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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **SOLICITATION NO:** VA-66923-000023
2. **ISSUANCE DATE:** July 12, 2023
3. **CLOSING DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF OFFERS:** July 26, 2023, 11:59 pm Local Time
4. **POINT OF CONTACT:** Executive Officer, email at LiberiaHR@usaid.gov
5. **POSITION TITLE:** Development Outreach and Communications Assistant
6. **MARKET VALUE:** 24,064.00 USD - 38,48.00 USD FSN- 8
In accordance with **AIDAR Appendix J** and the Local Compensation Plan of USAID Final compensation will be negotiated within the listed market value. Note that all U.S. Embassy Locally Employed Staff are expected to observe and fulfill all tax obligations imposed by the Government of Liberia and you will be required to provide a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) before employment.
7. **PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:** This contract will be for up to five years depending on programmatic needs, funding availability, and satisfactory performance. This is considered a permanent position and employment under any contract issued under this solicitation is of a continuing nature. Its duration is expected to be part of a series of sequential contracts; all contract clauses, provisions, and regulatory requirements concerning availability of funds and the specific duration of the contract shall apply.
8. **PLACE OF PERFORMANCE:** Monrovia, Liberia.
9. **ELIGIBLE OFFERORS:** Individuals who are Liberian citizens or non-Liberian citizens lawfully admitted for permanent residence in Liberia. Current employees serving a probationary period with the mission are not eligible to apply.
10. **SECURITY LEVEL REQUIRED:** Facility access.

11. STATEMENT OF DUTIES

Basic Function of Position

The DOC Assistant will assist the Sr. Development Outreach and Communications Specialist in implementing the Mission's strategic communications plan and providing

branding and marking guidance to Mission staff and implementing partners. The DOC Assistant will be involved in the creation and dissemination of communications messages and planning outreach events. The position will require close collaboration with the USAID Liberia Technical Teams, Implementing Partners, other donors, the US Embassy Public Affairs Section, and also requires interaction with senior officials within the United States and Liberian Governments. The incumbent will demonstrate high-level organization, and writing skills, and initiative to ensure the timely and accurate development of communication products to highlight USAID's assistance to Liberia.

Major Duties and Responsibilities

Provide branding and marking guidance

Manage all USAID Liberia's branding and marking efforts and ensure conformity with USAID Branding and Marking regulations; assist USAID staff and contractors in developing appropriately branded, high quality materials to promote USAID program to target audiences.

Developing content for and managing online sites

Develop content, including posts (success stories, project launches and closures, etc) photos, for online posting, and manage online platforms/websites, including regularly updating posts/contents, responding to comments/queries by visitors to online sites.

Assist with preparing written communications products

Gather information for, and contribute to, the development and maintenance of public relations/communications materials including briefing books, brochures, fact sheets, newsletters, press releases, media advisories, articles, and other communications products.

- **Supervision Received:** Supervision is provided by the USAID Liberia Sr. Development Outreach and Communications Specialist.
- **Supervision Exercised:** This is a non-supervisory position.

12. PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The work requested does not involve undue physical demands.

II. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION

- a. **Education:** Minimum of University/college studies in Communications, Journalism, English, or a relevant field required.
- b. **Prior Work Experience:** Minimum of three (3) years of experience development work, public communications, or related field. Demonstrated experience in planning, organizational, and especially strong writing skills is also required.
- c. **Work/Residency Permits:** Applicants must have valid work and/or residency permits allowing work in Liberia.
- d. **Language Proficiency:** Level III English ability (fluent proficiency) in English (reading, written and spoken) is required, (good working knowledge) is required.

III. EVALUATION AND SELECTION FACTORS

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

1. Selection Process

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

2. Evaluation Factors

FACTOR #1: Writing sample on a development theme. No longer than 2 pages, double spaced, in Calibri size 12 font

FACTOR #2: Write 3 tweets on a development theme.

FACTOR #3: Write 2 Facebook posts, each with a photograph you took, on a development theme.

FACTOR #4: Submit 5 photographs that demonstrate your ability to professionally illustrate a development theme.

3. Basis of Rating

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

Evaluation Factors:

Factor 1	5 points
Factor 2	5 points
Factor 3	5 points
Factor 4	5 points
Written Tests	30 points
Interview	50 points

Interview performance will be based candidates' ability to:

- Express themselves clearly
- Grasp basic functions of the Development Outreach Communications Assistant and how to perform them

Total Possible Points 100 points

IV. SUBMITTING AN OFFER

Applications must be submitted electronically by email with the subject line **VA-669-23-000023 - Development Outreach and Communications Assistant** LiberiaHR@usaid.gov

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

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

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

Candidates who are applying for this position must fully meet the education requirement (graduated and degree and/or diploma already received) as specified. Candidates must also meet the full work experience requirement and demonstrate in their application that they are an eligible offeror as required in I.9 above. There is no exception to these requirements.

