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# ontinental News

'Miracle babies' pastor acquitted by Kenya court Nigeria's 'tax collectors': Menacing and mafia-like Mr Deya later moved to talayangulist, who battle to remain failed.

Nigeria's 'tax collectors': Menacing and mafia-like ired as a so-called crack down on what it calls "touts".

claimed he created trafficking charges due to BBC investigation in 2004. insufficient evidence. The

televangelist, who battle to remain failed.

Concerns were first raised miraculous pregnancies, has about the conduct of Mr Deya, been acquitted of child- who ran a church in London, in a

Women experiencing prosecution failed to prove difficulties conceiving who



that Gilbert Deya stole five attended the Gilbert Deya Kenyan magistrate said.

handing them to women pregnant.

children two decades ago, a Ministries church in Peckham, south-east London, were told He had been accused of they could have "miracle" babies.

But the babies were always struggling to become "delivered" in backstreet clinics in Kenya's capital, Nairobi. The The self-styled pastor was prosecution said the babies were extradited from the UK in stolen from poor Kenyan families

Scotland, and was arrested in Edinburgh in 2006 under an international arrest warrant issued by Kenya.In his ruling on Monday, magistrate Robison Ondieki said the prosecution had "failed to establish circumstantial evidence".

Speaking outside court where his supporters cheered him on, Mr Deya said that he had forgiven those who wanted to see him in jail."Today I'm acquitted of this kind of burden, a yoke on my shoulder... it has damaged my reputation," he told reporters, adding that it was "sad that I have been labelled as a child stealer".

"I'm grateful that I'm free. I'm now going to continue to proceed to the mission that Jesus gave to me on earth."

He hinted that he may seek to return to the UK.

In 2011, Mary Deya, Mr Deya's then wife, was jailed after being found guilty of stealing a baby from the main referral hospital in Kenya's capital Nairobi and falsely stating she had given birth to the baby. BBC

ired as a so-called tax collector by several influential families, Captain Nwokuha has a fearsome look as he walks around with a piece of wood to enforce his authority at a busy and chaotic road junction in the southern Nigerian city of Port Harcourt.

The 34-year-old's job is to collect "taxes" for what he calls the "community" from taxis and 18-seater buses that operate in that part of the city.Mr Nwokuha's work has its roots in an old tradition, when businesses used to pay a oneoff fee, or gift a drink, as homage to their hosts for good tidings.But now it has turned into what critics say is an extortion racket.

Some families, claiming to act on behalf of local communities, demand fees from businesses, be they taxi

crack down on what it calls "touts, miscreants and self-imposed tax collectors".

As for Mr Nwokuha, he believes he is playing a positive role, doubling up as a traffic officer who resolves disputes in the cut-throat taxi business."If there is a fight among the drivers I settle it," says Mr Nwokuha, who patrols Port Harcourt's lucrative Rumuola interchange on weekdays from dawn to dusk in his fluorescent

Before a driver sets off, the man with "task force" written on his vest receives 20% of the passengers' fares.

"The taxis are not allowed to operate here," says Mr Nwokuha, pointing at a "no parking" sign painted in police colours.

"But if they choose to, then they have to pay to the community," he tells the BBC.

On the rare occasion that a driver refuses to pay, they could



Captain Nwokuha insists he is playing a positive role as a traffic officer, and is not just a collector of "taxes"

### Tunisia and EU sign deal to tackle migration

moving in breach of rules.

Tunisia has become the Mediterranean to Europe.

alone, mostly to Italy.

The deal includes \$118m innovation. (£90m) to stop smuggling, migrants.

migrants in Tunisia have faced violent attacks due to an increasingly hostile environment.

Tunisia's President Kais Saied had accused migrants of partaking in a "plot" to change the country's demographic profile, blaming "traitors who are working for foreign countries". He later denied

being racist. Tunisia is suffering an economic crisis and increasing numbers of Tunisians are also trying to leave the country to go to Europe. The EU-Tunisia

unisia and the EU deal says migrants at the border have signed a deal to will be treated with the "full tackle "irregular" respect of human rights" and also migration - meaning those seeks to carve out legal pathways for people to migrate.

The deal, which the EU main departure point for describes as "strategic and migrants trying to cross the comprehensive" also outlines a plan to boost Tunisia's economic The EU has been struggling growth through "socio-economic to cope, with 72,000 migrants reforms" and greater cooperation making the journey this year on a green energy transition, education, research and

The European leaders, strengthen borders and return including Italian and Dutch Prime Ministers Giorgia Meloni and Mark In recent months, black Rutte, who were in Tunis for the signing of the deal described it as

an "important step" to deal with migration and an agreement which would also benefit "the Tunisian people", according to the AFP news agency.

President Saied also defended his record on migration, saying that the country "gave the migrants everything it can offer with unlimited generosity," AFP reports.

There is still a question mark over a long-term loan of \$1bn (£764m) that the EU has previously offered to help Tunisia out of its economic crisis, because it depends on the outcome of separate talks with the IMF.

drivers or market traders, operating in what they see as their domain.

Mr Nwokuha says he collects 5-7,000 naira (£5-7; \$6.50-9) a day - a reasonable amount in Nigeria.

Married with two children, he keeps some of the money while the rest is given to five powerful families in the community - where it gets lost in a trail of private pockets.

So-called tax collectors or third-party agents are also used by Nigeria's states and local governments to collect some taxes.

"These agents use private accounts and make deductions before remitting to the government," says Michael Ango, a former government tax official who is now with private firm Andersen Tax.

"[Their methods] create the impression that the state is using might and muscle

rather than legitimacy." Led by new President Bola Tinubu, Nigeria's federal

government has vowed to

have a side mirror or taillight broken - or their registration plates removed. If they dare fight back, they might feel Mr Nwokuha's wooden stick cracking their skull.Mr Nwokuha is doing what ought to be the job of employees of the local council. Nigeria has 780 local councils but most of them are hardly functional. The vacuum is filled by men like Mr Nwokuha - or just about anyone who can set up a roadblock and enforce their authority. These tend to consist of a wooden bar between two rusty barrels, and home-made spikes for drivers who want to be smart by trying to avoid them.

They are most common in the richer southern parts of Nigeria, including highways where tax collection is done on behalf of some state governments. One lorry driver tells the BBC he pays as much as 80,000 naira (£80; \$100) as he travels through scores of roadblocks on his way from Nigeria's biggest city, Lagos, to Imo in the east: a distance of 540km (335 miles).BBC



# EDITORIAL COM

## More than we think of drug abuse in Liberia

Statistics from the Ministry of Health putting the number of Atrisk youth or drug-addicted youth in Liberia at 47,917 is nothing but an understatement of a situation that has become a national crisis and center of discussion in all quarters of the country.

**Parents, guardians and** institutions across Liberia are lamenting a serious situation that threatens the next generation of Liberians and yet, authorities at the Ministry of Health wants the nation to believe that youth already affected by drugs are less than 50,000.

We vehemently disagree with this figure, for Monrovia alone, not to talk of Montserrado County, has more than 50,000 drugaddicted youth. They are in communities and ghettoes across the city needless to talk about the entire county or the remaining 14 counties.

**Substances such as** cocaine, heroin, marijuana, tramadol, and kush, among others, are being smuggled into Liberia daily thru our porous borders, and even official port of entries as was experienced at the Freeport of Monrovia on two separate occasions with cocaine valued nearly 150 million United States Dollars!

Assistant Minister for Curative Services at the Ministry of Health and Head of the Technical Working Group for the government's At-Risk Youth Program, Dr. Gborbee G. Logan, revealed at the Ministry of Information's weekly press briefing last Thursday that a total of 47,917 at-risk youth are across Liberia.

**Dr. Logan explained** that after President George Weah launched a US\$13 million rehabilitation program in 2022 for drugs-addicted youth, a committee was established with a goal of reaching at least 500 youth per year, but revealed that recent weeks have shown an alarming increase in complaints from Atrisk youth, particularly in Montserrado County.

