 100 % des voix par plusieurs centaines de délégués de tout le pays, lors d'une assemblée générale.

## COMMENTAIRE

Par Eddie Ndopu

## "Je dénoncerai inlassablement les violations des droits fondamentaux"

NEW-YORK - Quand l'ONU a été créée à l'issue de la Deuxième Guerre mondiale, il aurait été inimaginable d'envisager que quelqu'un comme moi - jeune, Noir, homosexuel et en fauteuil roulant - puisse occuper un poste important au sein de l'organisation. Or je serai parmi les candidats envisagés par l'ONU pour succéder à Michelle Bachelet le mois prochain, quand elle quittera son poste de Haut Commissaire des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme. C'est un symbole remarquable du chemin parcouru par l'humanité depuis 1945.

Si je suis choisi, je serai le fonctionnaire de plus haut rang en situation de handicap depuis la création de l'ONU. Ce serait une victoire historique pour les 1,3 milliards de personnes handicapées qui d'après l'ONU constituent le plus grand groupe minoritaire.

Signée en 2007, la Convention relative aux droits des personnes handicapées est un instrument important en faveur de l'inclusion. Néanmoins, il est encore très rare de voir une personne en fauteuil roulant occuper une position de pouvoir. Dans bien des endroits du monde, le rejet d'un gamin noir handicapé constitue la quintessence de l'exclusion.

J'aurais pu facilement être ce gamin. Cependant, mon expérience de militant des droits de l'homme a commencé à l'âge de six ans, lorsque le visage baigné de larmes, j'ai dit à ma mère : "Je veux aller à l'école."

En Namibie où j'ai passé les neuf premières années de ma vie, la vie d'un enfant en fauteuil roulant est souvent extrêmement limitée - comme dans une grande partie du monde en développement. Selon les Nations unies, 90 à 98 % des enfants handicapés des pays du Sud n'ont pas la moindre possibilité d'aller à l'école.

À l'époque, je me battais avec toute mon énergie pour simplement rester en vie. À l'âge de deux ans, on m'a diagnostiqué une atrophie musculaire spinale, une maladie dégénérative mortelle qui attaque le système nerveux. Les médecins ont dit à ma mère que je ne vivrais probablement pas jusqu'à mon cinquième anniversaire... j'ai 31 ans.

Ma mère qui essuyait les larmes de mes yeux était déterminée. Elle a trouvé une école qui a accepté de me prendre. Le premier jour, on m'a placé tout au fond de la classe. Il était clair qu'on n'attendait pas grand-chose de moi. J'ai stupéfié l'enseignante en écrivant mon nom, ce que la plupart des autres enfants ne savaient pas faire. Un grand sourire a éclairé son visage. Elle a vu que je pouvais apprendre comme les autres, peut-être même plus vite.

Cette expérience m'a appris à viser haut, quels que soient les obstacles. Ma candidature à la succession de Michelle Bachelet vise à repousser les limites du possible, non seulement pour les personnes handicapées, mais aussi pour tous ceux qui se sont un jour sentis dévalorisés, sous-estimés ou marginalisés.

Si je suis sélectionné, je serai le plus jeune dirigeant au niveau de la direction de l'ONU, une organisation qui souligne régulièrement

l'importance qu'il y a à impliquer les jeunes, car ils sont les premiers concernés par l'avenir. Pourtant, nous sommes largement sous-représentés dans l'institution. Le choix d'un jeune dirigeant à ce poste donnerait un nouvel élan et une nouvelle autorité au travail du Haut Commissaire des Nations unies.

Le respect des droits de l'homme pour tous semble une quête irréaliste - surtout aujourd'hui où tout semble impossible. Mais comme l'a dit Nelson Mandela, "Cela semble toujours impossible jusqu'à ce que cela soit fait".

Je me suis rappelé ces mots il y a quelque temps, lorsque travaillant à Amnesty International, on m'a confié la mission impossible de réunir deux groupes connus pour leur méfiance mutuelle : les chefs d'entreprise et les défenseurs des droits de l'homme. Je les ai persuadés de s'écouter les uns les autres dans le cadre d'une campagne visant à empêcher les industries extractives de fermer les yeux sur les violations des droits de l'homme en Afrique.

À une époque où le monde est de plus en plus fracturé et où l'on a l'impression que nous avons tout simplement cessé de nous écouter les uns les autres, le Haut-commissariat des Nations unies aux droits de l'homme est particulièrement qualifié pour relever les défis les plus pressants d'aujourd'hui. Pour la première fois depuis 2001, la majorité de la population de la planète vit sous des régimes non démocratiques qui ne respectent pas les droits fondamentaux. Nous sommes confrontés à un nationalisme exacerbé, à une crise économique émergente et à une pandémie mondiale - une crise sanitaire à laquelle trop de gouvernements ont répondu en revendiquant des pouvoirs exceptionnels et en restreignant certains droits fondamentaux. Par ailleurs, les conflits qui se déroulent en Ukraine, au Sahel, en Birmanie et dans bien d'autres endroits s'accompagnent de violations de ces droits.

Dans une période comme celle-ci, le Haut Commissaire aux droits de l'homme joue un rôle crucial en servant de phare pour leur défense et en soutenant ceux qui ont le courage d'élever la voix lorsqu'ils constatent leur violation. Comme l'a déclaré le Secrétaire général de l'ONU, Antonio Guterres, les droits de l'homme sous-tendent "l'ensemble du système des Nations Unies. ... Ils sont essentiels pour s'attaquer aux causes et aux conséquences de toutes les crises complexes, et pour construire des sociétés durables, sûres et pacifiques".

Si le Secrétaire général me choisit pour ce rôle, mon travail consistera à identifier et à dénoncer inlassablement les violations des droits, quels que soient les intérêts puissants qui s'y opposent, et à m'engager avec les défenseurs de la société civile pour rendre le travail de l'ONU plus participatif et plus pertinent pour susciter le changement.

Je suis sans doute un candidat atypique pour ce poste, un choix impossible diraient certains. Mais je crois que tout spécialement à notre époque, une nouvelle manière de penser, une nouvelle énergie et la capacité de voir comment surmonter des barrières apparemment impossibles à franchir, c'est exactement ce dont le monde a besoin.

