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National Investment Commission (NIC)
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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
FOR THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIBERIA SPECIAL ECONOMIC
ZONE AUTHORITY
(LSEZA)**

I. Background:

The Government of Liberia (GoL) is seeking the expertise of a professional Liberian to serve as the Executive Chairman of the Liberia Special Economic Zone Authority (LSEZA). The Liberia Special Economic Zone Authority (LSEZA) is a national entity established to administer the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) regime in Liberia. The SEZ regime is an initiative supported by the Ministries of Commerce and Industry, Finance and Development Planning, State for Presidential Affairs, National Investment Commission, AfDB, USAID, World Bank, and other key development partners. The GoL has identified SEZ as a mechanism that will contribute to the realization of sustainable economic growth and has shown interest in providing land within the SEZ in Buchanan for the development of an agro-industrial park. Other locations, such as land in Bong, Grand Bassa, and Nimba counties, have been identified for the development of the complementary Rural Transformation Centres. A land survey of the area allocated for the establishment of the SEZ and an Environment Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) have been undertaken. Based on this, the Government has earmarked within the SEZ at least 100ha (200 acres) area for the SAPZ agro-industrial park. The Master plan and feasibility study have been done to facilitate the establishment and operationalization of the LSEZA.

II. Scope of the Authority:

The Executive Chairman shall work with the Board of Directors to develop sector policies and decide on the Authority's general duties, functions, and responsibilities under the SEZ Act and implementation of the regulation. The Executive Chairman shall act as the legal representative and shall be responsible for the daily administration of the LSEZA, including the implementation of all guidelines and resolutions issued by the LSEZA Board of Directors, as subject to the provisions of the Act and Implementing Regulations.

III. Main Responsibilities:

The Executive Chairman shall work in close consultation with other board members and partners to undertake the following:

- Create new job opportunities in Liberia in the SEZs;
- Increase the supply of serviced lands throughout the country and each political subdivision;
- Promote effective and efficient development of SEZs in Liberia, including integrated tourism resorts;
- Encourage the private sector to participate in the development, operation, maintenance, and management of SEZs in Liberia, including infrastructure;
- Coordinate with the private sector to train and improve the capacity of the Liberian workforce and ensure the protection of workers' rights;
- Develop a high-quality business and residential climate in each SEZ that protects the environment, water supply, natural resources, biological diversity, labor resources, and public health, safety, and welfare consistent with international conventions;
- Streamline business registration, licensing, and permit procedures, encourage competition within an SEZ or promote an SEZ enterprise that can compete effectively internationally;
- Pilot land, labour environment, and security reforms at the national level;
- Minimize the administrative burden and costs for the SEZ Enterprise, Developers, and Operators to achieve full compliance with the Liberian laws and regulations and the terms of the associated agreements (SEZ License, Development Agreement, Operator Agreement);
- Negotiate SEZ-related Tax & Investment Agreements with prospective SEZ Enterprises (Developers and Operators) to attract investment capital of Liberia to realize the objectives of the SEZ and the SEZ Enterprise.
- Negotiate and provide a legal framework for final dispute resolution for SEZ-related Investment, Development, and Operating Agreements based on dispute resolution mechanism.

IV. Key Qualification:

The Executive Chairman shall have the following professional qualification:

- A minimum of a Bachelor's degree, preferably in the area of Business Administration, Economics, Development Studies, or any related social sciences. A Master's degree in international business is an added advantage.

V. Minimum Experience:

- Have at least ten (10) years of management, government, or private-sector business experience in the fields of economic development, civil engineering, financial analysis, law, large-scale real estate projects, including architecture and urban planning skills, entrepreneurship, and any relevant government or private business experience.

VI. Key Competencies:

Ability:

- Strong written and verbal communications skills in English;
- Knowledgeable of international business development and trade;
- Working knowledge of both the public and private sectors;
- Strong planning, organization, and time management skills;
- Knowledgeable of SEZ development or must have worked in an SEZ environment;

Skills:

- Proven strong analytical skills
- Computer literacy, especially with Microsoft Office
- Excellent team building and interpersonal skills
- Tolerant and culturally sensitive
- Strong networking skills and the ability to work with stakeholders from diverse backgrounds.

VII. Performance Criteria

The following performance criteria will be used to assess the performance of the Executive Chairman at regular intervals, and based upon the assessments, the Executive Chairman will enjoy the will and pleasure of the President:

- Quality and timeliness of dissemination of SEZ quarterly and annual reports to the Board and Coordinating Committee
- Quality of documentation submitted for prior review;
- Quality and timeliness of attracting investment to the SEZ
- Efficient management of the SEZ in realizing import substitution
- Quality of documentation submitted during post reviews;
- Quality of LSEZA Administration

VIII. Applicable Guidelines

The Applicable guideline for this recruitment is the Competitive Procurement Regulations. Selection will be done using the individual selection method as indicated in the revised November 2020-IPF.

IX. Duration

The Executive Chairman will serve predicated upon the will and pleasure of the President.

X. Duty Station

The Executive Chairman will administer the affairs of the LSEZA from the Central Office located in Monrovia and will commute between Monrovia to other SEZ locations around the country.

XI. Reporting

The Executive Chairman will report to the President of the Republic of Liberia through the Board and Coordinating Committee that provides advisory to the LSEZA.

XII. How to apply for the position

Interested candidates are invited to address application letters, including CVs and relevant credentials, to the Chairman of the Recruitment and Vetting Committee, Cllr. Archibald F. Bernard, Legal Advisor to the President, via email: sezrecruitment2023@gmail.com. The deadline for application is August 17, 2023, at 4 pm.

EDITORIAL

More than we think of drug abuse in Liberia

Statistics from the Ministry of Health putting the number of At-risk 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 drug-addicted youth. They are in communities and ghettos 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 At-risk 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 well-organized 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. The 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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COMMENTARY

By Rabah Arezki

Africa's Most Consequential President?