His explanation clearly validates our position that the figure presented at MICAT press briefing last week is nothing but belittling the issue because drugs are being distributed across all 15 counties at a very fast pace than we imagine by wellorganized syndicates that include both Liberians and aliens.

**Even school campuses** are not being spared by the network of unscrupulous individuals trading contrabands, particularly narcotics to our youth.

Come to think of this: The smugglers, distributors and dealers are ahead of whatever programs and steps that government Intends to take to addressing the drug situation because they have collaborators among security forces of our country that man our borders. The security forces should be going after those corrupting the future our youth thru drugs, but the reality proves the contrary.

We must be sincere with ourselves as Liberians, particularly as government, and stop politicking with our youth. Government of Liberia must muster enough courage to face the bleak future that lies before the next generation and work overtime in addressing the drug situation as a national emergency than paying lip service.

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By Rabah Arezki

# **Africa's Most Consequential President?**

subsidies and various taxes, he private monopoly. suspended the country's central-bank students fund higher education.

confidence of Nigerians, international after facing similar allegations.) investors, and financial markets in the affect lasting change.

incapable of refining crude and thus establish a conducive financial system. imports petroleum. Mismanagement, security issues, and underinvestment in reaching its full potential.

important, Tinubu will need to address Nigerians. broader security, energy, and intertwined.

sector.

Nigeria's oil-sector woes should also be a top priority. The fuel-subsidy reform will help restore fiscal discipline, given that Nigeria's state-owned oil company spent

ASHINGTON, DC - Shortly after \$10 billion on subsidizing petrol in 2022. taking office on May 29, Moreover, Aliko Dangote's \$20 billion oil Nigeria's President Bola Tinubu refinery, where production is set to begin surprised many observers by in July, could help reduce the country's implementing a series of bold reforms. In dependence on petroleum imports, addition to scrapping costly fuel assuming that it does not become a

governor, which led to the immediate Tinubu has demonstrated little patience removal of trading restrictions that for firms cornering the market. While the propped up the value of the naira. And to monopolization of exports has typically curry favor with Nigeria's huge been the focus of government regulation, population of young people, Tinubu import monopolies in oil-rich countries introduced interest-free loans to help like Nigeria are also a significant obstacle to economic diversification and must be addressed. (It is worth noting that Tinubu But while these rapid reforms signal suspended Nigeria's anti-corruption head Tinubu's adherence to economic for "abuse of office," although previous orthodoxy and may restore the agency leaders have also been removed

short term, by themselves they will not To diversify the economy in the long term, the government will need to expand access to electricity, which only Nigeria's economy - Africa's largest - is around 55% of Nigerians currently have. in dire straits and transforming it will not Fortunately, the potential for clean be easy. Inflation recently hit an 18-year energy is enormous. Development high, and large fiscal deficits are adding partners like the World Bank can help with to already-soaring debt levels. The funding and guarantees to boost private economy has been hit hard by the fallout investment in electricity distribution and from the war in Ukraine, partly because renewables. But Tinubu's team will first Nigeria depends on food imports, but need to improve the governance of the also because the country - despite being electricity sector, ensure a stable Africa's biggest oil producer - is largely macroeconomic framework, and

Nigeria's vibrant tech ecosystem infrastructure have hobbled the oil illustrates the potential that Tinubu could industry, which generates around 80% of unlock. Hundreds of startups have government revenues, while emerged, particularly in the fintech inconsistent official policies have sector, with Nigeria accounting for five of prevented the agriculture sector, which Africa's seven tech "unicorns" (private employs about a third of Nigerians, from startups with a valuation of at least \$1 billion). The multiple-exchange-rate regime that prevailed prior to Tinubu That said, Tinubu's move away from taking office drained foreign reserves and interventionism is a step in the right gave importers an unfair advantage. direction, and he could further harness Fewer exchange-rate restrictions will the demographic potential of Africa's facilitate financial inflows, to the benefit most populous country by securing of startups, which could in turn help international investments and reducing transform the agriculture and transport bureaucratic red tape. But, most sectors and empower millions of

governance challenges, which are often If Tinubu stays the course on energy, security, and governance reforms, his agenda could ultimately benefit all of Security risks, which largely Africa-much like Saudi Arabia's economic preoccupied Tinubu's predecessor, experiment could transform the Middle Muhammadu Buhari, threaten to derail East. But, unlike the Saudis, the Nigerian the push for rapid reforms. But a growing government does not have vast coffers to economy could deter would-be militants draw from and will need to rely more from taking up arms by creating heavily on foreign and domestic private employment opportunities, especially if investment, coupled with the support of Tinubu can root out corruption, prevent development partners. If given enough monopolization, and reform the security backing, Tinubu could remake the country - and even help remake the continent.

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REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) MONTSERRADO COUNTY)



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BEFORE HIS HONOUR: RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE PRESIDING

**VERSUS** 

Moses T. Konah and all others to be Identified of the City of Monrovia, Liberia ......DEFENDA .....DEFENDANT SUMMARY PROCEEDING TO RECOVER POSSESSION OF REAL PROPERTY

#### WRIT OF SUMMONS

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, TO THE SHERIFF/DEPUTY SHERIFF OF MONSERRADO COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMONS THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT(S) IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED CAUSE OF ACTION, TO APPEAR BEFORE THE JUNE TERM, A.D. 2023, SAME BEING THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, A. D. 2023, AT THE HOUR OF 10:00 A.M.

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED TO SUMMONS THE RESPONDENT(S)/DEFENDANT (S) HEREIN TO FILE HIS/HER/THEIR RETURN(S)/ANSWER(S) TO THE PETITIONER(S)/PLAINTIFF(S) PETITION/COMPLAINT, ON OR BEFORE THE 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, A.D. 2023. FAILURE TO DO SO, DEFAULT JUDGMENT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST HIM/HER/THEM.

MEANWHILE, YOU WILL RETURN THE ORIGINAL WRIT OF SUMMONS TO MY OFFICE ON/OR BEFORE THE 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, A.D. 2023, WITH THE OFFICIAL RETURNS ENDORSED ON THE BACK OF THE ORIGINAL AS TO THE MANNER OF ITS SERVICE.

COURT'S SEAL:

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF COURT THIS 17TH DAY OF MAY, A.D. 2023. The same

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) MONTSERRADO COUNTY)

IN THE CIVIL LAW COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, MONTSERRADO COUNTY SITTING IN ITS JUNE A. D. 2023 TERM

BEFORE HIS HONOR: J. KENNEDY PEABODY......RESIDENT JUDGE

Filed Klay 17, 202

Moses T. Konah and all others to be identified of Monrovia, Liberia......Respondents

#### Petitioner's Petition

AND NOW COMES Petitioner in the above entitled Cause of Action and brings this action against the within named Respondent in the form and manner as follows, to wit:

- Petitioner is the legal and legitimate owner of a parcel of land measuring 3.69 Lots located in Congo Town, Tubman Boulevard, Monrovia, Liberia. Attached and marked "Exhibit P/1" is a copy of Petitioner's Title Deed to form a cogent part of this Petition.
- Further as to Count 1, Petitioner avers and says that in 2021, 3.69 lots of land were purchased from Charles Cooker, Jr. one of the Administrators of the Intestate Estate Randall P. Gbayu.
- Even further as to Count 1, Petitioner avers and says endorsement of the existence of Randall P. Gbayu owning real property in the area is a Letter of Confirmation issued by the Center of National Documents & Records Agency (CNDRA). Attached and marked "Exhibit P/2" is a copy of the Letter of Confirmation to form a cogent part of this Petition.
- Petitioner avers and says that on many occasions they have opted to engage Respondents of encroaching on their property, but to no avail.
- Further as to Count 4, Petitioner avers and says they complained to the Liberia Land Authority (LLA) which invited Respondents to a Mediatory Conference. Again, the meeting was never held as Respondents failed to attend having his Lawyer to formally inform the LLA that such meeting will be too costly for his client; hence, Petitioner should proceed to Court. Attached and marked "Exhibit P/3 in Bulk" are copies of the communication to concerned Parties for Your Honor's ease of reference.
- Petitioner avers and says in February of this year, this Honorable Court held Respondents in contempt of Court for their deliberate failure, without any excuse, to adhere to an Investigative Survey which had been ordered to amicably resolve the matter. Attached and marked "Exhibit P/4" is a copy of the Court's Writ of Arrest for Your Honor's ease of reference.
- And that our Civil Procedure Law as found in 1 LCL Rev. Title 1, §62.21 provides that only a person who has title to real property may bring an action of Summary Proceedings to Recover Possession of Real Property where title is not in issue, and since Petitioner has legitimate such title, they have elected to exercise their rights by bringing such an action.