Traduit de l'anglais par Patrice Horovitz

Eddie Ndopu est militant des droits de l'homme et défenseur des objectifs de développement durable de l'ONU.

# Evidences of Minister McGill's Non-interference and non-influencing of contracts



AN ACT TO RATIFY THE PRE-FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE RIGID PAVEMENT OF 24.5KM OF EXISTING SECONDARY ROADS FROM KLAY TO DC CLARKE IN BOMI COUNTY AND 51KM OF SELECTED NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY ROADS IN MONROVIA AND ITS ENVIRONS

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It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled:

**SECTION I:** That from and immediately upon the passage of this “ACT TO RATIFY THE PRE-FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE RIGID PAVEMENT OF 24.5KM OF EXISTING SECONDARY ROAD FROM KLAY TO DC CLARKE IN BOMI COUNTY AND 51KM OF SELECTED NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY ROADS IN MONROVIA AND ITS ENVIRONS” as herein recited below word for word in the authentic English version be and the same is hereby ratified to give full force and effect to the provisions as contained herein.

**SECTION II: SHORT TITLE:** This Act shall also be cited as “PRE-FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE RIGID PAVEMENT OF 24.5KM OF EXISTING SECONDARY ROAD FROM KLAY TO DC CLARKE IN BOMI COUNTY AND 51KM OF SELECTED NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY ROADS IN MONROVIA AND ITS ENVIRONS”

**SECTION III:** That any and all obligations, covenants, terms and conditions as contained in the above mentioned “ACT TO RATIFY THE PRE-FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE RIGID PAVEMENT OF 24.5KM OF EXISTING SECONDARY ROAD FROM KLAY TO DC CLARKE IN BOMI COUNTY AND 51KM OF SELECTED NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY ROADS IN MONROVIA AND ITS ENVIRONS” shall be carried into full completion unless otherwise modified, amended, or repealed.

**SECTION IV:**  
This Act, shall take effect immediately upon publication into handbills.

ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING

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SIXTH SESSION OF THE FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

HOUSE'S ENGROSSED BILL NO. 24 ENTITLED:

“AN ACT TO RATIFY THE PRE-FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE RIGID PAVEMENT OF 24.5KM OF EXISTING SECONDARY ROADS FROM KLAY TO DC CLARKE IN BOMI COUNTY AND 51KM OF SELECTED NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY ROADS IN MONROVIA AND ITS ENVIRONS”

On motion, Bill read. On motion, the Bill was adopted on its first reading and sent to Committee Room on Thursday, May 25, 2017 @ 13:10 G.M.T.

On motion, the Bill was taken from Committee Room for its second reading. On motion, under the suspension of the rule, the second reading of the Bill constituted its third and final reading, and the Bill was adopted, passed into the full force of the law, and ordered engrossed today, Tuesday, August 8, 2017 @ 13:26 G.M.T.

*Mildred N. Jayon*  
CHIEF CLERK, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, R.L.

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SIXTH SESSION OF THE FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

SENATE'S ENDORSEMENT TO HOUSE'S ENGROSSED BILL NO: 24 ENTITLED:

“AN ACT TO RATIFY THE PRE-FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE RIGID PAVEMENT OF 24.5KM OF EXISTING SECONDARY ROADS FROM KLAY TO DC CLARKE IN BOMI COUNTY AND 51KM OF SELECTED NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY ROADS IN MONROVIA AND ITS ENVIRONS”

On Motion, Bill read. On motion, the Bill was adopted on its first reading and sent to Committee Room on Tuesday, August 10, 2017 at the hour of 12:20 G.M.T.

On motion, Bill was taken from the Committee Room for its second reading. On motion, under the suspension of the rule, the second reading of the Bill constituted its third and final reading and the Bill was adopted, passed into the full force of the law and ordered engrossed today, Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 14:53 G.M.T.

*[Signature]*  
SECRETARY, LIBERIAN SENATE, R.L.

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ATTESTATION TO:

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VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA/  
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

*[Signature]*  
SECRETARY, LIBERIAN SENATE

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SPEAKER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, R.L.

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SIXTH SESSION OF THE FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

SCHEDULE OF HOUSE'S ENROLLED BILL NO. 19 ENTITLED:

“AN ACT TO RATIFY THE PRE-FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE RIGID PAVEMENT OF 24.5KM OF EXISTING SECONDARY ROADS FROM KLAY TO DC CLARKE IN BOMI COUNTY AND 51KM OF SELECTED NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY ROADS IN MONROVIA AND ITS ENVIRONS”

PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA FOR EXECUTIVE APPROVAL.

APPROVED THIS: 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER A.D. 2017

AT THE HOUR OF 4:30 P.M.

*[Signature]*  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

PRE-FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE RIGID PAVEMENT OF 24.5KM OF EXISTING SECONDARY ROADS FROM KLAY TO DC CLARKE IN BOMI COUNTY AND 51KM OF SELECTED NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY ROADS IN MONROVIA AND ITS ENVIRONS



This Rigid Pavement Pre-Financing Agreement (the "Agreement"), dated \_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ between the Republic of Liberia, represented by the Ministry of Public Works, the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (hereinafter referred to as the "Government") and East International Group Incorporated, a company established under the laws of the Republic of Liberia (hereinafter referred to as the "East International") for the purpose of pre-financing the implementation of the pavement of 51 KM Neighborhood Roads and 24.5 KM of Existing Roads from Klay to DC Clark in Bomi County (as defined in the Appendix 1 to this Pre-financing Agreement).