WASHINGTON, DC - Shortly after taking office on May 29, Nigeria's President Bola Tinubu surprised many observers by implementing a series of bold reforms. In addition to scrapping costly fuel subsidies and various taxes, he suspended the country's central-bank governor, which led to the immediate removal of trading restrictions that propped up the value of the naira. And to curry favor with Nigeria's huge population of young people, Tinubu introduced interest-free loans to help students fund higher education.

But while these rapid reforms signal Tinubu's adherence to economic orthodoxy and may restore the confidence of Nigerians, international investors, and financial markets in the short term, by themselves they will not affect lasting change.

Nigeria's economy - Africa's largest - is in dire straits, and transforming it will not be easy. Inflation recently hit an 18-year high, and large fiscal deficits are adding to already-soaring debt levels. The economy has been hit hard by the fallout from the war in Ukraine, partly because Nigeria depends on food imports, but also because the country - despite being Africa's biggest oil producer - is largely incapable of refining crude and thus imports petroleum. Mismanagement, security issues, and underinvestment in infrastructure have hobbled the oil industry, which generates around 80% of government revenues, while inconsistent official policies have prevented the agriculture sector, which employs about a third of Nigerians, from reaching its full potential.

That said, Tinubu's move away from interventionism is a step in the right direction, and he could further harness the demographic potential of Africa's most populous country by securing international investments and reducing bureaucratic red tape. But, most important, Tinubu will need to address broader security, energy, and governance challenges, which are often intertwined.

Security risks, which largely preoccupied Tinubu's predecessor, Muhammadu Buhari, threaten to derail the push for rapid reforms. But a growing economy could deter would-be militants from taking up arms by creating employment opportunities, especially if Tinubu can root out corruption, prevent monopolization, and reform the security 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 \$10 billion on subsidizing petrol in 2022. Moreover, Aliko Dangote's \$20 billion oil refinery, where production is set to begin in July, could help reduce the country's dependence on petroleum imports, assuming that it does not become a private monopoly.

Tinubu has demonstrated little patience for firms cornering the market. While the monopolization of exports has typically been the focus of government regulation, import monopolies in oil-rich countries like Nigeria are also a significant obstacle to economic diversification and must be addressed. (It is worth noting that Tinubu suspended Nigeria's anti-corruption head for "abuse of office," although previous agency leaders have also been removed after facing similar allegations.)

To diversify the economy in the long term, the government will need to expand access to electricity, which only around 55% of Nigerians currently have. Fortunately, the potential for clean energy is enormous. Development partners like the World Bank can help with funding and guarantees to boost private investment in electricity distribution and renewables. But Tinubu's team will first need to improve the governance of the electricity sector, ensure a stable macroeconomic framework, and establish a conducive financial system.

Nigeria's vibrant tech ecosystem illustrates the potential that Tinubu could unlock. Hundreds of startups have emerged, particularly in the fintech sector, with Nigeria accounting for five of Africa's seven tech "unicorns" (private startups with a valuation of at least \$1 billion). The multiple-exchange-rate regime that prevailed prior to Tinubu taking office drained foreign reserves and gave importers an unfair advantage. Fewer exchange-rate restrictions will facilitate financial inflows, to the benefit of startups, which could in turn help transform the agriculture and transport sectors and empower millions of Nigerians.

If Tinubu stays the course on energy, security, and governance reforms, his agenda could ultimately benefit all of Africa - much like Saudi Arabia's economic experiment could transform the Middle East. But, unlike the Saudis, the Nigerian government does not have vast coffers to draw from and will need to rely more heavily on foreign and domestic private investment, coupled with the support of development partners. If given enough backing, Tinubu could remake the country - and even help remake the continent.

OP-ED

By Joel E. Cohen, John E. Rogers

Financing Childhood Growth

NEW YORK - In 2020, chronic undernutrition stunted the growth of nearly a quarter of the world's children under five years old. Being too short for one's age, as a result of chronic undernutrition, can cause irreversible physical and cognitive damage and increases the risk of dying from common infections.

Improving the lives of these children is not a question of food supply. Current cereal grain production, about 2.8 billion tons, provides enough calories to feed 11-14 billion people - more than meeting humanity's current needs. But less than half of the world's grain is eaten by humans, with the remainder fed to animals or burned as fuel. Almost every gallon of gasoline in the United States, for example, contains 10% corn ethanol.

Too poor to affect grain prices in global markets, the chronically hungry are economically invisible. To avert the devastating and long-lasting effects of poor nutrition and health, we propose an innovative financing mechanism that will attract impact investors and ensure adequate food for these malnourished children.

In 2019, two World Bank economists, Emanuela Galasso and the late Adam Wagstaff, found that childhood stunting reduces adult economic productivity, estimating a per capita income loss of between 5-7% in developing countries. And that figure does not account for the millions of stunted children who die young.

Galasso and Wagstaff also conducted a cost-benefit analysis of applying ten tested nutrition interventions over ten years in 34 countries that together account for 90% of the world's stunted children. According to their estimates, the benefits would outweigh the costs by a ratio of at least five to one, and the annual rate of return would be 12%.

Such high payoffs could induce investors to buy development impact bonds focused on ending childhood stunting in low-income countries. The idea behind this type of financial instrument, in which investors provide financing for development programs and receive returns only if agreed-upon outcomes are achieved, is "to generate a positive, measurable social and environmental impact alongside a financial return."

The World Bank's Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility (PEF) tried a similar mechanism, albeit to provide emergency funding to the poorest countries in the event of a pandemic. Investors purchased insured bonds in 2017, and the proceeds were to be paid to developing countries to contain infectious-disease outbreaks. The Bank closed the PEF in April 2021, amid criticism that it was too generous to investors while being too strict and too slow in payouts to governments. Nevertheless, an independent assessment from the London School of Economics concluded that a "properly reformed" PEF has "great potential" to contain pandemics with early and effective responses.