WHEREFORE, AND IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES, Petitioner has instituted this suit and pray Judgment against Respondents to have them ousted and elected from their property, and to rule the costs of these proceedings against Respondents, and to

grant unto your humble Petitioner such other and further relief as Your Honor and this Honorable Court may deem equitable, just and legal in the premise.

Respectfully submitted The Petitioner By and thru their Legal Counsel Jura A. Lynch Counsellor-at-Law Cell: 0886 140 273/0777 002 379

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ th Day of May, A. D. 2023

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REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) MONTSERRADO COUNTY)

IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOR AND IN MONTSERRADO COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

The God of Love Forever Church, Inc. by and thru its President, Francis Nwosu of the City of Monrovia,

ummary Proceedings to Recover Possession of Real Property

Moses T. Konah and all others to be identified of Monrovia, Liberia......Respondents

### Petitioner's Affidavit

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, a duly qualified and commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the City of Monrovia, Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia, at my office in the City of Monrovia, Montserrado County, Republic aforesaid, Jura A. Lynch, Counsellor-at-Law, Counsel for Petitioner in the above entitled Cause of Action and made oath according to law that the allegations laid and contained in the foregoing and annexed PETITIONER'S PETITION are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and that as to those matters of information, he verily believes them Tobe true and correct verily believes them to be true and correct.

ura A. Lynch Counsellor-at-Law



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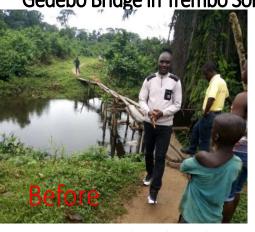








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Before **Butaw Seaside Road** 

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Butaw- Grisgby farm Auditorium (MoU Commitment)

Tubmanville School Annnex, Tartweh, Sinoe

Chea Town Elementary School, Butaw, Sinoe Co.





Tarwleh kofa Elementary School In Kabada, Sinoe County





Trembo Gbanken Elementary School In Grand Kru





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### Bishop Kortu supports Sara Nyanti places love abortion against risks

s debate on abortion in more than three months for any shown that in some countries the Liberian society reason other than threats to a where abortion is legalized, intensifies, the former mother's life. He underscores one in four children are President of the Liberia Council that a life from God is involved, aborted, which is like losing a of Churches (LCC) Bishop Kortu and rejects abortion being quarter of the country's Brown, says he supports committed for any reason for a population just through legal young baby almost four months abortion alone. abortion for risks reason.



demand for any reason, up to 14 countries." weeks.

Montserrado County, Bishop and so on. Brown argued that if a prospective mother faces lifeis already legal in Liberia."

He cautions against any law rape, or disability." that would legalize abortion for

However, Bishop Brown, who old in the mother's womb, is also Overseer of the Apostolic contending "that would give Church Liberia one of the most International, cautious extreme abortion laws in Liberians to carefully consider Africa, even more extreme whether to legalize abortion on than most European

The former president of the Speaking Friday, 14 July at Inter-Religious Council of the end of a two-day retreat Liberia says based on research, organized by LICOSES Teacher's by 14 weeks or almost 4 College Training program held months, a baby has all of its in the New Water in the Desert major organs formed in the Apostolic Pentecostal Church womb, including a beating edifice in Brewerville, heart and is able to feel pain,

be legalized on demand, for any threatening risks such as rape, reason - only because a person incest and disability, abortion is wants an abortion even if their should be allowed, noting "This lives are not threatened and they have not suffered incest, deliberating on whether or not

He reveals that studies have

He notes that it is difficult to articulate what a catastrophic impact that has had on those countries because there is no turning back once abortion is legalized, so once the floodgates are opened, thousands of children in Liberia will be legally killed. According to him, performing abortion just over three months would be something to carefully study because most abortions take place within the first 14 weeks, so such new law would make most abortions legal.

He continues that if the frequency came to European levels, about 15,000 children could be lost by abortion each year in Liberia because the proposed law allows abortion just for any reason, not merely for risks to the mother's life, arguing that "exceptional abortions are already legal in Liberia."

The Bishop wants Liberian lawmakers to engage a more moderate bill as they revise the Public Health Bill that would actually improve on the 1976 Law instead of adopting laws that could have unfavorable impact on the population of the country in years to come. Last week, the "Therefore, abortion cannot House's Committee Chairperson on Health, Representative Joseph Sowambee, disclosed that the 54th Legislature has been to legalize abortion in Liberia. Editing by Jonathan Browne

# for country above dialect

By Lewis S Teh

residential Candidate and former U.N. resident coordinator to South Sudan Madam Sara Beysolow Nyanti, who cannot speak her native dialect Via, has told the people of Mardina, Grand Cape Mount County that her love for Liberia is far deeper than the language that will come out of her mouth."Please forgive me because I never learned Vai, but the love in my heart is deeper than the language we speak every day", Madam Nyanti says. Speaking Friday, July 14, 2023, in Mardina, while on a tour to solicit support for her candidacy in the pending October election, she called on residents of the entire Grand Cape Mount elect people they can trust, saying "I have come to ask for your support to become President of Liberia because I am the most qualified of the 20 presidential candidates."

Madam Nyanti was accompanied to the county by her running mate, who is male, Simeon Moriba, an economist that also retired from the United Nations.

She told the citizens that she is prepared to transform Liberia through education, development, empowering women through business, if elected President. "The Cape Mount you see today is supposed to be better than what it is," she said, and added "The Liberia you see today is supposed to be better than this."She continued that Liberia has potentials to become a great and prosperous nation, if the country maximizes its resources to benefit all of her citizens to reduce poverty instead enriching a few.

Leadership will not be addressed by who comes from the largest county or the largest tribe, but it should be about who is able to lead the nation and help all Liberia reach its development



Madam Nyanti, who is contesting on the ticket of the African Liberation League (ALL), a new grassroots political party, addressed residents of Madina, a community represented by 42 towns of Monibah Clan.

Tonieh Manobah, Elder of Soe Town, presented the female presidential candidate to the community, linking the roots of her paternal grandfather's to Soe. She told the crowd that she is prepared to lead Liberia in solving the challenges facing the nation and its citizens, saying "I have come to greet you as your daughter."

"They say, if you do not know where you come from, you will not know where you are going. I am proud to know where I come from. Please forgive me because I never learned Vai, but the love in my heart is deeper than the potential, she underscored.

The former UN diplomat said it requires collective effort of all Liberians including Cape Mountaineers. "I am depending on you. We want the whole of Cape Mount to come on our side."

Edwin Fahnbulleh, an elder of Manobah Clan in Madina, welcomed Madam Beysolow Nyanti and pledged the clan's support to her candidacy. "When I see women contesting for the presidency, I will always be happy," he said. "When I started working in the Ellen government, I was making the highest salary, but that is not the case today", Fahnbulleh said.

"If I see this lady contesting, I will support her. I will carry this message to my people in the clan", John Senwah, a youth advisor in Madina, said.