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

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

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

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

EDITORIAL

Creating space for women and people with disabilities

THIS JULY, THE United Nations High Commission for Human Rights Office is spotlighting Women's political participation globally, focusing on women and girls with disabilities as part of activities marking the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and the 30th anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action for 2023.

THE CAMPAIGN IS ongoing just as Liberians are barely 90 days away from Presidential and Legislative Elections in October with very few female aspirants in the race, least to talk of people with disabilities.

AMONG SCORES OF aspirants for the Presidency, only two females have publicly expressed interest in joining the race for the nation's highest office with one female pronounced as running mate besides incumbent Vice President Jewel Howard Taylor of the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change. There is conspicuous absence of people with disabilities, including women.

UN RESIDENT COORDINATOR in Liberia, Christine Umutoni says while women's political participation rates are low overall, women with disabilities are even more underrepresented due to discriminatory norms and attitudes based on gender and disability.

THUS, PEOPLE CONSIDER them incapable of voting or holding office due to stereotypical characteristics ascribed to women and physical or intellectual disabilities.

SHE NOTES THAT this also contributes to a lack of access to polling stations, inaccessible voting material, and few women political candidates with disabilities.

"ELECTORAL PROCESSES SHOULD be inclusive and participatory, and any action to improve women's participation in political and public life must include women and girls with disabilities", Madam Umutoni underscores.

THIS OBSERVATION SHOULD ring bell to policymakers in Liberia, particularly people and institutions that are responsible for electoral matters, including the National Elections Commission on the need to go back to the drawing board to view the structure of our electoral system with a focus on creating space for women and people with disabilities.

SUCH EFFORT SHOULD go beyond just calling on male-dominated politicians and leaders of political parties to include women in their structure and activities to getting them on the ballots and campaigning for them to win.

WE SHOULD BE proud as Liberians for making history in 2005 by electing the first female President in Africa, Madam Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. But there is more we can and should do for women's participation in politics, including those with disabilities.

WOMEN AND GIRLS are disadvantaged in so many ways, including cultural and religious norms in Africa that confine them to domestic roles such as wives, mothers and caretakers of the home with little regard for their potentials for public service. We need to strike a balance to bring equality and equity to the political landscape by encouraging and affording more opportunities for women (our daughters, sisters and nieces) to participate in politics, including those with disabilities.

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COMMENTARY

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Changing the Culture at the World Bank

Ajay Banga, the newly-appointed President of the World Bank, is taking the helm at a pivotal moment. The devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have impeded progress in developing countries and pushed 124 million people into extreme poverty. And Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, which has exacerbated inflation and US-China tensions, promises to trigger even more volatility. Consequently, the Bank projects that economic activity in emerging economies will not return to pre-pandemic levels by 2024.

Low- and middle-income countries need the World Bank to spearhead global efforts to reduce extreme poverty and enhance living standards. By helping them to reduce their debt burdens and combat climate change, the Bank could also help to improve their air and water quality, increase their access to clean energy, and bolster their food security.

But skepticism about the Bank's capacity to address the challenges facing developing countries is running high. In a recent speech, Banga said that the World Bank needs a "new playbook" for engaging with the developing world. While this is undoubtedly true, any updated strategy must acknowledge a fundamental truth: the Bank is unlikely to have enough capital to finance the investments required to address the enormous challenges facing poor countries. Given this, it must mobilize its knowledge and relationships, as well as its capital, to encourage investments that enhance growth and employment while also facilitating the green transition.

That means establishing itself as its stakeholders' partner of choice. By collaborating with policymakers in developing and developed countries, other multilateral development banks, and the private sector, the World Bank could incentivize what Banga has called "informed risk-taking." This approach would enable the Bank to use its limited balance sheet to encourage private, public, bilateral, and multilateral lenders to increase their annual investments in sustainable development from "billions to trillions" of dollars. But first, Banga must guide the institution toward complete transparency.

Fostering transparency starts with acknowledging the obvious. The debt crisis currently engulfing emerging economies was exacerbated by the pandemic, but these countries were on a perilous path long before. Today's debt conundrum is the result of borrowers and lenders - including the Bank itself - pursuing low-return projects that could not cover their costs. To avert future debt crises, multilateral institutions must stop financing economically unsustainable projects.

While technical discussions about how to generate additional financing are crucial, they must not distract the Bank from the vital task of collaborating with decision-makers in developing countries. Identifying future investments that could boost growth and accelerate the energy transition would be far more beneficial.

The first step toward a more effective World Bank has already been taken by the Bank's partners during the recent Paris Summit for a New Global Financing Pact. With roughly 1.2

billion people in poor countries lacking access to electricity and another billion living more than a mile from an all-season road, infrastructure investments could foster sustained growth, help reduce debt, and mitigate the effects of climate change. Given that two billion people in emerging and developing economies are expected to migrate from rural to urban regions by 2030, it is crucial to build climate-friendly power plants, roads, and railways in these countries.