While the large benefit-cost ratio of tested nutrition interventions provides a compelling rationale for development impact bonds, a model of private financing or a public-private partnership could avoid the PEF's mistakes and overcome governmental and individual corruption, cumbersome bureaucracies, and political instability.

Returns on investments in nutrition-intervention bonds would be tied to programs' projected economic benefits. After all, effective nutrition interventions should boost productivity and increase the tax base in the participating country. For example, governments could contract with bond issuers to establish and operate anti-stunting programs and then gradually increase payments to these issuers for their nutrition interventions as the expected economic benefits materialize.

Of the many possible models for "childhood growth" bonds, the majority of these bonds would be jointly issued by a parent entity in the developed world and its subsidiary in the local country. Together, they would design the program in consultation with the participating government and recognized experts in child nutrition, field interventions, and data evaluation.

After receiving the invested funds, the parent entity would channel them tax-free to the subsidiary to implement the nutrition interventions alongside the government. That could mean buying food from local producers or markets and delivering it to poor pregnant women and undernourished children. Supplying food, at least in part, through monitored childcare programs outside the home could reduce misappropriation.

Under the contract with the parent and the subsidiary (whose terms would be public), government payments would be in a hard currency. A "sinking fund" would cover interest payments until the government begins to see results. The government would also have the right to assume control of the program at any time in exchange for prepaying the bonds.

The simplest model would offer fixed principal and interest payments, backed by fixed contractual payments. But investors with a greater appetite for risk may prefer governments to reward better-than-expected improvements in child nutrition and related tax revenues with larger contractual payments, triggering larger payments to the bondholders. Of course, poorer-than-expected improvements would result in smaller payments.

It will be important to design payment rights early and well. Given that emerging markets have a long history of debt crises, and that governments tend to repay development-finance institutions (DFIs) first, investors will want these bonds to rank equally in payment rights with the government's debts to DFIs. They may also insist on the contract being tied to a governmental obligation to a DFI, a DFI guarantee of the bonds, or an agreement by a DFI to purchase the bonds from the bondholders upon any payment default.

Nutrition-intervention bonds are an innovative financing vehicle that promises to put food on the table, prevent childhood stunting, and yield high returns for investors. If well-structured, they can be powerful catalysts for economic growth and improving the welfare of the world's most vulnerable people.



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Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)
(Individual Consultancy Service)

Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zone (SAPZ) Project

CONSULTANCY SERVICE "COMMUNICATIONS AND BRANDING
CONSULTANT FOR THE (LIBERIA) SPECIAL AGRO-INDUSTRIAL ZONE (SAPZ),
BUCHANAN CITY - GRAND BASSA COUNTRY- LIBERIA "

Sector: Agriculture/Industry

Financing Agreement Reference: 2100150042703

Project ID: PLR-AA0-009

1. BACKGROUND

The Government of Liberia has received funding from the African Development Bank (AfDB) towards the establishment of a Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zone (SAPZ) over a period of five (5) years (January 2022 to December 2026) and intends to apply part of the agreed amount towards funding activity five (5) (Launch of SAPZ/SEZA Park, Market Sounding and Investment Promotion Events) as a component one of the project: (Enable skills and climate smart agriculture value chain development and strengthen coordination)

The Consultancy Services is for the **Communications and Branding** consultant to facilitate the implementation of the SAPZ communications and branding activities of the project with an objective of providing substantive support to the expected launch exercise and ensure all promotional and marketing collaterals are prepared for the SAPZ/SEZ.

The project development goal is to contribute to inclusive and sustainable agro-industrial development in Liberia and in the process, reduce staple food imports, create jobs, and reduce poverty.

The project is structured around three related components including: (a) Support the development of climate-resilient infrastructure to attract investments into agricultural value addition/industrialization, (b) Support business competitiveness, enable skills and climate-smart agricultural value chain development and strengthen farmer coordination and (c) Strengthen institutional capacity, project coordination & management.

The scope of services will include but not limited to the following:

Under the direct supervision of the Project Coordinator, the Consultant will undertake the following tasks:

- Conduct analysis of primary stakeholders (internal and external) and a representative audience to determine perceptions on the SEZ's identity and mandate, and submit a findings summary;
- Examine existing print and digital branded materials (logo, PowerPoint template, forms, publications, newsletters and other forms of marketing collaterals) to determine what explicit and implicit messages are being sent;
- Develop a brand identity (including and not limited to brand mission, vision, values, slogan/tagline, personality, value proposition, brand positioning etc.) and communication strategy considering the SEZ's mandate, stakeholders and audience;
- Propose a visual identity for the SEZ/SAPZ and create a brand book and visual identity standard manual that governs the use of the identity;
- Conduct training sessions for PIU staff and key stakeholders on the brand book and visual identity standard manual that governs the use of the SEZ's identity and how to best project the brand, mission, vision, values and mandate across all communication (written, printed, or digital);
- Provide content development and management for the SEZ's website; social media, press releases, and associated media including television or radio;
- Perform other tasks as may be requested by the Project Coordinator; and
- The Branding and Communications Consultant will be based in Monrovia, and will be expected to travel to other locations in Liberia, as needed, to execute the above duties and responsibilities

KEY DELIVERABLES:

A. Content Development:

- Work with the PIU to review websites, information kits and other sources to develop marketing content to be used for website, launch event marketing video, SAPZ brochure, and advertising and marketing content.

B. Brand Development:

- Work closely with the Project Coordinator to gather and provide input that will be required to develop the SEZ/SAPZ's marketing and branding strategies;
- Host 2-3 engagements to develop and validate new SEZ/SAPZ brand identity and a brand manual; and
- The information required may include gathering existing materials and conducting interviews with relevant stakeholders to compile information.