# **USAID** and Land Authority pen collaboration on Land Reform

he United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Liberia Land Authority (LLA) on Friday, July 14, 2023, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), setting forth a collaborative framework for the successful implementation of the Land Management Activity (LMA). The LMA is a USAID-funded project that is working with the LLA to help customary communities acquire (for the first time in their history) legal title to their lands. The LLA is Liberia's land regulatory agency charged with implementing the Land Reform Rights Act of 2018, including its provisions on land rights for customary communities.

Customary communities are

typically rural communities as a group and complete that have occupied their lands certain steps, including subject to traditional rules and resolution of all boundary norms but without any disputes, are entitled to recognizable tenure rights.

Rights Act, members of these communities that self-identify

deeds legally recognizing Under the Land Reform their rights to land they have occupied for 50 or



language we speak every day."

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### MORE HEADLINE NEWS

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### MORE HEADLINE NEWS

### Bassa promises \ ONE FOUND VICTORY him thru their votes to continue what he has started

By Emmanuel wise Jipoh

Change (CDC) of one-round

has a heart of Bassa.

Supt. Williams said after rand Bassa County has vibrant consultations with and former defense minister, given full assurances citizens, including council of Daniel Chea, expressed to incumbent chiefs and elders, zoes, men President George Weah and his and women, youth, they have ruling Coalition for Democratic resolved to rallying around the mind for Liberia.



victory in October.

Dr. Jewel- Howard-Taylor.

they look forward to more as he county has decided to repay

incumbent, so that he will Thousands of Bassa citizens continue his developmental from across Liberia, on quest for Bassa and the nation Saturday, 15, July 2023, at large. According to him, the stormed the port city of people of Bassa are satisfied Buchanan, Grand Bassa County, with the Weah regime, given specifically Fairgrounds where the many developments being they presented a petition, carried out by his government overwhelmingly endorsing the so they have resolved to repose second term bid of President confidence in him to go for a Weah and Vice President Chief second term, for the betterment of Liberia.

Reading the petition, Grand Grand Bassa County District Bassa County Superintendent #4 Representative, Vincent Eddie Levi Williams, assured Willie, emphasized that the county's commitment to President Weah has giving Mr. Weah a resounding demonstrated competence and victory in the October poll, for passion in developing Liberia, his many developmental while prioritizing Bassa as his programs in the first term, and home and for that reason the

continue what he has started for the nation and its people.

A prominent citizen of Bassa gratitude to President George Weah for his developmental

Mr. Chea overwhelmingly endorsed the re-election bid of the President, vowing to ensure the Weah-Taylor Ticket get another six years mandate from Liberian voters. "Grand Bassa County

belongs to no special person, and I can safely assure you for the heart you have for Bassa and the Liberian nation, we will overwhelmingly reelect you, Mr. Chea said. He urged the people of

Bassa to vote wisely come October, adding that their gathering to endorse Mr. Weah was not a mistake, but a victory for the county.

In response, President Weah applauded the people of Bassa, for their support over the years, reflecting on the loyalty Grand Bassa County has demonstrated by massively voting him into power in his previous quest for the Presidency back in 2017.

He attributed this magnanimity to his root of being a son Bassa himself, due to his late mother. "You never made a mistake to petitioning me as your President, and I sav to you today, I wholeheartedly accept your petition; thank you Bassa for believing in me. and for believing in yourself, and I say to you young people, this is your turn, President Weah said. Editing by Jonathan Browne

### Starts from back page 2.4m to vote in Liberian

exhibition exercise. She said the NEC provided information to that Commission, having concluded nomination documents to committee on how the the exhibition, deduplication, the Commission during the deduplication and adjudication and adjudication process of the process," she said. processes conducted. According to Madam registration roll, was pleased Chairperson Browne-Browne-Lansanah, the NSCE is to announce the final figures Lansanah detailed that 159 chaired by the Minister of Justice that will participate in the 10 constituting 15 percent are and Co-chaired by the ECOWAS Commission Resident Representative in Liberia and the Madam Browne-Lansanah said independent aspirants United Nations Resident as per the electoral timeline, a Coordinator in Liberia.

She said a similar exercise for political parties was held under the Inter-Party Consultative Committee (IPCC) on 14 July 2023.

During the exercise for the political parties, she said the Commission demonstrated the outcome of the Exhibition concerning the deduplication and adjudication of the provisional registration roll.

were 2023 BVR provisional October 2023 elections.

> In a related development, provisional list of candidates will be published on 18 July 2023 and the final list will be published on 5 August 2023.

She recalled that the nomination of candidates for all Liberians, all the 10 October 2023 elections commenced on 14 June 2023 and concluded on 14 July 2023 as planned.

report that a total of One process. Thousand Thirty (1,030)

She further said the aspirants submitted

Of this number, females while 871, or 85 percent are males. She said account for 199, constituting 19 percent while aspirants for political arties/coalitions/alliances are 831 or 8l percent.

She thanked and assured stakeholders, and electoral actors that the NEC will continue to work with them to the successful conclusion "The NEC is pleased to of the 2023 electoral

### FAO, NaFAA end 23rd Session on

By Naneka Hoffman

he Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in collaboration with Liberia's National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority (NaFAA), over the weekend ended the 23rd Session of the Committee on Fishery For the Eastern Central Atlantic (CECAF) in Harbel, Margibi County.

Speaking at the 23rd Session, the Representative of the African Union, Christine Umotoni said she was grateful to be a part of the closing of the CECAF whose mandate is to promote the sustainable utilization of living marine resources through a science-based approach to fisheries management.

She explained that the one UN, of which FAO is an internationally respected part, sees the CECAF as a key technical group that could contribute significantly to the transformation of fishery management in the region.

Madam Umotoni added that the United Nations is grateful to FAO for globally leading in Agriculture,

sustainability in CECAF region," she noted. However, Madam Umotoni urged that CECAF member states implement the recommendations to deal with the problems and save the sector. Meanwhile, she explained that the Liberia Government's priorities reflected in the FAO Country Programming Framework (2020-2024), entail the agricultural sector and sub-sector transformation.

She indicated that Fisheries, FAO, and Partners are engaged alongside NaFAA, the Liberian Maritime Authority, the Environmental Protection Agency, and other sectors to build capacity for implementing the Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA). She said the engagement focuses on combating illegal, unregulated, and unreported (IUU) fishing and capacitating women in small-scale fisheries (SSF) with solar-powered storage, fish handling, and processing capacities.

She thanked President George Manneh Weah for his leadership and the Liberian Government through NaFAA for providing the space for their deliberations. She added that the United Nations remains



Forestry, Fisheries, and Livestock, and providing leadership in the fight against hunger internationally.

"As your mandate portrays, it is my hope that your discussions consider strong policies and best practices that encourage the ecological usage of the region's live aquatic wealth via a sciencebased approach, as you endeavor to manage fishing operations in Africa," she said.

She further said since the establishment of CECAF in 1967, efforts have been made towards tackling challenges that undermine sustainable fisheries in the region and the economic threat they pose to those who most depend on the sector for their livelihoods. At the same time, she encouraged partners to remain robust in continuing such good work, knowing that fisheries contribute to food security for billions of people worldwide and play a crucial role in enhancing the livelihoods of coastal communities in many countries."Your work here

has been under the theme: Toward practical solutions to strengthen

heries management

supportive of CECAF and NaFAA, and all partners collaborating to make the fisheries sector better for the livelihood of the people of Liberia.

In remarks, the newly elected Chairman of the Fishery Committee For the Eastern Central Atlantic, Austin said the 23rd session marked a new beginning for CECAF after the devastating impact of COVID-19.

Wehye is also the Director of Research and Statistics at NaFAA. He explained that as Liberia takes over the chairmanship of this noble organization at a crucial moment, most of the stocks are overly exploited and poorly exploited.

Meanwhile, Mr. Wehye urged the various delegates from various countries to make sure that the singular duty to advise various managements to take into consideration CECAF advice.