WHEREAS, the Government of Liberia has a goal of reducing travel time for its citizens, enhancing national economic efficiency, and promoting social welfare of the Liberian people;

WHEREAS, the Government is mindful of the relevance of constructing durable road networks throughout the Republic, which it deems critical to achieving its goal geared towards providing ease of access for all its citizens and residents alike, thereby spurring national development;

WHEREAS, the deplorable condition of the existing road corridor from Klay to DC Clark in Bomi County, poses a continuing challenge of access to medical care, as experienced during Liberia's recent EBOLA crisis, which prevented first responders from accessing outlying communities to transport EBOLA infected persons to designated treatment centers;

WHEREAS, the rehabilitation and upgrading of the neighborhood roads will improve the social welfare, economic conditions, and zoning effect of one of Africa's oldest capitol city;

WHEREAS, this pre-financing agreement is necessitated as a consequence of the Government of Liberia's current economic constraints, prohibiting its ability to implement and complete a number of critical national projects;

WHEREAS, East International Group Inc., a construction company licensed to undertake construction works in Liberia, did participate in and won the National Competitive Bidding (IFB No. MPW/RPP/NCB/001/15/16) issued on November 15, 2016, for the aforementioned road corridors under a pre-financing arrangement, where they are to provide the requisite finances for the implementation of the project;

NOW THEREFORE, the Government and East International hereby agree as follows:

## ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1 Where used in this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms have the following meanings:

"Agreement" means this Rigid Pavement Pre-financing Agreement, its schedules, and appendices.

"East International" shall have the meaning given in the preamble.

"Environmental and Social Impact Assessment" or "ESIA" means the framework form and substance satisfactory to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), setting out modalities to be followed in assessing the potential adverse environmental and social impact associated with activities to be implemented under the Project, and the measure to be taken to offset, reduce, or mitigate such adverse impact.

"Environmental and Social Management Plan" or "ESMP" means a plan, approved by EPA for the Project, to be prepared by East International Group Incorporated, by proposing appropriate mitigation, monitoring and institutional measures designed to mitigate potential adverse environmental and resettlement impacts, offset them, and reduce them to acceptable levels or enhance positive impacts, as the same may be amended from time to time.

"Financing Amount" means an amount not more than Fifty-Seven Million United States Dollars to be pre-financed by East International for completion of the Project.

"Government" shall have the meaning given in the preamble.

"Ministry of Public Works" or "MPW" means the Government of Liberia's Ministry of Public Works.

"Notice of Effectiveness" means a written notice in the form set forth hereto, which shall be the Project Start Date.

"Project" means the rigid concrete pavement of certain roads as described heretofore

"Project Implementation Team" or "PIT" means the project implementation team within the Ministry of Public Works as referred heretofore in this agreement, which shall include, at a minimum, a Project Coordinator, a Procurement Specialist, a Financial Management Specialist, and an Environmental Specialist.

"Project Start Date" means the date the Notice of Effectiveness is issued confirming that the Effective Date of this Agreement has occurred and the execution of the Subsidiary Contract Agreement.

"Resettlement Action Plan" or "RAP" means the plan prepared by the Government of Liberia on the basis of the RPF (as hereinafter defined) supplemented from time to time with the prior written concurrence of East International and subject to the initial consultation and disclosure requirements carried out on the RAP.

"Repayment Schedule" means the schedule showing the dates and amounts of repayment of the Loan set forth herein.

"Subsidiary Contract Agreement" means the works contract required under this agreement to be executed between the Government and East International pursuant to which East International Group shall implement the project.

## ARTICLE 2. FINANCING

2.1 The EAST INTERNATIONAL GROUP INCORPORATED agrees to procure on behalf of the Liberian Government, for the purpose of implementing the Project, an external loan in an amount not to exceed Fifty Nine Million Five Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Ten United States Dollars and Nine Cents (US\$59,567,010.9) on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement (the "Financing Amount")

2.2 The Government and East International shall utilize and drawdown the proceeds for the financing in support of the Project in accordance with terms and conditions in this Agreement and the Subsidiary Agreement.

2.3 There shall be no interest payable by the Government on the Financing.

2.4 The payment of the Financing to the Contractor(s) shall be as required by the Subsidiary Agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions stipulated herein.

2.5 All disbursements and repayments of the Financing Amount shall be recorded in United States Dollars, except as otherwise agreed to by the Parties.

2.6 The repayment of the Financing Amount shall be completed in accordance with the Repayment Schedule.

2.7 The entire proceeds of the Financing shall be applied for the sole purpose of the financing of One Hundred percent (100%) of the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Subsidiary Contract Agreement.

## ARTICLE 3. DISBURSEMENT OF FINANCING AMOUNT

Section 3.1 The first disbursement of the Financing Amount is subject to the satisfaction of the following:

- a. This Agreement is ratified by the National Legislature and approved by the President.
  - (a) The Government and East International shall enter into a Subsidiary Contract Agreement defining the terms and conditions for completion of the Project. The Subsidiary Contract Agreement shall provide that:
    - (i) East International shall submit Quarterly Project Reports to the MPW to be submitted within two weeks of the end of each quarter, which shall include the status of: (a) engineering, procurement and construction contracts and activities; (b) Project cost and disbursement; and (c) the results monitoring indicators for its Parts of the Project;
    - (ii) Construction and completion of the Project shall be in compliance with Liberian law, including environmental and labor laws;
    - (iii) Except for an initial mobilization amount to be agreed upon by the Parties, a Certificate of Completion for each phase of work shall be issued by the Ministry of Public Works, upon confirmation by an Independent Consultant, prior to any payments or drawdown from the Financing Amount by East International;
    - (iv) Submit to MPW the Project Reports referred to above not later than two (2) weeks after the end of the period covered by such reports developed by EAST INTERNATIONAL GROUP INCORPORATED; and
    - (v) During the term of this Agreement, East International shall maintain a financial management system, prepare financial statements and conduct regular audits in accordance with standards acceptable to the General Auditing Commission of Liberia (GAC) relating to the payment/drawdown of the Financing Amount, costs and expenditures, and repayment of the Financing Amount by the Government.
    - (vi) East International shall with due care and diligence, design, execute and complete the works and remedy any defects therein in accordance with the provision of the Subsidiary Contract Agreement and shall provide superintendence, labor, materials, plant, equipment, and all other things, whether of a temporary or permanent nature, required in and for such design, execution, completion of the Project and remedying of any defects.

## ARTICLE 4. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

Section 4.1 The Government and East International jointly declare their commitment to the completion of the Project and shall ensure the Project is completed in accordance with this Agreement and the Subsidiary Contract Agreement.