The Bank's technical teams, working closely with other multilateral lenders, must estimate the additional output that each dollar invested in such projects could generate. For example, consider a project that contributes 30 cents to GDP for every dollar of investment, resulting in a 30% rate of return. For such a project to be deemed economically viable, the borrowing cost would need to remain below 30%.

As the Bank increasingly evaluates partner project proposals based on expected returns, it will likely encounter pushback against climate-related projects whose benefits cannot be captured by GDP alone. While the Bank's assessment process should emphasize that many climate projects can deliver high rates of return, it is crucial to recognize that there are valid reasons to invest in projects that may not yield short-term economic benefits. At the same time, to mitigate risks to debt sustainability, economic and non-economic investments must be carefully balanced.

To this end, the Bank should adopt a two-tiered assessment process. The first tier would comprise projects approved solely on the basis of projected returns, and the second tier would include projects whose anticipated environmental benefits outweigh their cost. Projects approved on the basis of economic merit could be further divided into two groups: high-return projects that could attract private-sector financing and lower-return projects that require concessional funding.

As one of us (Henry) recently wrote, the Bank has the financial and human resources to implement a data-driven investment approach. But to succeed, it must produce estimates of expected returns on prospective projects, ensure that estimates are independently reviewed and verified, and make this information freely accessible to governments, investors, and the general public. Publishing this data would enable governments to identify infrastructure projects with the greatest potential to boost growth, help private investors make informed financing decisions, and allow civil-society groups to hold leaders to account.

By cultivating a culture of transparency regarding the costs and benefits of the Bank's investments, Banga could boost its credibility. Increased trust would encourage shareholders to consider capital increases, and engagement with the private sector and other development institutions would generate scale and momentum.

To be sure, changing the World Bank's culture will not be easy. But many people around the world have been waiting for such an effort, and they would likely support Banga in transforming a lethargic institution into a powerful force promoting a just and sustainable future.

OP-ED

By Comfort Lamptey, Country Representative, UN Women, Liberia

A Final Push to Make the 2023 Candidate Registration Count for Liberian Women

By adopting gender equality legislation in January 2023, Sierra Leone took a huge leap forward in correcting its history of women's underrepresentation in the political and economic life of the country. The Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Act of 2022 is largely responsible for more than doubling the number of women in their national parliament, bringing the percentage from 12.6% to 30.4% - from 17 members of parliament (MPs) in 2018 to 41 female MPs following their election on June 24, 2023. With Sierra Leone's proportional representation electoral system established by Presidential decree in 2022, political parties were compelled to assign a minimum 30% of the seats they won to women members.

Liberia also had an opportunity in 2022 and 2023 to pass an electoral reform bill which included a minimum 30% gender quota. This would have required political parties to include no less than 30% of either gender on their candidate nomination lists for the 2023 elections.



Members of the Diplomatic Corps, UN System, CSOs, political party representatives, and National Elections Commission at the signing ceremony of the MOU on Section 4.5 of the Elections Law

Liberia, which is known for having a woman Vice President and the first democratically elected woman President in Africa, is today ranked among the lowest countries globally in terms of women's representation in the National Legislature. According to the Interparliamentary Union, Liberia is 163rd of 186 placements on the global ranking of women in national parliaments. While the regional average is 26.7% for Sub-Saharan Africa and 19.2% in West Africa, the percentage of women in the Legislature is just 10.7%.

To overcome the structural barriers to women's equal participation, reforms in policies and laws are required. "Temporary special measures," popularly known as affirmative action, aim at providing redress for the historical marginalization of women from political life.

A 30% candidate gender quota was first set in Liberia in 2005, with the guidelines for candidate nomination stating that each party "shall ensure" that 30% of its candidates be women. Although no political parties met quota, the major parties had an average of 20% women. This was higher than in any election thereafter, and as a result, the 2005 elections saw the highest percentage of women elected to the Legislature - almost 16%.

Without strong legislation, the percentage of women on candidate nomination lists has steadily declined since 2011, contributing to a decrease in the percentage of women in the National Legislature.

The lesson is clear: when parties put more women on their lists, more women win! In the absence of a legislated gender quota, the National Elections Commission (NEC), with the support of the United Nations through UN Women and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), on May 11, 2023, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with 25 political parties and coalitions in which political parties committed to have not less than 30% women on their candidate listings.

With the ongoing candidate nomination period set to round off on July 14th, 2023, data on candidate registration by NEC shows women comprise just 15% on political parties' candidate listings - just half of what the political parties committed to. Liberia has a strong constituency of women politicians who are ready to run, and who will be able to win elections, across the length and breadth of the country. With this large pool of women available to contest for elections, Liberia can and must seize this moment to make history for women in the country again.

It is time for political parties to uphold their commitment to the MOU and meet the 30% gender quota.