The conference was aimed at promoting sustainable utilization of living marine resources through a science-based approach to fisheries management.It brought together representatives from countries on the African Continent with coastal communities and the UN FAO. The conference lasted for four days.

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# **Toxicomanie : Le Libéria compte 47 917 jeunes**

■adjoint de la Santé

Dr Gborbee G. opérations de cartographie ont été un comité a été créé dans le Logan, ministre menées à travers le pays.

« L'enquête a révélé que 72 % chargé des services curatifs des nouveaux consommateurs de et chef du groupe de travail substances ont moins de 20 ans,

but d'aider 500 personnes par an. Il a révélé cependant que ces dernières semaines il y a eu une augmentation alarmante des jeunes à risque, en particulier dans le comté de Montserrado.

Il a ajouté que pour∎ répondre à ces entreront bientôt en vigueur pour répondre à cette urgence.

« Les plans et directives seront présentés au comité directeur, et la mise en œuvre devrait commencer prochainement », a-t-il dit, révélant que le gouvernement a déjà alloué 5 000 dollars pour ce processus.

Toujours selon le ministre adjoint, 458 cliniciens en santé des 14 comtés restants. mentale, dont des agents psychosociaux, ont reçu une formation du Centre Carter au fil des ans. Plusieurs programmes de formation spécialisés en matière de prévention, de traitement et de rétablissement sont actuellement en cours. 104 participants ont été recrutés à se effet.



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technique pour le programme des jeunes à risque, a révélé que le Libéria compte 47 917 jeunes à risque, dont 83% sont du sexe male.

Donnant l'annonce le jeudi 13 juillet 2023 lors du briefing hebdomadaire du ministère de l'Information à Monrovia, le Dr Logan a expliqué que plusieurs

Le 2e sommet Russie-

28 juillet 2023 à Saint-

Pétersbourg. Vladimir

Poutine y a convié

l'ensemble des chefs d'État

et de gouvernements du

continent. Son objectif, ouvertement affiché,

renforcer le partenariat

entre Moscou et le

continent, avec en ligne de

mire un accès privilégié à ses

ressources. Toute cette semaine, RFI vous propose

une série de reportages

intitulée Influences russes

en Afrique pour tenter de mieux comprendre comment

la Russie, au fil des années,

est parvenue à s'implanter

dans ce qui était, il y a encore 10 ans, le pré carré

des puissances occidentales.

de faire main basse sur le

continent ne date pas

d'aujourd'hui.

Lorsque l'on évoque

ans », a dit le Dr Logan.

Le Dr Logan réaffirme l'engagement du gouvernement du Libéria et de ses partenaires à investir dans la réduction de la demande de drogue dans le pays.

Selon lui, après que le président George Weah a lancé le programme de réhabilitation de 13 millions de dollars américains en 2022 pour les jeunes toxicomanes,

**De l'héritage soviétique aux réseaux sociaux** 

nment la Russie s'est implantée en Af

dont environ 60 % ont moins de 18

### Déjà dans les années 1960, du Afrique n'a cessé de croître. Afrique se tiendra les 27 et temps de l'Union soviétique, en D'abord sur le plan militaire pleine guerre froide, l'URSS avait avec dès 2017 l'arrivée du bien saisi, sous Nikita Khrouchtchev, tout l'enjeu qu'il y avait à se poser en soutien des de cinq millions et demi

en Centrafrique. Ce petit pays pays africains, en quête d'habitants, sans accès à la



aujourd'hui la présence russe en Afrique, le groupe l'Occident. Mais depuis, le bloc paramilitaire Wagner et son de l'Est s'est effondré, et ancien son chef Evgneni l'intérêt pour le continent s'est Prigojine - fidèle parmi les fidèles de Vladimir Poutine, devenu persona non grata auprès du Kremlin après sa tentative avortée il y a 3 semaines de marcher sur Moscou - s'imposent dans tous les esprits. Pourtant cette tentative de la Russie

érodé. La nouvelle Russie en sera largement absente jusqu'au retour opéré ces dernières années avec un discours qui s'appuie très largement sur ce narratif soviétique, tout à la gloire de Moscou.La Centrafrique, un laboratoire pour les mercenaires de Wagner

Depuis une dizaine d'années en effet, l'influence de Moscou en Russie pour parfaire sa stratégie de prise en main de certains pays. Une stratégie à l'œuvre au Mali et qu'elle compte développer dans la région comme par exemple au Burkina Faso.

Sur le plan politique, c'est à Madagascar, ancienne colonie française qui a pris son indépendance en 1960, que Moscou a déployé ses

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# Editorial

### C'est plus que ce que nous pensons i de la situation de la toxicomanie

Les statistiques du ministère de la Santé selon lesquelles les jeunes à risque (jeunes toxicomanes) sont de 47 917 individus ne sont qu'un préoccupations, le comité a euphémisme d'une situation qui est devenue une crise nationale et élaboré des plans-cadres qui est au centre des discussions dans tous les coins du pays.

Les parents, les tuteurs et les institutions à travers le Libéria

déplorent une situation grave qui menace la prochaine génération de Libériens et pourtant, les autorités du ministère de la Santé veulent que la nation croie que les jeunes déjà touchés par la drogue sont moins de 50 000.

Nous ne sommes pas tout à faire d'accord avec ce chiffre, car Monrovia à elle seule, sans parler du comté de Montserrado, compte plus de 50 000 jeunes toxicomanes. Ils sont dans les communautés et dans les ghettos de la ville, inutile de parler de tout le comté ou

Des substances comme la cocaïne, l'héroïne, la marijuana, le tramadol et le kush, entre autres, sont quotidiennement introduites au Libéria à travers nos frontières poreuses, et même par le port, de Monrovia où une grande quantité de cocaïne d'une valeur estimative de 150 millions de dollars américains a été saisie

Le Dr Gborbee G. Logan, ministre adjoint de la santé publique chargé des Services curatifs et chef du groupe de travail technique pour le programme gouvernemental pour les jeunes à risque, a révélé lors de la conférence de presse hebdomadaire du ministère de l'Information jeudi dernier que 47 917 jeunes prennent de la drogue sur l'ensemble du territoire national du Libéria.

Le Dr Logan a expliqué qu'après que le président George Weah a lancé son programme de réhabilitation de 13 millions de dollars américains en 2022 pour les jeunes toxicomanes, un comité a été crée dans le but d'atteindre au moins 500 jeunes par an. Mais il a groupe paramilitaire Wagner aussi révélé que les dernières semaines ont montré une augmentation alarmante des jeunes à risque, en particulier dans le comté de Montserrado.

d'indépendance, contre mer, a servi de laboratoire à la Son explication valide clairement notre position selon laquelle le chiffre présenté lors de la conférence de presse du MICAT la semaine dernière ne fait que minimiser le problème, car les drogues sont distribuées dans les 15 comtés à un rythme très rapide que nous imaginons par des syndicats bien organisés comprenant à la fois des Libériens et des étrangers.

> Même les écoles ne sont pas épargnées par le réseau d'individus sans scrupules qui vendent des produits de contrebande, en particulier des stupéfiants, à nos jeunes.

> Pensez à ceci : les passeurs, les distributeurs et les revendeurs sont en avance sur tous les programmes et mesures que le gouvernement a l'intention de prendre pour résoudre le problème de la drogue, car ils ont des collaborateurs parmi les forces de sécurité de notre pays qui surveillent nos frontières. Les forces de sécurité devraient s'en prendre à ceux qui corrompent l'avenir de notre jeunesse par la drogue.

Il faut que nous soyons sincères avec nous-mêmes en tant que Libériens, en particulier en tant que gouvernement, et cesser de faire de l'avenir de nos jeunes une guestion politique. Au lieu de faire semblant, l'Etat du Libéria devrait rassembler suffisamment de courage pour faire face à l'avenir sombre qui s'offre à la prochaine génération et redoubler d'efforts pour faire face au phénomène de la drogue qui aujourd'hui est une urgence nationale.