C. Advertising and Marketing:

- Develop an advertising and marketing plan to the public, and other stakeholders showcasing the launch and information about the SEZ/SAPZ;
- Design and placement of eight (8) weeks advertising campaign for Facebook;
- Tiktok posts and tweets;
- Production and media purchase of SAPZ's jingle for radio;
- Production of a SAPZ's video for YouTube; and
- Billboard ad designs

D. Launch Event:

- Media coordination (Press kits);
- Documenting of event; and
- Coordinate with NIC, MFD and the SEZ Steering Committee on the preparation of the launch event.

E. Investment Pack:

- Graphic design of Investment Pack (excluding printing); and
- Video investment pack production.

F. Communication and Promotion

- Produce at least three news articles over the duration of the contract on the launch event and progress of implementation of the SAPZ project.

The consultancy assignment shall be carried out over a period of ninety (90) days with possibility for extension based on satisfactory performance.

The National Investment Commission invites eligible individual consultant (s) to indicate the interest in providing these services. Interested consultant (s) must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services, (i) information detailing their areas of expertise, (ii) a list of similar assignments and experience in similar conditions, (iv) evidence of past performance if any, and (v) any other relevant information that might be useful.

QUALIFICATION, EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS OF KEY EXPERTS

The consultant must meet the following qualifications and skills for the assignment:

Bachelor degree (or higher) in communications, marketing, or any business-related field and at least five years of progressive and relevant work experience in communications, tourism marketing and investment promotion. Must have sound knowledge of marketing and branding and strong communication, interpersonal and reporting skills. Demonstrated experience working and reporting results for AfDB or any multilateral development Bank or similar international organization, including familiarity with reporting requirements and indicators with understanding of working in Sub-Sahara Africa.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "Procurement Policy and Methodology for Bank Group Funded Operations" (BPM), dated October 2015", which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.

The Selection process will be done through an Individual Consultant Selection method found on the AfDB website indicated above.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM Monrovia Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in hardcopy or by email to the address below and clearly marked "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for COMMUNICATIONS AND BRANDING CONSULTANT" on or before 3:00 pm Local time Friday, July 28, 2023.

All communication shall be addressed to:

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JUDICIAL BRANCH
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA



REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL LAW COURT FOR MONTERRADO
MONTERRADO COUNTY) COUNTY, SITTING IN ITS JUNE TERM, A. D. 2023.

IN RE: Madam Margaret Kona Perry of the City of Monrovia, Mont-
County, R. L.....PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

The Intestate Estate of the late James B. Minor, by and thru
its Administratrix; Grace B. Minor and all those operating
under the scope of her authority of the Township of Congo
Town, Montserrado County, Liberia.....DEFENDANTS

ACTION:
DAMAGES FOR WRONG

AUTHORIZATION FOR PUBLICATION

TO: ALL LICENSED\REGISTERED NEWSPAPER(S) IN MONROVIA,
MONTERRADO COUNTY, R. L.

SUBJECT: LEGAL PUBLICATION

DATE: JULY 3RD 2023

FROM; VICTOR G. GAILOR\CLERK, CIVIL LAW COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, MONT. CO., R. L.

GREETINGS:

UPON THE PAYMENT OF YOUR REQUIRED FEE, YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED\MANDATED TO
PUBLISH THE WRIT OF SUMMONS, PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AND AFFIDAVIT IN THE ABOVE
CAPTIONED CAUSE OF ACTION\CASE; ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR (4) SUCCESSIVE WEEKS IN YOUR
NEWSPAPER.

AND FOR SO DOING, THIS SHALL SERVE AS YOUR LEGAL & SUFFICIENT AUTHORITY!

WITH KINDEST REGARDS.

COURT'S SEAL:

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, CIVIL LAW
MONTERRADO COUNTY) COURT "A" MONTERRADO COUNTY, SITTING IN ITS
DECEMBER TERM, A.D.2022.

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

IN RE: Madam Margaret Kona Perry of the city of
Monrovia, Liberia PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

The Intestate Estate of the late James B. Minor by
And thru its Administratrix, Grace B. Minor and all
those operating under the scope of her authority,
of the Township of Congo Town, Monrovia, Liberia
.....DEFENDANTS

ACTION:
DAMAGES FOR WRONG

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) IN THE CIVL LAW COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL
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.....DEFENDANTS

ACTION:
DAMAGES FOR
WRONG

WRIT OF RE-SUMMONS.

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA; TO: THE SHERIFF FOR MONTERRADO COUNTY, OR HIS\HER DEPUTY:
GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AS YOU WERE BEFORE COMMANDED TO SUMMONS THE ABOVE
NAMED/DEFENDANT(S)/RESPONDENT(S) IN THE ABOVE CAPTIONED CASE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE
SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL LAW COURT FOR MONTERRADO COUNTY, SITTING IN ITS DECEMBER
TERM A.D. 2022, ON THE THIRD MONDAY IN DECEMBER, A.D. 2022, AT THE HOUR OF 10:00 A.M., TO
ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT/PETITION/ OF THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFF(S)/PETITIONER(S); THAT
UPON HIS/HER/THEIR FAILURE, JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST
HIM/HER/THEM.

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED TO NOTIFY THE SAID DEFENDENT(S)\RESPONDENT(S) TO FILE
HIS\HER\THEIR FORMAL APPEARANCE AND \OR ANSWER IN MY OFFICE ON\OR BEFORE THE 23RD
DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 2022.

MEANWHILE, YOU WILL MAKE YOUR RETURNS ON/OR BEFORE THE 23RD DAY OF DECEMBER, A. D.
2022, AS TO THE MANNER/Form OF ITS SERVICE.

AND HAVE YOU THERE THIS WRIT OF RE-SUMMONS.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF COURT, THIS 13TH
DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 2022.

COURT'S SEAL:

Victor G. Gailor
CLERK, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL LAW
COURT, MONTERRADO COUNTY, R. L.