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4	A64116	NISSAN PATROL SUV - JNITCSY6120585461		USED VEHICLE
5	A59097	2011 TOYOTA HILUX DOUBLE CABIN - HTFR22G606050357		USED VEHICLE
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2. Bids must be delivered to CERRA AUTOMOTIVE office in Monrovia in sealed envelope with reference CA-VEHAUC-008 only on or before Friday, July 7, 2023 at the hour of 16:00 GMT. The envelope should contain the bid, the contact information, name, phone number, and address. Late bids will be rejected. CERRA AUTOMOTIVE will take no responsibility for bids not delivered directly to CERRA AUTOMOTIVE office.
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SHOULD BE COMPUTER LITERATE (MICROSOFT WORD & EXCEL)
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REQUIREMENT

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Français

Projet de route côtière : La BAD vient au secours du Libéria

Le projet de route côtière tant vanté a reçu une bouée de sauvetage à moins de 100 jours des élections générales et présidentielle, à en croire Monrovia.

Darkortey, directeur exécutif de la Banque, du Dr Benedict Kanu, directeur pays de la Banque au Libéria, et de Jean-Noël Ilboudo a eu une rencontre charnière avec M. Samuel D. Tweah, ministre des Finances et de la Planification du

comme une initiative prioritaire, le gouvernement du Libéria a souligné son potentiel pour stimuler la croissance économique et améliorer les réseaux d'infrastructures essentiels à



Finance Minister, Samuel D. Tweah Jr.

Dans une déclaration faite le mardi 11 juillet, le Gouvernement a annoncé que la Banque africaine de développement (BAD) a décidé d'épauler l'Etat du Libéria pour la construction monumentale de la route côtière tant attendue.

Le gouvernement a qualifié l'intervention de la BAD d'une décision révolutionnaire qui stimulera la croissance et le développement économiques du pays.

Selon le communiqué, le projet d'infrastructure crucial vise à résoudre les problèmes routiers persistants auxquels est confrontée la région du sud-est du Libéria, un problème qui tourmente ses citoyens depuis plus de deux cents ans.

La délégation de la BAD composée de M. Rufus

développement, et Mme Ruth Coker-Collins, ministre des Travaux publics, le mardi 11 juillet 2023 au ministère des Finances. Ils ont discuté, au cours de la rencontre, de la mise en œuvre de cette entreprise de transformation, qui devrait débiter cette année.

La première phase, connue sous le nom de LOT I, comprendra la construction d'un tronçon de 56 kilomètres entre Buchanan, dans le comté de Grand Bassa et au carrefour de Cestos, dans le comté de Rivercess. Ce segment important du projet d'autoroute côtière a un coût estimé à 54 millions de dollars, ce qui témoigne de l'engagement du gouvernement libérien et de la BAD à alimenter le développement durable. L'ensemble du corridor mesure environ 444 km de long et est estimé à 430 millions de dollars.

Reconnaissant la route côtière

travers le pays. En reliant la région du sud-est aux centres économiques vitaux et en promouvant l'intégration régionale avec la Côte d'Ivoire, ce projet a le pouvoir d'inaugurer une nouvelle ère de progrès et de prospérité pour le Libéria.

Le ministre Tweah et le ministre Coker-Collins ont exprimé leur enthousiasme pour le soutien indéfectible du Dr Akiwumi A. Adesina, président de la Banque africaine de développement, pour avoir facilité la construction de ce corridor transformateur. Le président Weah lui-même a exprimé sa sincère gratitude au président Adesina et à l'ensemble de la BAD pour leur engagement indéfectible à favoriser le développement économique et à réduire la pauvreté sur tout le continent africain.

Le diamant de 53,34 carats appartient à l'Etat, selon le ministère de la justice

Le ministère de la Justice a accordé à l'Etat du Liberia la propriété du diamant controversé de 53,34 carats d'une valeur d'environ 2,7 millions de dollars. Il a transmis la conclusion de son rapport d'enquête sur la controversée crise qui entoure un diamant trouvé par un pêcheur.

Le minerai a été découvert à Smith Town, dans le comté de Gbarpolu, et il a depuis lors suscité des conflits entre plusieurs parties.

Dans une communication écrite et signée par le ministre de la Justice Frank Musa Dean en date du 5 juin 2023, le ministère a déclaré avoir terminé l'enquête sur l'affaire de diamant. L'enquête avait été demandée par le président George Manneh Weah.

Dans une communication adressée au ministre des Mines et de l'Énergie Gestler E. Murray, il est écrit : « Nous vous présentons nos compliments et vous transmettons ci-joint le rapport d'enquête sur l'origine et la propriété du diamant de 53,34 carats, trouvé dans le comté de Gbarpolu, à Smith Town ».

Selon le ministère de la Justice, les conclusions du rapport indiquent que le diamant de 53,34 carats a été découvert et récupéré à Smith Town, Gbarma Mining District #2, Lofa River, Claim 12 F Survey.