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réseaux. La Grande Île est le les plus démunis et notamment les plus pauvres du monde.

comme outils d'influences

plusieurs projets la gloire de Moscou. humanitaires destinés à aider

premier pays d'Afrique pour les enfants sur le continent. Un lequel l'ingérence électorale moyen de concurrence l'aide au russe a pu être documentée développement occidentale puis prouvée. Lors de portée par des organismes l'élection présidentielle de comme l'USAID ou l'AFD, 2018, entre six et neuf l'Agence française de candidats sur les trente-six développement. Au programme qui ont brigué la magistrature du sommet, disponible en ligne, suprême, ont bénéficié de une session est ainsi prévue pour l'aide de mystérieux stratèges évoquer, entre autres, « les de Moscou. Un mode pseudo-valeurs artificielles et opératoire méthodique et contre-nature qui sont bien rodé, dans l'un des pays activement imposées » par l'Occident.Dans sa croisade Famille et traditions contre cet « Occident décadent », Moscou peut Sur le plan idéologique compter sur le soutien de enfin, la Russie se sert des certaines personnalités qui se traditions et des valeurs présentent comme familiales qui imprègnent la panafricanistes. Kemi Seba, Russie, mais aussi l'Afrique, Nathalie Yamb, ou Franklin pour mener son offensive Nyamsi, des millions d'abonnés contre ce qu'elle désigne sur les réseaux sociaux à leur comme l'Occident décadent. actif, ont pour mission de défaire La Russie s'apprête ainsi à l'emprise française en Afrique et dévoiler à Saint-Pétersbourg construire un nouveau narratif à

### « Vous n'êtes pas encore candidats », prévient la commission électorale



La Commission électorale candidature.

S'exprimant lors du Comité a-t-elle souligné. consultatif inter-partis élections ne fait que candidats. confirmer que leurs dossiers

dossiers auront été validés par

la commission électorale.

« Pourquoi mentir au peuple nationale (NEC) a indiqué libérien que vous souhaitez qu'aucun candidat n'a encore diriger. Les documents affichés été certifié pour se présenter ne sont que des reçus avec la aux élections générales du 10 photo, la date de naissance, le octobre, contrairement à logo de l'aspirant, indiquant que l'impression que donnent toutes les informations fournies à certaines personnes qui ont la commission sont correctes. Ca juste déposé leurs dossiers de ne veut pas dire pourtant qu'on est déjà candidat aux élections »,

Mme Browne Lansanah a politiques (GIEC) le vendredi rappelé que le processus de 14 juillet, la présidente validation des candidats Davidetta Browne Lansanah a comporte plusieurs étapes déclaré que le document auxquelles un aspirant doit se affiché par certains candidats soumettre avant qu'une décision sur les réseaux sociaux et de qualification ne soit prise. Elle d'autres réseaux pour donner a expliqué qu'en suite, on publie l'impression qu'ils ont été une liste préliminaire de qualifiés et certifiés en tant candidats qualifiés. Après ce, on que candidats aux prochaines publie enfin la liste finale des

Par ailleurs, s'exprimant de candidature ont été reçus vendredi au complexe sportif par le comité de validation des Samuel Kanyon Doe, la présidente candidatures. Ils ne seront de la commission électorale candidats que quand leurs nationale a déclaré la fin de la période de dépôts des dossiers de candidature.

### Mali : visite à Kidal du directeur des renseignements pour tenter de relancer le processus de paix



u Mali, le colonel Modibo Koné, directeur général de l'Agence nationale de la sécurité maliens, a effectué le 16 juillet 2023 une visite à référendum constitutionnel dans les zones du Kidal, ville du nord du pays sous contrôle des ex- nord qu'ils contrôlent, alors que Bamako a rebelles.

Cette visite surprise d'un très haut responsable Minusma, du Mali. malien a pour but de relancer le processus de paix

bloqué entre les mouvements signataires de l'accord d'Alger et le gouvernement. Un événement

De sources proches de la rencontre, devant ses interlocuteurs de la Coordination des mouvements de l'Azawad (CMA) qui contrôle la ville de Kidal, le colonel Modibo Koné a proposé une relance du processus de paix. De leur côté, les ex-rebelles ont mis sur la table des propositions pour la reprise du dialogue, notamment la création d'un canal de négociations plus approprié et, pour appliquer l'accord de paix, la prise de nouvelles décisions officielles. On ne connait

pas encore tous les détails.

Le patron des services de renseignements du Mali a pris bonne note de cette demande et d'autres à étudier. Tenue secrète jusqu'au dernier moment, cette visite à Kidal est un événement. Le colonel Modibo Koné, homme de l'ombre, ne rend compte qu'au président de la transition, le colonel Assimi Goïta. Il était donc en mission d'État au moment où le ton monte entre le gouvernement malien et les ex-rebelles de la CMA. Ces derniers ont d'État, les services de renseignements récemment rejeté et empêché la tenue du demandé le départ de la mission de l'ONU, la

### **Ghana : le Parlement adopte une loi autorisant** la production du cannabis médical et industriel

e Parlement ghanéen a adopté mardi 11 juillet un projet de loi qui rend légal la production du cannabis à des fins médicinales et commerciales. Cette loi va permettre la fabrication des médicaments et des produits comme le charbon, le béton, ou les textiles à partir de la plante de cannabis. Une décision qui pourrait permettre au Ghana, durement frappé par une crise économique, de s'octroyer une part de ce marché mondial qui pèse plusieurs milliards de dollars.

Cette nouvelle a été saluée par les acteurs du secteur, à l'image de Nana Kwaku Agyemang, président de l'ONG Hempire Association of Ghana, qui milite depuis des années pour la légalisation du cannabis.

« Cette décision est très importante parce qu'à l'heure actuelle, le Ghana supplie le FMI pour de l'aide financière parce que nous ne créons pas de revenus nous-mêmes, affirmet-il au micro de Christina Okello du service Afrique de RFI. La commercialisation du cannabis offre de nouvelles perspectives. Elle va permettre la création de milliers d'emplois directs et indirects. Ce qu'autorise cette loi, c'est le chanvre industriel, et non pas le cannabis récréatif. Le chanvre est moins puissant que le cannabis. Il peut être utilisé de plusieurs façons différentes. Tout ce qui est plastique, comme des bouteilles d'eau, peuvent

être fabriqués, à partir du chanvre



industriel, qui est également biodégradable. » Dans l'attente d'une validation présidentielle

« On peut produire le CBD, une molécule extraite du cannabis, à partir des graines du chanvre, et c'est une bonne chose sur le plan médical car le CBD peut traiter l'épilepsie, l'insomnie, l'hypertension artérielle, les douleurs menstruelles, donc il y a beaucoup d'avantages. Nous allons acheter des graines certifiées en France, appelées Future 75, qui contiennent moins de 0,3% du THC, une molécule psychoactive, donc cane va pas nous faire planer. »

Ce projet de loi doit encore être validé par le président Nana Akufo-Addo.

**GENERAL INFORMATION** 

1. SOLICITATION NO: VA-669-23-000024

**ISSUANCE DATE: July 17, 2023** 

CLOSING DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF OFFERS: July 30, 2023, 11:59 pm

4. POINT OF CONTACT: Executive Officer, email at LiberiaHR@usaid.gov

POSITION TITLE: Project Management Specialist (Natural Resource Management)

MARKET VALUE: 35,104.00 - 56,160.00 FSN- 10 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.

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PLACE OF PERFORMANCE: Monrovia, Liberia.

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10. SECURITY LEVEL REQUIRED: Facility access.