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT

AND NOW COMES Plaintiff in the above entitle cause of action most respectfully
prays your Honour and this Honourable Court as follow to wit:

- 1. That Plaintiff avers and says that she is the bonafide owner of 0.4 lots and 0.17
lots of land acquired, own and possessed through Honourable purchase from the
rightful owner the Administrator of the late Elizabeth Collins. That Plaintiff
acquired title to the said property since 2008 and subsequently build a structure
value (USD\$102,982.00) One Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty -
Two United States Dollars. Attached and marked as Plaintiff Exhibit P/1-in-bulk
are the deed and appraisal for ease of reference.
2. That Plaintiff submits and says that the Defendants herein without any colour of
right illegally damage her property despite she not been a party to any suit or
never been dully cited by any court and in gross violation of the law which
provides that a judgement is not binding upon a party who has neither been dully
cited to appear before the court nor afforded an opportunity to be heard.
3. That further to count two (2) herein above, Plaintiff submits and says that
assuming without admitting that the Honourable Supreme Court adjudged her
grantor liable in an action of ejectment, the doctrine of resjuducata is not
applicable to her although she is in privity with her grantor. That the action which
terminated the judgement against her grantor did not affect her property acquired
by her as evidence by the second survey for which Plaintiff has already
established her metes and bounds and has also fenced her property.
4. That Plaintiff submits and says that damages will properly lie against the
Defendants because on July 17, 2013 Defendants used Yellow Machine thereby
demolished sais property on the allegation that the property belong to James
Minor. Attached and marked as P/2 in bulk are the photos for ease of reference.
5. That this action will properly lie against the Defendants because the Supreme
Court speaking through His Honour Philip Z. Banks on June 9, 2016 held that no
authority is vested in the demarcation team to go beyond the property stated in
the deed and forming the judgement of the lower court, and that the intestate
Estate of James Minor shall have no right to any property beyond the demarcated
property and which is claimed by or resided upon by the Respondents shall not be
the subject of any court's enforcement growing out of the case in the lower court
in regard to which the enforcement was undertaken.
6. Plaintiff submits and says that damages will also lie against the Plaintiff now
Defendants because the last survey result was submitted on April 20, 2019 and the
Plaintiff now Defendants having been placed in possession on February 6, 2020
planted her corner stones which did not affect Margaret Kona Perry (Plaintiff's)
property.
7. That Plaintiff submits and says that for general damages to be awarded there must
be some evidence of damage or loss and the award must be somewhat
proportionate to the actual damaged sub stained as it is in the case at bar.

WHEREFORE, and in view of the foregoing facts and circumstances, Plaintiff prays
your Honour and this court to award it through the jury the amount of
(USD\$102,982.00) One Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Two United
States Dollars representing damages for demolishing and illegally withholding
Plaintiff's property, Grant unto Plaintiff any and all other relief that this court and your
Honour deem just, legal and equitable.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
THE WITH IN NAME PLAINTIFF
BY AND THRU HER LEGAL COUNSEL
THE DUGBOR LAW FIRM, MONROVIA, LIBERIA

Festus K. Nowon, Sr.
COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW
Cell#:0777559104/0886559104

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
MONTERRADO COUNTY) FOR AND IN MONTERRADO COUNTY, R.L.

IN RE: Madam Margaret Kona Perry of the city of
Monrovia, Liberia PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

The Intestate Estate of the late James B. Minor by
And thru its Administratrix, Grace B. Minor and all
those operating under the scope of her authority,
of the Township of Congo Town, Monrovia, Liberia
.....DEFENDANTS

ACTION:
DAMAGES FOR WRONG

PLAINTIFF'S AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned a duly qualified
Commission Justice of the Peace for and in Montserrado County, at my Office in the
City of Monrovia, Republic of Liberia aforesaid, Cllr. Festus K. Nowon, Sr., Counsel
for the PLAINTIFF and made oath according to law that all and singular the
allegations of both law and facts as received, set forth and contained in the foregoing are
true and correct to the best of his knowledge and as to those matters of information, he
verily believes them to be true and correct.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS
DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 2022.

Justice of the Peace, MONTERRADO
COURTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

Festus K. Nowon, Sr.
COUNSELOR-AT-LAW

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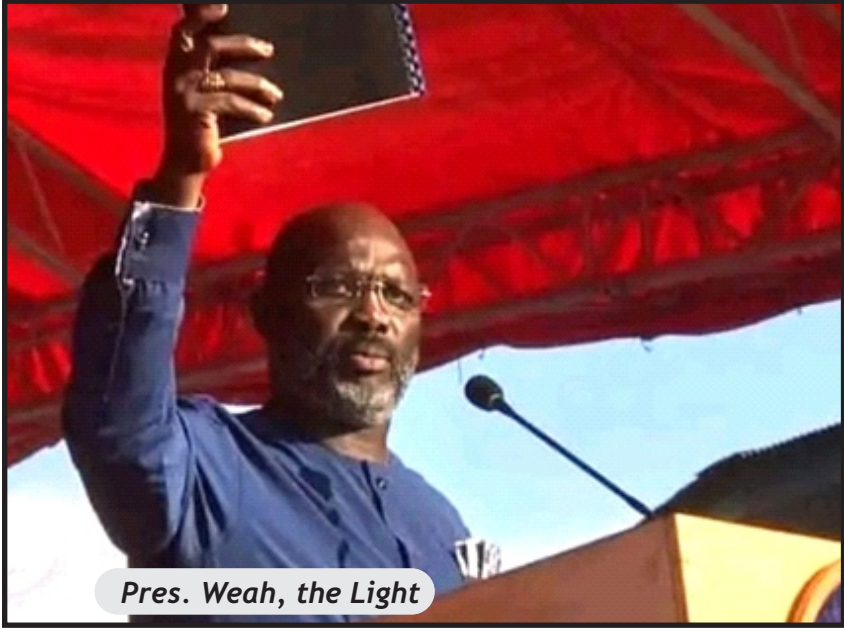
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Liberia is not a Test Tube for failed experiment

-President Weah descends on opposition

By Emmanuel wise Jipoh He admonished his President George supporters to not be carried away by rhetoric from failed Manneh Weah has told his opponents that politicians with empty Liberia is not a Test Tube for promises. failed experiments.