"Nous souhaitons vous renvoyer à l'article 22 (a) de la Constitution, qui stipule : "Les droits de propriété privée ne s'étendent toutefois pas aux ressources minérales situées sur ou au-dessous de toute terre ou à toute terre sous les mers et voies navigables de la République."

"Toutes les ressources minérales dans et sous les mers et autres voies navigables appartiennent à la république et sont utilisées par et pour l'ensemble de la république", indique la communication.

Le ministre de la Justice a souligné que, conformément à la disposition constitutionnelle, toute activité minière doit être autorisée par le gouvernement, par l'intermédiaire du ministère des Mines et de l'Énergie.



Pres. Weah

« Je suis certes déçu, mais pas surpris », déclare Cummings au sujet de la révélation sur Boakai

L'opposant charismatique Alexander B. Cummings, s'est dit déçu, mais pas surpris par la révélation de Henry Costa contre son rival politique Joseph Nyumah Boakai.

Le lundi 10 juillet 2023, M. Costa a dit que l'ancien vice-président Boakai avait orchestré la prétendue poursuite pénale contre M. Cummings pour protéger sa candidature à l'élections présidentielle du 10 octobre 2023.

M. Boakai et M. Cummings cherchaient tous les deux à être le candidat à la présidentielle de la Collaboration des partis politiques (CPP), une coalition de l'opposition qui avait fait ses preuves par le passé avant de s'effondrer

en raison des conflits de leadership. Elle était initialement composée de quatre partis politiques, dont le Congrès national alternatif (ANC) de Cummings, le Parti de la liberté (LP), le Parti de l'Unité de Boakai et le Parti de tous les libériens (ALP) de M. Benoni Urey. Mais aujourd'hui, elle ne compte que deux partis membres, l'UP et l'ALP ayant craqué la porte.

Selon Costa, c'est M. Boakai qui avait personnellement demandé au leader politique de l'ALP, M. Urey, d'intenter une action en justice contre Cummings pour contrer une disposition du document-cadre de la CPP qui l'aurait empêché de se présenter à la présidentielle comme candidat de la CPP en raison de son état de santé peu rassurant.



Mr. Alexander B. Cummings

"Les dossiers ayant confirmé que la licence du demandeur a expiré le 25 mai 2022 et que le diamant a été trouvé le 21 avril 2023, nous sommes d'avis que le demandeur a perdu tous ses droits, privilèges et revendications sur le diamant", a-t-il ajoutée.

Suite à la publication du rapport, le mineur de la concession, MT Daniel Sluaward, lors d'une conférence de presse, a déclaré que la décision du ministre de la Justice était très mauvaise et diabolique, ajoutant qu'elle avait la propension à provoquer des conflits.

Selon lui, le ministre Dean les a informés dans sa communication que leur permis d'exploitation minière avait expiré il y a 11 mois avant qu'ils ne découvrent le diamant et ainsi, le diamant appartient à l'État.

M. Sluaward a fait valoir que le ministère des Mines et de l'Énergie devrait être pourtant blâmé pour cet acte présumé "irresponsable et négligent".

Il a révélé qu'il avait payé le ministère pour le renouvellement de sa licence et qu'un reçu lui avait été délivré.

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Fisheries sector contributes 12% to GDP

By: Naneka Hoffman

The fisheries sector of Liberia contributes approximately 12% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from agriculture, and provides direct employment for at least 33,000 full time fishers, fishmongers and processors residing along the coast.

diversification, including opportunity to generate foreign exchange and revenue.

According to her, all member countries and relevant stakeholders actively work to execute the agenda of CECAF, especially during the 23rd Session with a singular objective of finding practical solutions to strengthening

sector, which holds high significance for global food security and coastal livelihoods.

FAO Liberia Representative Ms. Bintia Stephen-Tchicaya, says since its creation in 1967, CECAF has played a leading role in giving the fisheries sector the prominence it deserves.

She notes that the contributions that CECAF scientists and experts provide are unique as a regional and neutral knowledge platform for its Member Nations to strengthen collaborations and share insights in the sector.

Ms. Stephen-Tchicaya explained that the global situation of biologically unsustainable fish stocks continues to grow, and revealed that this downward trend in the resource situation poses a serious threat to the sustainable contribution of this natural resource to the economic and social well-being of millions of people who benefit directly or indirectly from the exploitation of fishery resources.

CECAF is a Statutory Body established during the 48th Session of the FAO Council in 1967, under the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). It promotes sustainable fisheries and enhances cooperation among member countries in the Eastern Central Atlantic region. Jointly organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority (NaFAA) of Liberia. Editing by Jonathan Browne



The Director General of the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority (NaFAA) Emma Glassco, says marine capture fishery is the major revenue generation source of the sector, producing about 40,000 tons per year.