#### 11. STATEMENT OF DUTIES

#### **Basic Function of Position**

The Natural Resources Management (NRM) Specialist will be based in the USAID/Liberia's

Economic Growth Office (EGO). S/he will participate in the planning, design, and management of new and existing NRM projects. S/he will provide technical expertise and project oversight; engage in project performance monitoring and documentation of program successes; and serve as the point of contact on local NRM matters and policies. The NRM Specialist will be required to travel within Liberia to perform reconnaissance in preparation for program designs; conduct site visits to assess program implementation and meet with program beneficiaries and stakeholders to assure that program objectives are being met. During field visits to program implementation sites, the NRM Specialist often will be housed in modest accommodations and at times may have to walk to reach certain beneficiary communities. The NRM Specialist will work under the supervision of the NRM Team Lead, or as designated by the USDH EGO Office Director.

### Major Duties and Responsibilities Project management (30%)

- Serve as the Contracting Officer Representative/Agreement Officer Representative (COR/AOR) and/or Alternate COR/AOR for EGO activities, as requested.
- Establish and maintain working files on biodiversity programs. Job duties include ensuring up-to-date maintenance of administrative files and records of relevant programmatic activities in collaboration with the EGO Program Assistant.
- Advise Implementing Partners (IPs) on the preparation of annual work plans, evaluations and program modifications, and encourage timely submissions. Ensure coordination with and between both Mission M&E and IPs' M&E contacts.
- Schedule and coordinate visits to program implementation sites to assess program performance, including holding meetings with key programmatic partners, stakeholders, and beneficiaries in the field. Provide written field trip reports, as required, to monitor progress and to ensure work is progressing in accordance with program plans, Mission priorities and U.S. Government environmental compliance considerations.

- Provide information and guidance on Liberian regulations and policies affecting NRM. Undertake research or gather and report on the situation affecting Liberia's forests and
- forest communities.
- Contribute to the development of EGO and Mission priorities, including the preparation of the Operational Plan (OP).
- Assist in the preparation of relevant sections of the Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) (including helping to facilitate and/or implement recommendations from the 118/119 Tropical Forests and Biodiversity Analysis), annual Program Performance Report (PPR) and semi-annual Portfolio Reviews, as well as other relevant program documents and reports as needed.
- Support the conceptualization, design, and drafting of EGO activities, as appropriate, by lending technical expertise that pertains to NRM, monitoring and evaluation protocols, and community forestry livelihood issues.
- Support USAID technical offices in the creation and implementation of strategies,
- including cross-sectoral or Mission-specific NRM strategies. Keep abreast of planned and ongoing projects of other donors and of the GOL, as well as

### coordination opportunities that will strengthen the impact of USG programs.

### Coordination (20%)

- Coordinate stakeholders and acts as a point of contact for issues pertaining to NRM in Liberia. Stakeholders include the USAID/Liberia Mission, the U.S. Embassy, USAID/Washington, other regional West African countries, other parts of the U.S. government, international organizations, host country governmental ministries and agencies, NGOs, Community-Supported Organizations, and others in the country collaboration around NRM to increase the effectiveness of the programs overall.
- Advocate for proper NRM in coordination meetings with USAID staff, development partners, non-governmental organizations (NGO) and host country officials. Coordinate with all actors to address issues having an impact on NRM in Liberia.
- Prepare for USAID/Washington Africa Bureau environment staff as well as U.S. Forest Service (USFS) staff monitoring trips to Liberia. Liaise with other Mission staff as
- needed to ensure country clearance, transport, and lodging arrangements are completed. Represent USAID/Liberia and EGO at required meetings, scheduled events, and conferences related to assigned program and project activities.

### **Monitoring and Reporting (10%)**

- 1. Report on general NRM issues, to include changes in Liberia's forest composition, new of existing GOL policies and actions affecting the protection of natural resources, notable concessions arrangements, and issues affecting Liberian communities primarily relying
- Monitor and report on implementation of NRM programs, including progress and problems encountered. Carry out site visits to monitor project implementation, both in Monrovia and in the field. Prepare and distribute monitoring reports and follow up on an resulting recommendations.
- Provide oversight to field activities, including field monitoring, coordinating, and organizing field coordination workshops/events to strengthen collaboration between USC and other donor- funded NRM initiatives.

### Communication (10%)

- 1. Maintain close working relationships with the USAID/Liberia Front Office and other USAID support offices (Controller's, Program, Executive Office (EXO), Office of Acquisition and Assistance (OAA)) and take initiative in making any recommended changes to programming or approach.
- Maintain productive contacts and working relationships with both public and private institutions. Maintain extensive contacts with the GOL, NGOs, and other relevant stakeholders to follow trends in NRM.
- Liaise with international donors, USG, NGO cooperating agencies and partners, and USAID/W specialists, e.g., in the Africa Bureau. Coordinate closely across the Mission to support project synergies and accelerate
- development advances.

### POSITION ELEMENTS

Supervisory Relationship: The NRM Specialist will work under the direction of the NRM Team Lead, or as designated by the USDH EGO Office Director. The NRM Specialist will develop a personal annual performance plan, in coordination with his/he

supervisor, and will be evaluated annually based on the performance plan. The employee handles the work according to governing policies and regulations.

2. Supervision controls: None

### 12. PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The work requested does not involve undue physical demands.

#### II. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION

- 1. Education: A minimum bachelor's degree in Natural Sciences, Natural Resource Management, Forestry or environmental Studies is required.
- 2. Prior Work Experience: A minimum of four (4) years of professional experience in natural resources management or environmental studies. Demonstrated experience in establishing relationships with key public sector, donor and private sector stakeholders is
- Language Proficiency Level IV (fluent proficiency) in English (reading, written and spoken) is required.
- Work/Residency Permits: Applicants must have valid work and/or residency permits allowing work in Liberia.

#### III. EVALUATION AND SELECTION FACTORS

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

#### 1. Selection Process

After the closing date for receipt of applications, a committee will convene to review applications that meet the minimum requirements and evaluate them in accordance with the evaluation criteria. As part of the selection process, the most qualified candidates will be invited to participate in a written exercise and group exercise. The most qualified candidates from those exercises 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 Factor

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

#### FACTOR #1: Understanding the Natural Resources Sector

Describe in 500 words or less, critical challenges in the Natural Resources and Environment sector of Liberia. How do you think these challenges can be addressed, when stakeholders' priorities and/or timelines are not synchronized.

#### FACTOR #2: Impact of National Land Policy on the Natural Resources Sector

Describe in 500 words or less, the types of disputes you foresee resulting in efforts to implement the new national land policy? Would you see these potential land and natural resource related disputes as concerning or impeding forest conservation and livelihood creation if the new national land policy is fully implemented, and why?

### **FACTOR #3: Experience in the Natural Resources Sector**

Describe in 500 words or less your experience managing natural resources projects. This should include managing relationships and coordination with the Government of Liberia and other key donors, international financial institutions, non-government organizations and local stakeholders. Give specific examples of the results you achieved.

### 3. Basis of Rating

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

Evaluation Factor: 40 points Factor #1

15 points Factor #2 15 points Factor #3 10 points

#### Written Interview 20 points **Interview Performance 40 points**

Interview questions will revolve around the candidate's fit for the position as described in the statement of duties.

Total Possible Points 100 points

### IV. SUBMITTING AN OFFER

Applications must be submitted electronically by email to LiberiaHR@usaid.gov with the subject line VA-669-23-000024- Project Management Specialist (Natural Resource Management)

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:

- A current curriculum vitae (CV) or resume, not to exceed three (3) pages.
- 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 (1) reference provided should be a current or former supervisor.
- A supplemental document with a written response to the Evaluation Factor.

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.

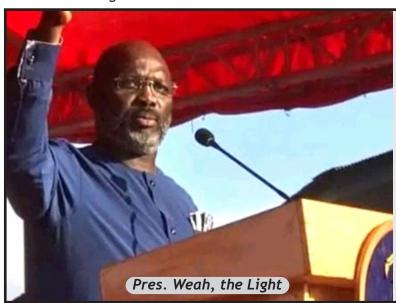
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By: Emmanuel wise Jipoh

resident George Weah has again descended on opposition saying only God can unprecedented rescue Liberia, while describing himself as light.

comes across his path with where he hailed from, there problem, are resolved.