“Don't be carried away by these politicians who have given During a ‘Thank You’ program



Pres. Weah, the Light

organized by his ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) Monday, 17 July 2023, Mr. Weah cautioned Liberians to reject failed politicians at the ballot this October. He urged Liberians to rally around the CDC-led government for more developments.

He argued that his government has made more gains in the last five years, utilizing its time in office for unprecedented developments. He added that his government has improved the livelihoods of the people, and the country is on an irreversible path under his leadership. The incumbent told thousands of partisans that he is the most experienced and better-suited aspirant for the presidency than those battling him for the country's highest seat.

you nothing when they had 12 years in power,” said President Weah. President Weah suggested that his opponents are jealous of the progress his government has made and so they are telling Liberians not to give the CDC government another six years.

He said his rivals' fear that their 12 years in power will not be compared with the CDC's 12 years. According to him, his government has made glorious use of the opportunities it was given to serve the Liberian people.

He explained that in just under five years, the CDC government has achieved more developments and the nation is on an irreversible path of progress.

“Our government has not squandered opportunities that

you've entrusted [to] us, and you can see the fruits of those developments which put our nation on an irreversible path of progress, touching every sector of our country,” said President Weah. “Let us not be carried away by empty promises, let us not be tempted to drink the same old wine from the same old bottle,” Mr. Weah pleaded with his supporters.

Mr. Weah threw jibes at his main rival Amb. Joseph Nyumah Boakai, calling him “Joseph the Sleeper, who did nothing when he served as Liberia's Agriculture Minister, Liberia Produce Marketing Corporation (LPMC) Managing Director and Vice President.

Unlike Amb. Boakai, Mr. Weah explained that the Bible told a story of Joseph the Dream whose brothers sold him out of jealousy that he was destined to be greater than them in the future. He said Joseph later triumph over his situation, got released from prison after interpreting the King's dream, and then became the Prime Minister of Egypt.

“Joseph the Sleeper was Agriculture Minister, he planted no Rice here; Joseph the Sleeper was LPRC Managing Director and brought no gas here; Joseph the Sleeper even in our community he did nothing; Joseph the Sleeper is a parked old car,” said President Weah. “So Joseph the Sleeper can not do anything for you because he has ideas when he was Vice President he was responsible for the Youth and did nothing for them, and is the same Joseph the Sleeper that is telling you to move someone who's a Light. Don't mind him,” he added.

Presidential aspirant seeks to return Liberia to God

By Emmanuel wise Jipoh

Presidential aspirant Rev. Allen Roosevelt Brown says the top of his priorities is to return Liberia to God if he is elected president this October. The Liberia Restoration Party (LRP) standard bearer is among 19 presidential aspirants who have completed their candidate nomination process required by the National Elections Commission (NEC). He also promised a productive life for Liberians, especially the youth of the country.

He told reporters in Paynesville over the weekend that his party's visions are to restore the nation to God and to make Liberia a productive country. He said his government will make Liberia productive

through youth empowerment, economic improvement, educational opportunities, agriculture, infrastructure, and sports, among others.

He considered them as key in addressing the numerous challenges confronting the

nation.

Rev. Brown also seeks to unify the people, adding that it is a key objective contained in his agenda for Liberia.

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'I'm living in serious pain'

-Ailing Cocoa farmer seeks help for his eye

By Lincoln G. Peters

Mr. Omego Tougbay, an ailing Liberian cocoa farmer from Siaway Town, Nimba County Electoral District #5, is appealing to all well-meaning Liberians, philanthropists, and humanitarian organizations to assist him seek better medical treatment for his damaged eye. He told this paper in an exclusive interview Saturday, 15 July 2023 that he is facing a strange situation with his eyes. According to Tougbay, it started when he got hit by a stick while working on his cocoa farm. He explained that on 15 April 2022, while working on his cocoa farm, a stick hit and damaged his eye. According to him, since the unfortunate situation, he has been living in extreme pain and blindness. Tougbay said he finds it difficult to see or even work because tears pull down his eyes continuously.

transportation to leave his village. “On April 15, 2022, this thing happened to me. I am begging anyone that will listen to me to please help me because I am in pain,” Tougbay cried out. “This situation is like hell my brother. I no longer do any farm work. I have my cocoa farm but [I] can't work there because anytime I bend down it's like the eye [is] coming to fall, and the water can be pulling fast,” he explained further.

Mr. Tougbay disclosed that when the situation started, people told him to buy eye drops which he has used, but did not find a solution after spending all he had. “I went to the hospital in Lerpola to do my test after applying all that people have told me, and no results,” said Tougbay.

“Those eye specialists said that I should go to Ganta to change the eye for ten thousand Liberian dollars, but I [didn't have] money that's why I didn't go.” “I have been behind our lawmaker,



Tougbay pointed out that one of his friends who lives in Monrovia decided to help him, but the hospital in Monrovia charged him twenty thousand Liberian dollars to do the operation and to change his eyes.

He also disclosed that some time ago, some eye specialists came to New Yourpia and requested all those with eye problems to come for a test. He said when he got there, the specialists decided to help him and do an operation in Ganta City. However, Tougbay lamented that he lost the opportunity because he never had the amount of ten thousand dollars charged, as well as

Representative Samuel Kogar, but he has refused to help me,” he stated.

Since the situation, he said the head of his family collected nine hundred Liberian dollars and gave it to him to get eye drops.

He said there has been no other help from the family, but he is being looked after by a lady who gives him food.