Madam Glassco made the disclosure Tuesday, 11 July during the 23rd Committee Session of member countries of the Fishery Committee for the Eastern Central Atlantic (CECAF) held at Farmington Hotel in Harbel, Margibi County. She underscores that the fisheries sector is important in Liberia's micro economic development, as it strengthens food security by providing about 65% of the national animal protein needs, while serving as a major source of employment and livelihoods

fisheries management and sustainability of shared stocks in the region.

She describes the 23rd Regular Session of the CECAF Committee as an important forum through which Member States, Associate Members, the CECAF Secretariat and stakeholders exchange ideas and experiences on what has worked in the past and how to further achieve progress in the future. She reveals the 23rd Session that is being held on the theme: "Toward practical solutions to strengthen fisheries management and sustainability in CECAF region", marks a historic year for CECAF especially at a time of global recovery from the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on all fabrics of society, including the fisheries

U.S. not okay with sanctioned individuals

By Bridgett Milton

The United States Embassy in Monrovia refutes reports that it has approved sanctioned individuals to contest in the October 10th elections.

Outgoing United States Ambassador Michael A. McCarthy, says reports that the U.S. Embassy was asked about nominating sanctioned individuals for office and it agreed, is false.

"Next, I would like to address the false reports that the U.S. Embassy was "asked" about nominating sanctioned individuals for office and that the Embassy replied that this was 'alright.' The Embassy is NOT 'okay' with it", Mr. McCarthy told a news conference in Monrovia Tuesday, 11 July as he ends his mission to Liberia.

However, he expresses disappointment that political parties in the country are nonchalant or relaxed about the Global Magnitsky sanctions.

He notes that the U.S. Department of the Treasury spends many hours and other significant resources to research and approve sanctions on individuals, saying "Though the Embassy is separate from the Treasury

Department, we fully trust and respect the validity of these designations."

Amb. McCarthy continues that the fact is that no Liberian Government entity has even formally taken up the accusations to initiate an investigation to determine the veracity of USG "allegations" is extremely disappointing and discouraging.



Outgoing United States Ambassador Michael A. McCarthy

Governance Commission wants county officials elected

By Kruah Thompson

The Chairman of the Governance Commission, Atty. Garrison D. Yealue, Jr., has suggested election for county superintendents, assistant superintendents and commissioners to foster citizens' participation in local decision-making at county level.

According to him, electing local officials aligns with the Commission's broader goal of promoting good governance and transparency at all levels of government.

"Granting individuals the authority to elect those who guide them within their county is of utmost importance to ensure their representation and

related to damage printing, computers, and other necessary equipment.

He notes that development is an ongoing process, and government is making efforts to address these concerns.

He says the Governance Commission, established in 2007 as the premier policy think-tank of the Liberian government, is dedicated to promoting good governance and integrity at all levels of society.

Outlining successes over the last five years, he says Commission championed the Pro-poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD).

"The commission has made significant strides in this area, including the amendment of the



Atty. Garrison D. Yealue, Jr.,

effective governance", he said.

Making the suggestion at the Ministry of Information last week, he indicated that if government wants to empower the people and envision establishing an external legislative body at the county level, there is a need for the people themselves to elect who guides them in their county.

While the proposal for electing superintendents, commissioners, and assistant superintendents requires further discussions, Chairman Yealue believes that this step will bring about positive changes and enhance the democratic fabric of Liberia.

Chairman Yealue emphasizes that electing county officials will empower the local population and give them a direct voice in choosing their representatives. This shift towards electoral processes would contribute to fostering accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness in local governance, ultimately leading to better service delivery and development outcomes.

Acknowledging challenges faced by county service centers, he revealed that each center is receiving a monthly allocation of US\$13,000 to address issues

Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) Act, enhancing the internal audit presence in government institutions, and increasing the number of government agencies audited."

The GC boss continues that the Commission also played a pivotal role in the successful implementation of the National Elections Commission (NEC) Biometric Registry, which improved efficiency of the electoral process and contributed to the overall goals of the PAPD.

He added that the GC has been actively involved in building capacity of public sector institutions through the Liberia Institute for Public Administration (LIPA), facilitating decentralization efforts outlined in the Local Government Act of 2018, and addressing key questions related to maintaining peace, ensuring security, and stabilizing the economy.

Looking ahead, Chairman Yealue discloses the Commission will hold policy dialogues on trending issues, training orientations for newly appointed and elected public officials, and establishing Principal Administrative Officers (PAO) position to strengthen the Civil Service.

Meanwhile, he says as Liberia

Cummings assures economic growth

By Lincoln G. Peters

Presidential hopeful Mr. Alexander B. Cummings has assured Liberians of good governance, economic growth, and better job

chance to serve them," he added. After the exercise, Mr. Cummings extolled the NEC and its officials for the process, saying it's done with order and respect.

grateful for their immense support over the years. Cummings said he is so excited about the completion of phase one of the NEC candidate nomination process. Additionally, the CPP leader expressed optimism about the outcome, saying he knows he will make his case to be given the chance to give Liberians the life and opportunity they deserve.

"To be real, Liberia and Liberians deserve better and real change is coming," he said.