Section 4.2 The Government hereby represents and warrants as follows:

- (a) The Republic of Liberia is represented by the Ministry of Public Works and Ministry of Finance and Development Planning of Liberia, and has full power, authority and legal rights to borrow the Financing Amount on the terms and conditions hereunder.
- (b) As of the Effective Date, the Government has completed all the authorizations, acts and procedures as required by the laws of the Liberia in order for this Agreement to constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Government in accordance with its terms.
- (c) As of the Effective Date, this Agreement constitutes legal, valid and binding obligation of the Government.

Section 4.3 East International hereby represents and warrants as follows:

- (a) It is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under Liberian Law, and has the corporate power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement.
- (b) This Agreement has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of East International, and this Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of East International enforceable in accordance with its terms.
- (c) East International has the technical and financial capacity to provide the Financing Amount and implement the Project.

ARTICLE 5. EFFECTIVENESS

Section 5.1 The Condition of Effectiveness consists of the following (the "Effective Date"):

- (a) This Agreement has been duly signed by the Parties, ratified by the National Legislature and approved by the President;
(b) The Subsidiary Contract Agreement has been executed in form and substance satisfactory to the Parties, to encompass the specification of the Project as envisaged by Section 3(b) of this Agreement;
(c) A Notice of Effectiveness is issued certifying the completion of Section 3. (a) and 3.(b).
(d) The Effectiveness Deadline shall be the date ninety (90) days following the ratification of this Agreement by the National Legislature and approval by the President.

ARTICLE 6. SUSPENSION; TERMINATION; REMEDIES

Section 6.1 If an Event of Suspension shall occur and is continuing for a period of thirty (30) business days following receipt of notice of the occurrence of an Event of Suspension, the Party claiming the Event of Suspension may suspend performance until such time as such Event of Suspension is remedied.

Section 6.2 A "Government Event of Suspension" shall mean the Act creating the Ministry of Public Works has been amended, suspended, abrogated, repealed the ability of the Ministry of Public Works to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement.

Section 6.3 A "Company Event of Suspension" shall mean that East International shall fail to perform any obligation under this Agreement or is in breach of the Subsidiary Contract Agreement and such failure to perform or breach is not remedied within thirty (30) business days following receipt of notice from the Government of the occurrence of a Company Event of Suspension.

Section 6.4 This Agreement may be terminated upon the occurrence of an Event of Suspension that is continuing for thirty (30) business days following notice of such Event of Suspension, the Party claiming the Event of Suspension may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days prior written notice of termination.

ARTICLE 7. MISCELLANEOUS

Section 7.1 This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with laws of Liberia. Any claim or dispute by either party against the other arising out of this Agreement may be settled by negotiation between the Parties, and failing such settlement, the Party bringing such dispute may seek all remedies available at law.

Section 7.2 All notices or other documents in connection with this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered or sent either personally or by post or email to the following respective address or email addresses of both parties; in the event that the following address or email of any party hereunder has changed, such party shall immediately inform the other party in the way set out in this Agreement:

a. To East International:

Cao Yun Feng
CEO/Chairman
ELWA (Opposite S.K.D.)
east\_88888@163.com
jkbuiama@gmail.com

To the Government:

b. Hon. W. Gyude Moore
Minister
Ministry of Public Works
P. O. Box 9011
South Lynch Street
Monrovia, Liberia
wgy Moore@mpw.gov.lr

c. Hon. Boima S. Kamara
The Minister
Ministry of Finance and Development Planning of Liberia (MFPD)
P.O. BOX 10-9016, 1000 Monrovia, 10 Liberia
bkamara@mfdp.gov.lr

- d. Any notice or document so addressed to the relevant party under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been delivered:
i. if sent by personal delivery or by Post: at the time of delivery;
ii. if sent by email, when the notice or document is sent.

Section 7.3 Unless otherwise provided, no failure or delay by either Party in exercising any of its rights, power or privilege under this Agreement shall impair such right, power or privilege or operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege preclude any further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege.

Section 7.4 The appendices to this Agreement, as has been adjusted, shall be deemed as an integral part of this Agreement and have the same legal effect as this Agreement.

Section 7.5 The Subsidiary Agreement referred to in Article 3 of this Pre-financing Agreement shall conform to the overall objectives of the Project and shall not deviate from any of the provisions and terms of the Pre-financing Agreement, including the adjusted Appendix 1.

Section 7.6 Contract no. MPW-W-003-16/17 entered by and between the Ministry of Public Works and East International Group Inc. shall be incorporated and be an integral part of this Pre-financing agreement.

Section 7.7 This Pre-financing Agreement shall be subject to review every two (2) years to make the necessary adjustment to any change in circumstances and any change from said review shall be approved by the Legislature.

Section 7.8 The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Parties hereto, their successors by operation of law and permitted assignees and legal representatives including without limitation in the case of Government, all successor Governments and/or institutions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this Agreement, through their respective duly authorized representatives, on the day, month and year indicated below.

Signed in \_\_\_\_\_ originals on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2017.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA:

Hon. W. Gyude Moore
Minister
Ministry of Public Works

Hon. Boima S. Kamara
Minister
Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFPD)

FOR EAST INTERNATIONAL GROUP INC.:

Cao Yun Feng
CEO/Chairman

Mr. Frederick D. Chorus
Minister
Ministry of Justice

APPROVED BY:
Her Excellency Madam Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
President, Republic of Liberia

Appendix 1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- 1.1. The Government has opted through the Ministry of Public Works to implement Right Concrete Pavement of Lot 1: 24.5 KM of Existing Secondary Road From Klay to DC Clarke in Bomi County and Lot 2: 31 KM of Selected Community/Neighborhood Roads Within Monrovia and its Environs Under A Pre-Financing Agreement and Contract Arrangement With Repayment Terms Ranging from 5-7 Years.
1.2. The specifications and conditions for completion of the works are contained in the National Competitive Bidding Documents (IFB No. MPW/RFP/NCR/001/16/17), which shall be incorporated by reference to this agreement.

LOT 1:

Table with 5 columns: NO., NAME OF ROAD, LOCATION, ROAD CATEGORY, LENGTH OF ROAD. Row 1: BOMI COUNTY, KLAY-DC CLARK, SECONDARY, 24.5 KM. Total: 24.5 KM.