He said his partner has left him because of his eye. “Only Patricia taking care of me. In 2022, I [was] supposed to build [a] house, but no way. I am still sitting down here because of this condition.” He said all his farms have been damaged, and he has no family members around him to provide help.

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MRU churches discuss human rights, justice and peace

By Naneka Hoffman

The attention of religious groups in the Minor River Union has been drawn to peace, justice and human rights in the region, leading to the gathering of several religious leaders and churches in Monrovia, Liberia to train, certificate and commission human rights

governance, justice and security, which are all problems that affect the peace and democracy of the people, subjecting them to poverty and mystery. He says churches are influential institutions because they are rooted in local communities across the world, so participants from different church doctrines will be trained

holistic approach to faith and social justice and help Christians to get in line with the teaching of Jesus Christ."

He highlights collaboration, networking, education service and equipping both church leaders and human rights actors in carrying the mission of God, who created the world to enjoy the nature of His creation without fear, hindrance and intimidations. Rev. Jallah stresses that justice is part of God's mission so the Faith and Justice Network is insuring and putting faith into action through the gathering that have brought together Christians from Ivory Coast, Guinea and Liberia.

For his part, the chairperson on the Board of Directors at the Faith and Justice Network and The Bishop of the Liberia Annual Conference, United Methodist Church, Samuel Quire, Jr., observes that the society is gradually changing and the Church has to get up to begin a robust transformation.

Bishop Quire, who chairs the board of directors of the Faith and Justice Network, says it is the responsibility of the followers of Christ Jesus, who are called Christians, to promote peace, justice, compassion and the dignity of all persons.

He points that the Minor River basin is filled with strife, injustice and inequality, and the church has a divine mandate to serve as agent of change, catalyst of transformation and advocate for human rights across the region.

The Methodist Bishop urges participants at the training to explore the fundamental principles of human rights, serving as voice of the voiceless in challenging oppressive systems and shining the light of truth in the darkest corners of society. Editing by Jonathan Browne

"The training will provide a

Opposition threading dangerous path

-Says Simeon Freeman

Presidential aspirant, Mr. Simeon Freeman has warned here the opposition leaders are threading on a dangerous path by antagonizing each other. The Movement for Progressive Change (MPC) leader said Monday, 17 July 2023 that the opposition community should be collaborating for an opposition victory rather than antagonizing each other.

The businessman-turned-politician appeared on local broadcaster Prime FM in Monrovia Monday to denounce the division within the opposition community.

Mr. Freeman warned that the division among the opposition is creating more vulnerability and doing more harm to the opposition, while the ruling establishment is being left unraveled. Most frustratingly, Mr. Freeman said, all efforts he initiated to employ a NATO style of friendship among oppositions to challenge the ruling party through a common interest, have all fallen on infertile ground.

"We are creating vulnerability and doing ourselves harm. Our people are ... disappointed in us," said Mr. Freeman. "Party A is

common interest," Mr. Freeman continued. He said from the beginning, most of the parties, about 22 parties from the opposition attended the first meeting, but out of a sudden, all just broke down. "We lost that opportunity because we are not talking to each other. Our concern in the opposition mostly has been who becomes president and who becomes vice president rather than how do we hold together to have a better chance at the poll," he lamented. Mr. Freeman explained that a NATO style would have made the opposition support each other.

But he said they lost out and he doesn't think they will get that opportunity back. As it stands, Mr. Freeman noted, the opposition community does not know the number of ballot papers that were brought into the country. According to him, these are the kinds of issues that are supposed to be spoken about through a united front. "But if one party tries to raise that issue now, you will even be attacked by people within the very opposition," he lamented. "As an inter-party infrastructure, we would have done better. That is, you touch one you touch all as it is in the case of NATO. But we left [it] all undone," he



Delegates at the forum in Monrovia

monitors in the subregion. Organized by Faith and Justice Network of Liberia, focus of the two-day training workshop is on peace, justice and other issues of concern across the MRU countries that include Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea and Ivory Coast.

The faith-based group says it is necessary for the religious community to promote peace and justice in the MRU region as a means of protecting human rights which is a cardinal priority for the existence of the world. Speaking Tuesday, 18 July during the opening ceremony at Boulevard Palace Hotel in Sinkor, Monrovia, the executive director of Faith and Justice Network, Reverend Tolbert Jallah, Jr., said the goal is to deepening understanding of participants on human rights and other matters of peaceful coexistence.

Rev. Jallah notes that within the MRU region, there are significant weaknesses in

in response to prevailing situations facing the region.

He says though the region is confronted with complex situations, unity among religious leaders and churches will be used as a strong force to bring transformation to all communities.

"We are here because of the prevailing situation in the region. It might be complex but the togetherness of the church is a key transformation to the community. Churches of course, are influential institutions since they are rooted in the local communities, so they being together can be a transformation in the communities."

He underscores that churches within the MRU will seize the opportunity to implement their responsibilities as monitors of peace, justice and human rights in promoting a just and free society.

"The training will provide a



Mr. Simeon Freeman

attacking Party B in the opposition and that's not called for. As a means of having a formidable opposition force, we decided to introduce a NATO style of partnership wherein we will all hold together and have [a]

pointed out. As he prepares to contest the ensuing 2023 presidential and legislative elections, Mr. Freeman, unlike many of the aspirants, has a different development platform far from building road infrastructure.

Starts from back page House sets committee to pass

Budget is US\$759.4, reflecting a net decrease of US\$ 23.5 million or 3.0 percent below the originally approved Budget of US\$ 782.9 Million.

"The total adjusted recurrent expenditure is estimated at US\$612,558,028 (Six Hundred & Twelve Million Five Hundred and Fifty-Eight Thousand Twenty-Eight United States Dollars) or 80.7 percent of the total proposed expenditure."

According to President Weah, the revised expenditure

estimate for public sector investment is US\$146,857,790, or 19.3 percent of the total proposed expenditure.