Mr. Weah, vowed to reduce generational gaps with developments, while emphasizing generational Addressing a local gaps have been an old age



congregation at the St. John Episcopal Church in Buchanan, Grand Bassa County, Sunday, July 16, Mr. Weah who is vying for a second term in office told worshipers that he is not a rescuer but a light to Liberians, and that his image has served as the brightest to the nation across the globe.

Mr. Weah narrated how he came from grass to grace, not as a rescuer but a redeemer ", Light to shine upon his people, while stressing his government commitments to reducing generational gaps by bringing more developments to Liberia.He opined that Liberians don't need to be rescued because they're already there, and the Light of God is already shining upon them and will continue to shine. "I just want you to know, we are redeeming the time because we know that the days are numerous, he said." adding that you don't need to be gaps to the days of old, when rescued, because you're already there" adding that everyone who everyone who

problem, which is gradually resolving under his regime, with evidences of roads connectivities in every corridors of the country, constructing the most hospitals in Liberia, than any other government, since 1847, schools, free-tuitions for Liberian Students, and improving the welfare of the people, emphasizing that his Administration has done far better than others.

The President boasted that under his leadership, Liberia is gradually improving and no amount of hates can impede his works and progress of the nation, weather oppositions or none-position as long it is God's plan, he's President, he will remain President. He said he is not afraid of criticism, and is making his contribution to his country, which is the best thing to do.

He attributed generational Liberia was less developed, making specific reference on (Sass Town) Grand Kru County,

was no light since 1975, it was in 2021, that his government took Solar Light to Sass Town, which speaks progress of his government commitments to developing Liberia, and change the spectrum of the generations.Mr. Weah explained how he seized the opportunity to serve Liberia, not as a politician, but an administrator on a political party ticket to serve his country and redeemed them from generational ills.

"As I have always said to you- I'm not a Politician, but an administrator. So, I wouldn't want to politicize the future of our country with politics, but rather to serve. I see it as an opportunity to serve my country, doing what is best and making significant contributions," Mr. Weah added, noting that his government is doing its best for the future of the young people and to foster Peace, Unity and Stability, for the betterment of Liberia.

For his part Grand Bassa County, District #4 Representative Vincent Willie, commended the President for his continue efforts in breaching generational gaps, with evidence of his numerous developments across the country as Grand Bassa is no exception and must applaud him as thousands of youths are benefiting from the breach in generation gaps.

Meanwhile, President Weah donated huge medical supplies to the Liberian government hospital annex in Buchanan as part of it's reopening. The President expressed satisfaction in the completion of the building, while thanking the administration for its maintenance.

### **USAID** and Land Authority pen Starts from page 6 more years. According to the help customary communities and help address the "historic terms of the MOU, the LLA will satisfy the requirements for injustice that for so long has

work with USAID and ECODIT securing their land rights. (which is implementing the LMA on behalf of USAID) to ensure with the LLA to ensure that ownland." communities receive their customary communities customary land deeds within manage communal land for Adams Manobah, Sr., thanked about 60 days of completing the productive use, and that the United States for process required under the women, youth, and other Land Reform Rights Act to marginalized groups fully implementation of the Land formalize title to their land.

will, among other things, management. Speaking working with USAID and all support the LMA surveyor during the signing of the MOU other stakeholders to create capacity development in Monrovia today, USAID a customary land tenure program, timely resolve all Liberia Mission Director Jim system that benefits all community boundary disputes, Wright hailed the passage of Liberians." and conduct confirmatory the Land Rights Act as "one of surveys for communities that the most progressive post- Management Activity is have successfully resolved all civil war reforms in Liberia." such disputes.

through ECODIT, will providing through the LMA to Grand Bassa - obtain collaborate with the LLA and ensure the successful customary land deeds. provide technical assistance to implementation of the Act

He added that USAID was

seen customary communities USAID will also partner denied the right to own their

LLA Chairman, Atty. J. "supporting the participate in and benefit Rights Act," noting that "we To achieve this goal, the LLA from communal land at the LLA are committed to

The USAID Land currently working to help 100 communities in four counties-For its part, USAID, working proud of the support it is Bong, Lofa, Nimba, and

### Gongloe calls for mass protest

By Lewis S. Teh

Ilr. Tiawan Saye Gongloe, the standard bearer of the opposition Liberian People Party (LPP), has called for a mass protest against alleged corruption across the country.

The renowned human rights lawyer told a press conference on Ashmum Street in Monrovia Monday, 17 July 2023, that the anti-corruption campaign is captioned: The Broom Parade.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, this press conference is to call upon the Liberian people to turn out on July 19, 2023 to take part in a major anti-corruption campaign under the theme: Anti-Corruption Campaign or (ACC)," said Cllr. Gongloe.

He told journalists at his law firm that the parade is meant to show to the world that Liberian people are against corruption because it has made life so unbearable in the country for the majority of the people.

Gongloe lamented that due to the high level of corruption in Liberia, many Liberian parents find it difficult to feed their families. He noted that

diagnostic equipment and supplies in order to save the lives of the Liberian people," said Cllr.

Ohh yeah, because of corruption people can't move freely throughout the country beyond pave roads during the rainy season," he continued.He named southeast Liberia and Lofa County as the most affected when it comes to bad roads.

Cllr. Gongloe noted that this is because the government has failed to put into place mechanisms for road maintenance due to corruption.

Corruption, he said, hinders law enforcement, law interpretation and generally undermine the rule of law.

The LPP standard bearer noted that the act also makes it difficult for any government to implement any socioeconomic development policy, no matter how good such policy might be.

"The time for stealing is over. Liberians want a new breed of leaders who will put Liberia first," Gongloe declared.

He called on all Liberians to



because of corruption, most parents reject both money eaters of do not have money to send their children to school.

the high level of corruption in our numbers on Wednesday to join the country, no government clinic or 'Broom Parade' against hospital has medicine and health corruption. workers do not have essential

yesterday and today, saying Liberians must begin a new "Ladies and gentlemen, because of attitude of coming out in mass

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### **Sara Nyanti places love**

According to her, Beysolow Nyanti's 20-plus years' experience in the United Nations and around the world, is an asset to Liberia." believe if she is given the opportunity to serve this country, we are going to be the best nation,' he said.

Ma Manobalh of Manobah Clan gave Beysolow Nyanti her blessing, while Sando Fahnbulleh, a representative aspirant for Cape

Mount District Two, urged citizens to seize the moment by voting for Beysolow Nyanti for the betterment of Liberia.

"My people, even if you have something in your mouth today that you're holding tight, you need to drop it now and hold this woman very strongly, so that we can see her ascend to the presidency," she said. Editing by Jonathan Browne

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# D vote in Liberian elections

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Commission (NEC) One Million Two Hundred flagged, and a total active says 2,471,617 Thirty-four Thousand Three registrant was 2,471, 183. Liberians will participate in Hundred Sixty (1,234,360)

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She explained that both active registrants and She explained at the NEC suspected underage



elections.NEC chairperson headquarters that from 12 to registrants were exhibited Madam Davidetta Browne- 17 June 2023, the Commission during the period. Lansanah announced the final conducted the exhibition of figure Monday, 17 July 2023 the provisional registration roll after concluding the from the 20 March to 11 May exhibition, deduplication, and 2023 voter registration announcement of the final adjudication processes of the exercise. 2023 Biometric Voter Registration (BVR) provisional said the NEC announced a the National Steering registration roll. "This number preliminary figure of Committee on Elections represents One Million Two 2,498,904, of which 27,192 (NSCE) the results of the Hundred Thirty-seven duplicate records were Thousand Two Hundred Fifty- identified while 529 suspected

Following the conclusion of the exhibition exercise, she said in preparation for the figure, the Commission on 13 Before the exhibition, she July 2023 demonstrated to

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