LOT 2:

Table with 5 columns: NO., NAME OF ROAD, LOCATION, ROAD CATEGORY, LENGTH OF ROAD. Rows include St. Michael Rd, Manatimba Rd, Chucky Taylor Rd, St. Francis Rd, Nicklely Town, etc. Subtotal: 31.90 KM.

Table with 5 columns: NO., NAME OF ROAD, LOCATION, ROAD CATEGORY, LENGTH OF ROAD. Rows include Chocolate City, Pond Beach Rd, Chugbor Rd, 12 Houses Rd, Benson Hosp Rd, Cow Field Rd, Police, etc. Subtotal: 31.90 KM.

GROUP INC. NOTED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RIGHT CONCRETE PAVEMENT OF EXISTING SECONDARY ROAD KLAY-DC CLARKE IN BOMI COUNTY AND MONROVIA AND ITS ENVIRONS. We present our congratulations and wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated reference above, which sought the approval of the Commission for the Ministry of Public Works (MPW) to award contracts... Having reviewed submitted documents, the Commission notes your assertions and relying on your assurances... We look forward to your continued support as we strive to attain equality, fairness, transparency, accountability and public confidence in our procurement and concessions processes.

Regulating and Monitoring Compliance with the Public Procurement And Concessions Act of Liberia. 9:40 AM. Republic of Liberia MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS P.O. Box 9011, 107 Lynch Street Monrovia, Liberia. Office of the Minister WGM-M/MPW-RL/1100s/2017 January 14, 2017 The General Manager East International Group Monrovia, Liberia. Dear Mr. /Madam Manager: IFB No. MPW/RFP/NCR/001/16/17 Subject: Notification of Award. This is to notify you that you are the successful bidder for the 24.5km of Existing Secondary Road Klay-DC Clarke in Bomi County Right Concrete Pavement Project Lot-1 under IFB No. MPW/RFP/NCR/001/16/17 in the amount of US\$19,968,887.89 (Nineteen Million, Nine Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars and Eighty Eight Cents and Eighty Eight Mills) as indicated in the 'Award Schedule' according to the Ad-Proc Bid Evaluation Form. However, please be informed that your contract value remains the same as stated in your Bid of Quantity for Lot One. This notification of Award will constitute the formation of Contract after your submission of US\$395,110.74 as Performance Security from a reputable bank in Liberia within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the notification of Award. Failure to comply with the fulfillment of Performance Security and signing of Contract within the time frame will constitute the failure of formation of Contract and forfeiture of bid security. You are hereby instructed to proceed with the necessary action (s) for the Right Concrete pavement Project Lot-1 of the existing secondary road Klay-DC Clarke in Bomi County.

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# Church must pray for good leaders

- Cummings

The Church plays a pivotal role not only in the spiritual transformation of a nation, but also in helping to provide moral guidance in choosing good leaders, the Political

Mr. Cummings said such role by the Church to pray and provide moral, guidance to their Christian congregations, is critical to not only spiritual transformation, but also electing good and trusted leadership for Liberia.

program organized by the Paynesville Seventh Day Advantage Central Church to purchase a 32-seated bus.

The SDA Church is one of the oldest Churches, with established hospitals, clinics and well-organized school system including a university, spread out in Liberia.

Cummings urged the SDA Church congregation and Muslims to fervently pray for God's guidance in helping Liberians to choose good and trusted leaders.

The fundraising program, which was seemingly successful, was preceded by an hour of singing by SDA combined choir and attended by hundreds of worshipers on Saturday, August 20.

SDA Elder Roosevelt Zayzay expressed gratitude to the ANC Political Leader for honoring the Church invitation to attend and contribute towards the purchasing of a bus badly needed.

The Paynesville Seventh Day Adventist Central Church is pastor by Elder Alexander Quiah.



Leader of the Alternative National Congress (ANC), Mr. Alexander Cummings has said.

The ANC Political Leader made the assertion when he served as Chief Launcher at a special fundraising

# Gov't considers CSOs as important partners for development, Actg. Min. Lawson

Acting Deputy Minister for Administration at the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning Hon. Patience Kollie-Lawson has said the government of Liberia considers civil society organizations as important partners for development, especially through the dissemination of information across the country.

According to Lawson, the government and civil society organizations acceded to the GoL-CSO accord which amongst other things required the government to support the design and implementation of CSO capacity development program by working with local, national and international organizations.

She indicated that over the years, the government has demonstrated its commitment to the accord by the inclusion of civil society organization and social accountability components in its public finance management reform agenda and the

establishment of the non-state actor's secretariat to manage the program.

"The government has demonstrated its commitment to this accord by the inclusion of civil society organizations and social accountability components" she added.

She noted that through the entire program, the government of Liberia with support from the international partners has consistently been strengthening the capacity of CSOs through the NSA sub-grant program, training and technical assistance, to ensure transparent, accountable and participatory management of public resources.



The conference is intended to enhance knowledge sharing and learning in social accountability and transparency practices, as well as document best practices and challenges during the different stages of the sub-grant administration.

It seeks to share and document experiences, good practices, lessons learned, and gaps of the sub-grant process to inform the revision of the sub-grant administrative manual.

# British man wins Liberia's 2022 Marathon race

Emmanuel Wise Jipoh

Englishman Mikey Bryant has won the men's episode of the 2022 Liberia Marathon race.

The British Nationale, who works as a Physician Assistant (PA) mostly catering to children at ELWA Hospital in Paynesville outside Monrovia won the gold medal of the full Marathon 42.2 Kilometers foot race on Sunday, August 21, 2022, with a dominating performance.

He ran from the starting point at the Samuel Kanyon Doe (SKD) Sports Complex in Paynesville through SKD Boulevard- 72nd, to Gardnersville- Japan Freeway, and passing through Sinkor to Congo Town and back to the finishing line, running alone into the Sambadrome, finishing in nearly two hours.