Mr. Cummings vowed that going forward, Liberians should expect a very vigorous and robust campaign, adding that making his case to Liberians remains paramount.

Cummings also commented on the just-ended Sierra Leone election, saying he did not have the facts about a lot of rumors of improprieties and irregularities in Sierra Leone's elections.

He however said the CPP will ensure that its votes are jealously protected to bring about the needed result for the Liberian people.

"Now to Liberia, what I do know, we have to be vigilant in this process. We have to hold the government to account to ensure that the result reflects the will of the people," Mr. Cummings said.

He assured Liberians that the CPP will be very rigorous and robust in the protection of its votes.

He added that the party will not hesitate to make any alarms when there are any irregularities and improprieties on the part of NEC or the government.

Boakai vows 'brutal' corruption fight

By Lincoln G. Peters

Opposition leader Amb. Joseph Nyumah Boakai has vowed to wage a 'brutal' war against corruption, terming it cancer that is eating up the country.

Through a statement issued Wednesday, 12 July 2023, the Unity Party (UP) leader pledged to prosecute corrupt officials of the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) with utmost brutality.

The former vice president said he wants to build a Liberia founded on principles and integrity.

According to Boakai, together Liberia can be built on the principles of integrity, transparency, and accountability.

However, he urged all Liberians to support the UP Campaign to fight corruption, saying it is crucial for the future prosperity of the nation.

"Fellow Liberians, one of the primary objectives of my administration, starting from day one as the President of Liberia, will be to tackle corruption head-on," he said.

"The cancer is eating up the country and it must be faced with utmost brutality. Let us stand united in our determination to create a fair and just society for every Liberian, where opportunities are accessible to

abused their positions of trust.

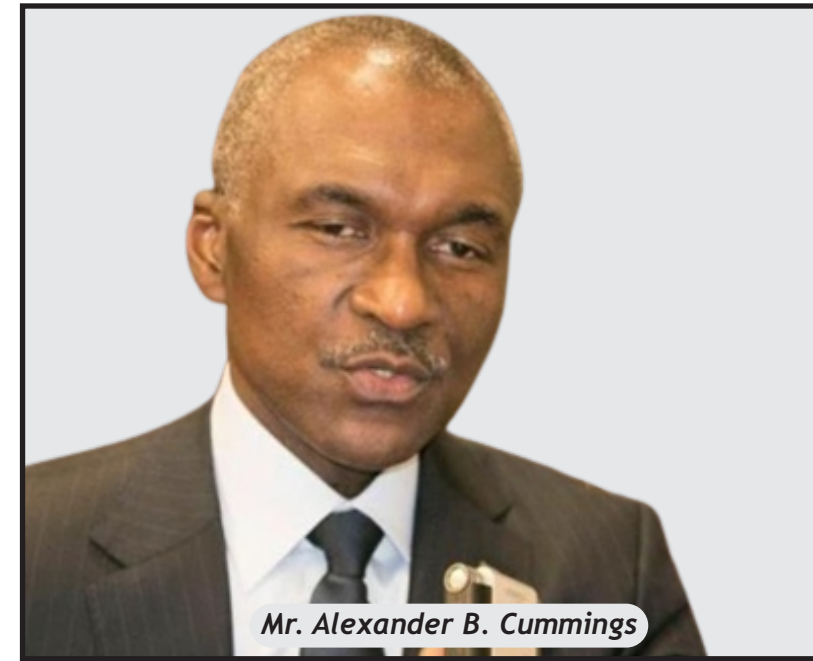
The former vice president indicated that the scrutiny will extend to all the individuals directly and indirectly in their transactions.

He pointed out that the fight against corruption demands a thorough examination of Liberia's contracts, appropriation and execution of the national budgets, existing audit reports as well as other related financial records.

"Furthermore, this process will be conducted transparently and impartially. Independent institutions tasked with combating corruption and building robust systems of accountability will be adequately funded and empowered to play a pivotal role in this endeavor."

Boakai said their professional insights and meticulous investigations will enable his government to uncover any illicit enrichment and ensure that justice is served.

Amb. Boakai warned that those who find themselves unable to provide a reasonable explanation for their sudden accumulation of vast wealth within a span of fewer than six years, based on their



Mr. Alexander B. Cummings

opportunities when elected president of Liberia.

The opposition Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) standard bearer on Tuesday, 11 July 2023, completed the candidate nomination exercise in Paynesville which is required by the National Elections Commission (NEC).

He told reporters at the Samuel Kanyon Doe Sports Complex that he will make his case during the campaign period for Liberians to give him the chance to serve them and restore good governance.

"I want to say to Liberians that I am excited about the opportunity to serve them as their leader," said Mr. Cummings.

"We will use the campaign period starting August 6 to travel the length and breadth of Liberia to make our case for the people to give us the

"Today we registered with the National Elections Commission (NEC) as Standard Bearer and Presidential Candidate of the CPP for the October 10, 2023 [Presidential and Legislative] Elections," he said.

The CPP leader said the journey to real change and fixing the country continues, stressing that "Liberia can change."

"Liberia must change. Liberia will change. I promise you, we will WIN and together, we will FIX our country for the betterment of all Liberians because Liberians Deserve Better," Mr. Cummings noted.

He however expressed excitement and appreciation to partisans, supporters, and sympathizers who showed up during the process.

He said it demonstrated their love, and he was



Amb. Joseph Nyumah Boakai

all, regardless of their background or connections," Amb. Boakai stated.

He further indicated that he will establish and fully empower renowned anti-corruption czars, entrusting them with the critical responsibility of recovering stolen funds and ill-gotten properties from officials of the George Manneh Weah-led government.

The opposition politician disclosed that with their unmatched expertise and track record, Liberians can be assured that they will be well-equipped to deliver results.

"We must acknowledge that a comprehensive and effective investigation into the corrupt activities of the Weah regime will be absolutely critical to achieve success," he noted.

The UP leader assured Liberians that his government will actively pursue the recovery of ill-gotten gains and hold accountable those who have

declared incomes, will be required to present their case before the judiciary.

The opposition leader stated that this initiative will be fueled by his desire to restore faith in the democratic institutions and ensure that public resources are used for the betterment of all Liberians.

"By retrieving these unlawfully acquired assets, we will be able to redirect funds towards essential services such as education, healthcare, infrastructure development, and job creation," he continued.

"This will also send a strong signal to my own appointed officials that the highest degree of integrity is demanded of them or our reinvigorated and well-resourced anti-corruption institutions will go after them," he concluded.

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Chamber Justice denies

and False Reports to Law Enforcement Officer and were arrested and are currently in detention at the Monrovia Central Prison, awaiting trial.

But, making determination on the matter, Associate Justice Gbeisay declined the writ as prayed for by the prosecution on grounds that it lacks legal basis and ordered the judge to resume jurisdiction of the matter.

"By directive of his Honour, Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay, Sr., Associate Justice presiding in Chambers, you are hereby mandated to resume jurisdiction and proceed to enforce the ruling on the motion. The Justice has therefore, declined to issue the writ prayed for by the petitioner", Associate Justice Gbeisay urged.

Meanwhile, the defense team for Cllr. Scott has received a notice of assignment from the Judge of Criminal Court A for all parties to appear to hear the reading of the Chamber Justice's mandate.

According to our legal correspondent, the interpretation of this action on the part of the chamber justice, the swift denial ruling helps to strengthen the argument of the defense team and yet another step to justice. The legal team for the former chief justice family have continuously requested the state to bring forth the evidence the state claims to have in its possession to bring charges of murder on the family after the egregious and fatal

bodily injury leading to the death of Charloe Musu.

Legal pundits further averred that it might be too early for the government lawyers to begin to question the theory or foundation of their case it might also be too early to question the credibility of the police and their ability to put together a cogent body of evidence to secure a conviction.

The defense team appeared in a more buoyant mood along with the appearance of the former chief justice who is making an appearance pro se in her own defense and that of her family members. All four women accused women were brought in from the correctional center aka South beach.

Chamber Justice denies state's request for writ of certiorari

-As Court "A" resumes hearing in Cllr. Scott's case Friday

By Lincoln G. Peters

Justice in chamber, Associate Justice Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay, Sr. on Wednesday, July 12,

higher court traditionally began with the phrase Certiorari volumus, or "We wish to be made certain." Anyone who isn't satisfied with

prosecutors came a day after the deadline (July 5, 2023) given to them to produce all pieces of evidence against the defendants expired.



Justice Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay

"Petitioner in the above entitle case of action petition Your Honor and this court for the issuance of a Writ of Certiorari against Judge Roosevelt Z. Willie of Criminal Court 'A' who has processed irregularly and strangely in ordering the government to present all evidentiary materials to the lawyers representing Cllr. Scott and others far in a d v a n c e o f t h e commencement of the trial in the case and should be stopped from proceeding," it said.

In the government's petition, it was revealed that Cllr. Scott and others were investigated and charged, arrested and indicted by a special Grand Jury for Montserrado County at the close of the May A.D. 2023 Term of Court.

The petition furthered that the ex-Chief Justice and others were indicted for the commission of the crimes of Murder, Criminal Conspiracy

2023, denied the writ of certiorari prayed for by prosecution in the ongoing murder case involving former Chief Justice Cllr. Gloria Musu Scott and three of her family members.

In Latin, certiorari means "to be made certain." In English law, legal documents (called writs) which instructs a court to have a case reviewed by a

the outcome of a legal case can appeal to the Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari, although it's extremely rare to get one.

The Government of Liberia through the Ministry of Justice on July 6, 2023, filed a petition before the Justice in Chambers, Justice Yammie Quiqui Gbeisay.

The petition from the

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