Sierra Leone's Osman Challey received silver medal and Liberian Alexander Joe Autto,

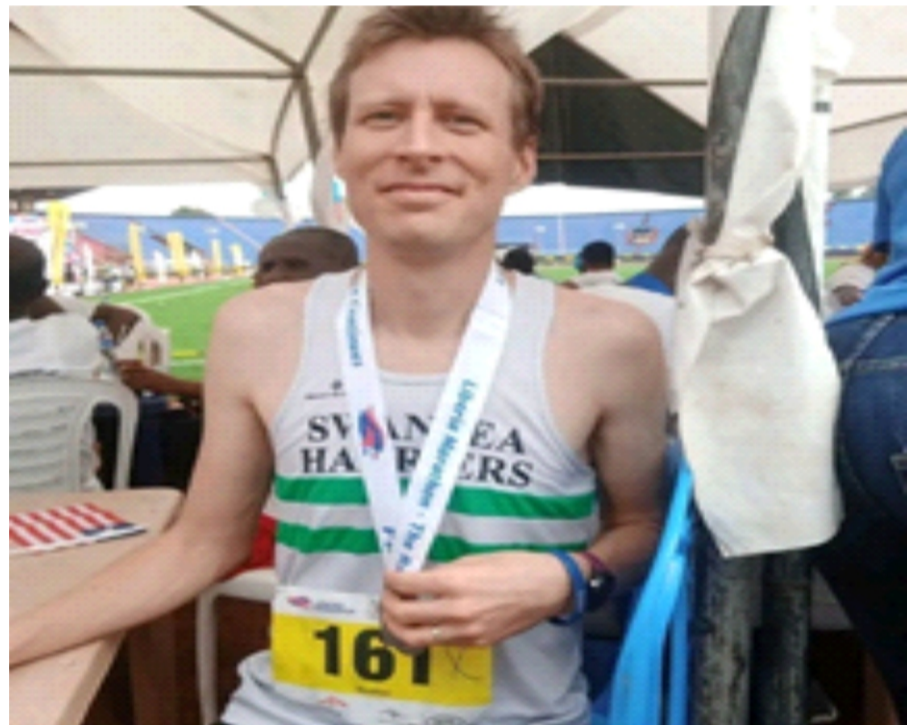
runner, began to split the field after 30 kilometers, starting with a group of a dozen runners ahead of him that slowly dropped away until he ran the final kilometers alone.

"It was a bit slow, so I decided to take over he said. it was challenging too, because everyone wants a medal. I was coming here for gold, so I decided to go it all out; this wasn't strange, because I have been exercising," said Bryant.

Despite being a health practitioner, he had competed in marathons in back England before entering the Liberian Marathon race with a victory.

In previous Marathon appearances, Bryant told the NEW DAWN, it was not strange for him, as he's competed in 21k meters race before shifting his focus to the longer distance.

More than 2,000 runners participated, including athletes



took bronze in humid conditions, becoming the first Liberian to compete in the full Marathon 42.2k foot race.

The 29-year-old athlete, who plays for Hill Social & Athletic club, expressed excitement about being the first Liberian to compete in the full Marathon and claim the third spot, while hoping to climb at the top in subsequent race.

"I've been training, to maintain my fitness which brought the success today," Alexander told the NEW DAWN." He added: "I then had the chance to take part in the race and so I took the opportunity and saw it as a personal challenge as well, for me to bring proud to Liberia."

"I also wanted to prove to my family as well, that I am an excellent sportsman and winning the bronze", Alex continued.

However, British's Mikey Bryant, 37, a very experienced

from Liberia, Sierra Leone, Benin, Nigeria, Palestine, Germany, France, Canada, Netherlands, Sweden, South Africa and the UK, drawing together approximately 16 countries competing in the field.

Meanwhile, Theresa Kago, finished as the first-place winner of the Women's 42.2kilometer footrace, followed by Sierra Leone's Asatu Turay, who took home silver medal and another Liberian Precious Thomas, collected bronze medal.

For the half Marathon, 21Kilometer foot race, Sierra Leonean Abubakar Conteh, won the first place, Liberian Augustine Momo, received the Silver Medal, while Alpha K. Fofana, again of Sierra Leone took the 3rd place.

Also, the Women's episode 21k race Famatta Kanneh of Sierra Leone finished third, while her colleagues Fanta Sesay, and Jane Kargo, received Silver and Bronze Medals respectively in all Sierra Leone's affairs.

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## Weah warns against rebellious attitude

### -as District #12 residents boo Rep. Samah

Emmanuel Wise Jipoh

President George Weah has warned Liberians to be respectful and law-abiding in their quest for change, no

Representative George Beyan Samah, as he rose to speak.

Hundreds of exuberant residents of the district booed and jeered Rep.

But the gathering was marred by mixed reactions as supporters of the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) and some residents chanted slogans, jeered and booed their lawmaker.

While the President and his entourage were making their way to the Liberty Christian Center in Chicken Soup Factory for the Townhall Meeting, the disenchanted residents roared, "Boo! Boo! We don't want you; we're not interested."

According to them, Samah has miserably failed them and abandoned the district so, he deserves no space at such important program attended by President George Weah.

The aggrieved residents didn't just stop at booing him as he entered the hall, but prevented their lawmaker from making remarks in the hall, until President Weah intervened and calmed the situation.

The President condemned the situation and cautioned citizens to always remain calm, no matter the situation.

"Don't rebel against leaders; be peaceful and help protect your country, through democracy. The democracy is for us so, we need to jealously guard it", President Weah said.

He said the booing of Representative Semah was unacceptable and did not go down well with him as leader of the entire nation. "Please be respectful and law-abiding people at all times", he urged at Liberians.

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of Madam Ellen Johnson, the following health facilities were constructed: Jackson F. Doe Memorial Hospital in Nimba (2009), CB Dunbar Maternity Hospital in Bong County (2012), and Fish Town Referral Hospital (2015), Pleebo Health Center (2016).

President George Weah's Administration

Under President George Weah's administration, the 14th military hospital in Margibi

County (2021), River Cess District Referral Hospital in River Cess County (2021), and Emirate Hospital in Gbarpolu County (2022).

Conclusion

From the analysis and investigations relating to the claims made by President George Weah and the suspended Minister of State for Presidential Affairs, it is clear that these claims are FALSE.

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marchers had made a request to the Ministry of Justice, seeking permission before carrying out the protest.

However, organizers who are not strangers are relying on Chapter 1 Article 1 of the 1986 Liberian Constitution.

It says "All power is inherent in the people. All free governments are instituted by their authority and for their benefit and they have the right

to alter and reform the same when their safety and happiness so require."

In order to ensure democratic government which responds to the wishes of the governed, the provision says the people shall have the right at such period, and in such manner as provided for under this Constitution, to cause their public servants to leave office and to fill vacancies by regular elections and appointment.

Government, and the lukewarm response of suspension taken by President George Manneh Weah towards the three alleged criminal government officials.

Reading the press statement, Unity Party political leader Amb. Joseph Nyumah Boakai called on President Weah to dismiss with immediate effect the sanctioned and disgraced government officials and turn them over for prosecution.

Giving reason for his call for dismissal, the former Liberian Vice President said he strongly refutes the mere suspension announced by President Weah.

Amb. Boakai contended that the suspension is weak, and will become another of the same diabolical tactics of never-ending investigations they have seen by this criminal and infested government over the past five years.

He described the suspension of the three officials by President Weah as a style of sweeping things under the carpet.

Boakai added that this is the government's usual habit, noting that it's the reason they are asking for stronger actions to be taken by President Weah.

"There [is a] long list of such unsolved criminal acts still under investigation over the past five years, with no credible results," said Amb. Boakai.

He cited the missing 16 billion Liberian dollars; the 20 million U.S. dollars suspicious mopping exercise; mysterious death of auditors; secret killings; and 16 million U.S. dollars COVID-19 food distribution.

Additionally, former Vice

President Boakai listed the misapplication of 24 million U.S. dollars from the Road Funds; the Liberia Anti - Corruption Commission (LACC's) indictments of the National Elections Commission (NEC) Chairman and the Minister of Agriculture, among others.

He said the latest round of sanctions imposed on Liberian government officials by the U.S. while very troubling, are no surprise to the Liberian people.

According to him, Liberians have for over five years been suffering and have become poorer because of endemic corruption and the predatory nature of the Weah administration.

He alleged that since President Weah took office, he and his officials of government have made a campaign of using their power to loot public coffers for their personal benefits at the expense of the people of this country.

Amb. Boakai indicated that these sanctions are the latest in an unending list of evidence pointing to how a group of individuals in the government hold the country in a stranglehold and created for Liberia a reputation that undermines its standing in the international community.

He noted that the threat and the potential consequences of these sanctions go beyond the corridors of power in Washington D.C.

Boakai stated that they reverberate in the capitals of countries in the sub-region and the world, and undercut the investment climate to woo serious people to do business in the country.



matter the circumstances.

Mr. cautioned residents of Montserrado county that peace and democracy are the best channels in finding amicable solution to problems, rather than violence.

President gave the caution in a townhall meeting at Liberty Christian Center in Chicken Soup Factory and National Transport Authority (NTA) communities where some aggrieved residents of Montserrado electoral district#12 chanted and jeered their lawmaker,

Samah on Friday, 19 August for completely abandoning them after they elected him.

Samah wasn't well received by his people during President Weah's visit to his district as part of the Special Presidential tour of Montserrado and its environs.

Rep. Samah saw it necessary to accompany the President and his entourage to District #12 as President Weah interacted with residents to listen to their plight and concerns for the first time in nearly four years since coming to office.

Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) - led government of being insensitive to the plight of the Liberian people.

According to the UP, it remains unequivocal in its support and commendation of the action taken by the U.S.

action, vilification and disgrace brought upon the nation by the workings of a rogue regime," the UP claimed.

Over the weekend, the opposition party accused the

## Another international disgrace

### -UP demands dismissals of designated officials

By Lincoln G. Peters

Former ruling Unity Party (UP) has termed as another international disgrace the sanctions imposed by the U.S. Government on three Liberian government officials, demanding their dismissals.

Last week the United States Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Asset (OFAC) announced specialized sanctions against Minister of State Nathaniel McGill, National Port Managing Director Bill Twehway and Liberia's Solicitor General Cllr. Sayma Syrenius Cephus.

"The August 15, 2022 sanctions announcement by the U.S. Government through its Ambassador is yet another national and international dishonorable



# McGill writes Weah

President George Manneh Weah's suspended office chief of staff, Minister of State Nathaniel McGill says there is no evidence against him for a specialized sanction imposed against him by the United States Government for corruption.

Last week, the U.S. Department of the Treasury imposed specialized sanctions against Mr. McGill, Cllr. Sayma Syrenius Cephus, Solicitor General of Liberia,

himself.

The letter, a copy of which was sent to this paper, McGill responded to each of the counts brought against him with outright denial challenging the allegations while calling for the evidence.

A very visible figure in the government, McGill countered the allegations linking him to kickbacks he was accused of receiving for influencing contract awards to companies he has interest

solemn pledge you made at Your Excellency's inauguration," said Mr. McGill.

Relating to the content of the allegations levied against him by the US Treasury Department, McGill said the report contained several criminal mischaracterizations of his person, name and character.

The allegations against McGill range from bribing business owners, receiving bribes from potential investors, and accepting kickbacks for steering contracts to companies.

They also includes manipulating public procurement processes to award multi-million-dollar contracts to companies in which he allegedly has ownership, while at the same time abusing emergency procurement processes to rig contract bids, among others.

However, Mr. McGill said he welcomed the President's pronouncement to set up an investigative committee to probe into these grave allegations to afford "me the opportunity to have my "day in court" as in keeping with the principle of due process."

He contended that these allegations are crimes also under the Liberian law and must be investigated consistent with the controlling laws.

Meanwhile, in his responses to the allegations, McGill denied that he ever "Bribed owners, received bribes from potential investors and accepted kickbacks for steering contracts to companies in which he has an interest."

"To what end, and for what purpose, and in whose interest? One who bribes

business owners must have an objective to achieve something in his own interest. But in this case, no interest is defined, and no reason is provided," he argued.

On receiving bribes from potential investors, McGill rejected the claim, saying "What are the names of the investors? And who are the investors?"

"I have at no time ever received bribes from any investors," he said, going further to also deny ever receiving kickbacks from steering contracts.

"I do not preside over contract negotiations, nor do I sign contracts, and so where will the kickbacks come from?"

McGill believes that wrong and false information may have been provided to the members of the Treasury Department investigators who were seeking to gather accurate and genuine information about corruption, a b u s e , w a s t e a n d mismanagement of public funds.

He told President Weah that for full disclosure, his only involvement with contract discussions is the current ongoing impasse among ArcelorMittal Liberia (AML), HPX and the SOLWAY.

He also responded to allegations of manipulating public procurement processes in order to award multi-million-dollar contracts to companies in which he has ownership, including by abusing emergency procurement processes to rig contract bids.

McGill said while he has not seen any evidence against this count, the multi-million-dollar contract that he was aware of since the ascendancy of this government is the US\$116 million dollars Roberts International Airport (RIA) Road Contract to East International.

He reminded President Weah how the late Minister of Public Works, Mobutu Vlah Nyenpan, made a presentation at a Cabinet meeting in 2019 that the RIA Road project would have cost US\$116M.

from the Center for the Promotion of Intellectual Development (CENPID) on Carey Street in central Monrovia and walk to the American Embassy up Benson Street or assemble peacefully before the Embassy where various position statements from civil society organizations, human rights groupings and some opposition political parties will be read to the United States Government.

Last week, Presidential Affairs Minister Nathaniel McGill, Chief Prosecutor Sayma Syrenius Cephus, and the National Port Authority (NPA) Managing Director, William "Bill" Twehway were slapped with sanctions by the U.S. Government.

The three senior officials have been accused by the United States Government of corruption

He added that the Minister had called on cabinet to approve the borrowing of said amount.

"It was then the decision of the cabinet that due to Liberia's huge debt burden; the said amount was too huge for the government to borrow at the time," McGill explained.

He indicated that the cabinet's decision was that since Madame Ellen Johnson Sirleaf's government had granted East International a concession of US\$56, 432 million (plus) agreement ratified by the legislature for the construction of feeder roads in Liberia, said agreement should be presented to the legislature for amendment.

Instead of borrowing US\$116m, he said, the cabinet decided that the government will now borrow US\$56, 432 million (plus) for the RIA road project.

"My ownership in East International as alleged is false and misleading because East International was in existence around 2011 and granted road contracts under the Unity Party Government, one of which was the US\$59,567,010.9 Million contract," said McGill.

McGill said he does not see how the Unity Party government would have granted a US\$59, 567,010.9 million contracts to a company with an ownership of the sitting chairman of the then opposition, CDC.

Also, to delink himself from the East International Company of having a controlling stake in the company, McGill said in the communication that the construction outfit was given contracts amounting to US\$79,467,015.9, under the UP government, US\$19,900,005.00 of which was given under the signature of Gyude Moore, former Minister of Public Works.

"Instead of accusing the Unity Party people of creating and owning East International, I am being accused as its owner," he said. (see full text of letter and documents on pages 7, 10, 11 & 12)

using their respective offices to steal or divert public funds to their personal uses.

The sanction was a result of some period of unannounced investigation both local and internationally.

However, the trios have been suspended from their respective official duties immediately by the President following the pronouncement by the United States Government.

But the public including the opposition bloc, civil society organizations, human rights groupings, the religious community among others believe that the suspension is not enough therefore they are calling for their sacking instead.

Until press time, it was not known whether or not the



and Mr. Bill Twehway, National Port Authority Managing Director. The trio were accused of acts of corruption and other criminal conduct.

McGill has written President Weah to provide clarifications on the allegations of corruption brought against by the 2022 report of the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act.

In his letter addressed to President Weah, Mr. McGill said he looked forward to the investigation to exonerate

in.

Mr. McGill also praised the President for taking the swift action to suspend him to afford him the opportunity to exonerate himself.

He deemed the President's action a vivid testimony of his zero tolerance against corruption.

Excerpts of his letter: "Excellency, let me commend you for your unwavering determination to fight waste, abuse and the mismanagement of public resources which was a

## Thousands March for "Economic Justice" today

Thousands of Liberians are due to gather before the American Embassy in Monrovia today, Monday 22 August 2022, where position statements supporting the United States Government's action in the fight against corruption in Liberia will be presented.

The protest dubbed: "March for Economic Justice" against corruption is being organized by the Youth Wing of the Liberian People's Party (LPP).

It is expected to be graced by scores of Monrovia from various communities and its environs following huge mobilization last week.

The economic justice march aims to create opportunities for every person to have a dignified, productive and creative life

that extends beyond simple economics but that is lacking at the moment under the present administration in Liberia as corruption has taken over the country in every sector.

LPP including presidential

hopeful Tiawan Saye Gongloe, Chairman Yanqui Zaza and many others are also expected to be in attendance during the march in the fight against corruption.

According to the organizer, the marchers will either begin



## Liberia: Fact-checking President Weah's claim that his administration has constructed more health infrastructures than any other government



### President William VS Tubman Administration

During the administration of President William VS Tubman, the following health facilities were constructed: Grand Bassa Government Hospital in Bassa County (constructed in 1946), Martha Tubman Memorial Hospital in Grand Gedeh (1947), E.S Grant Mental Health Hospital in Montserrado County (1962), F. J. Grant Hospital in Sinoe County (1971) and John F. Kennedy Medical Center (1971).

### William Tolbert Administration

Under President William Tolbert's "Mats to Mattress", "Rally Time", and "Total Involvement for Higher Heights," the Charles Henry Rennie Hospital in Margibi County was constructed (1974) and the majority of the health centers in rural Liberia were constructed. It was under President Tolbert the Liberian Medical Board was established to regulate the practice of medicine.

### Ellen Johnson Sirleaf's Administration

During the administration

By S. Karweaye

During his recent tour of Monrovia, Montserrado County, President Weah said "my administration has constructed more health infrastructures than any other government and we will do more for the benefit of our people." The President's claim was made during his announcement of plans to construct a new JFK hospital in Monrovia.

Minister of State for President Affairs, Nathaniel

Mcgill before the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) designated him on others on their sanction listing and subsequent suspension by President Weah said the past (Sirleaf) government took 12 years to build one hospital which is the Jackson F. Doe Hospital in Tapita, Nimba County, but the Weah's government has taken four and half years to build three hospitals.

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