A motion by Margibi County District #2 Representative, Ivar Jones on behalf of plenary constituted a committee of whole as plenary unanimously voted to pass the Restatement Budget.

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Starts from page 11 Citizens react to 'Weah

campaign, which he considers a serious violation of election regulations. Bryant believes the National Elections Commission will not take any action because the commission allegedly favors such activities, adding that all previous electoral violations committed by President Weah had gone ignored and this latest will be no different.

Additionally, Jerry Yaqu, also a resident of District 10, describes the thank you rally as mere show, as the President had nothing substantial to say to the Liberian people. He says instead of outlining his accomplishments

over the past six years, the President appeared to be evasive because he had nothing of substance to discuss. "When I asked some of my friends why they were thanking the President, none of them were able to provide a specific answer", Jerry adds and argues there was nothing worthy of gratitude. Jerry continues that if he were forced to express gratitude, it would be for the President's use of luxury vehicles. However, Bob Williams of Paynesville defends that President Weah has made significant strides in infrastructure, including roads, hospitals, and electricity. Editing by Jonathan Browne

Français

Seul Dieu est capable de sauver le Libéria, selon le président Weah

Pour taquiner pour une fois l'opposition, le président Libérien George Weah s'est décrit comme étant la lumière du Libéria, tandis que Dieu en

M. Weah a raconté comment il est passé de la misère à la gloire, non pas en tant que sauveur mais en tant que rédempteur. Il est une lumière qui brille sur son peuple. Celui-là dont le gouvernement s'est

de bonnes mains.

M. Weah a réitéré son engagement à réduire les écarts générationnels et à bâtir son pays. Il a dit croire que les écarts générationnels sont un problème qui a certes trop perduré, mais qui se résout progressivement sous son régime. Il a cité les infrastructures routières et la construction des hôpitaux partout dans le pays comme étant la preuve de la positivité de son mandat à la tête du Libéria au cours des 6 dernières années. Il a aussi fait état de la gratuité des universités libériennes et de l'amélioration des conditions de vie du peuple. Il est convaincu que son régime a beaucoup plus travaillé au développement du pays que tous les autres régimes qui l'ont précédé.

« Sous ma direction, le Libéria s'améliore progressivement et aucune haine ne peut entraver les travaux et le progrès de la nation, que ça soit l'opposition ou ceux qui n'ont pas de position, d'autant plus que c'est le plan de Dieu. Je suis président et je resterai président.



est le seul sauveur.

S'exprimant dans une église épiscopale locale à Buchanan, dans le comté de Grand Bassa le dimanche 16 juillet, M. Weah, qui brigue un second mandat, a dit qu'il n'était pas un sauveur mais une lumière pour les Libériens, et que son image a été la plus brillante de la nation à travers le monde.

engagé à réduire les écarts générationnels et à développer le Libéria.

Pour lui, les Libériens n'ont pas besoin d'être secourus car il est déjà là, et la Lumière de Dieu brille déjà sur eux et continuera de briller. « Je veux juste que vous sachiez, nous rachetons le temps parce que nous savons que les jours sont nombreux », a-t-il déclaré. En tout cas, selon le président, les libériens sont dans

Gongloe appelle à une marche de géante

L'opposant Tiawan Saye Gongloe appelle à une marche géante dans tout le pays pour dénoncer la corruption au sommet de l'Etat et à la fonction publique.

Lors d'une conférence de presse sur la rue Ashmun à Monrovia le lundi 17 juillet 2023, le célèbre avocat des droits de l'homme a invité le peuple du Libéria à une marche géante intitulée la « la marche du balai » sur toute l'étendue du territoire national dans le cadre de sa campagne anti-corruption.

« Mesdames et Messieurs, cette conférence de presse a pour but d'appeler le peuple libérien à sortir massivement le 19 juillet 2023 pour participer à la grande campagne anti-corruption », a déclaré le juriste Gongloe.

Il s'agit, selon lui, de montrer aux yeux du monde que le peuple libérien en a marre de la corruption parce qu'elle a rendu la vie si insupportable dans le pays pour la majorité de la population.

Selon lui, en raison du niveau élevé de corruption au Libéria, de nombreux parents libériens ont du mal à nourrir leur famille et d'envoyer leurs enfants à l'école.

« Ohh ouais, à cause de la corruption, les gens ne peuvent pas se déplacer librement dans tout le pays pendant les saisons des pluies ». Il a cité le sud-est du Libéria et le comté de Lofa comme étant les plus touchés par le manque de routes. Il accuse le gouvernement de n'avoir pas mis en place des mécanismes d'entretien des routes, ce, à cause de la corruption.

La corruption, a-t-il dit, entrave l'application de la loi, l'interprétation de la loi et sape

généralement l'état de droit.

Le leader politique du LPP a dit en outre qu'à cause de la corruption, il est également difficile pour l'Etat de procéder à la mise en œuvre d'une politique de développement socio-économique, quelle que soit la qualité de cette politique.



« Le temps du vol est révolu. Les Libériens veulent une nouvelle race de dirigeants qui donnent la priorité au Libéria », a déclaré Gongloe.

Il a appelé tous les Libériens à rejeter « les mangeurs d'argent » d'hier et d'aujourd'hui et à adopter une nouvelle attitude en participant nombreux à la marche géante du mercredi.

Éditorial

C'est plus que ce que nous pensons 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 euphémisme d'une situation qui est devenue une crise nationale et 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 fait 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 14 comtés restants.

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 créé dans le but d'atteindre au moins 500 jeunes par an. Mais il a aussi révélé que les dernières semaines ont montré une augmentation alarmante des jeunes à risque, en particulier dans le comté de Montserrado.

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 question 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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**TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR) FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF 2 (TWO)
PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LIBERIA SPECIAL
ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY
(LSEZA)**

I. Background:

The Government of Liberia (GoL) is seeking the expertise of professional Liberians to serve as Private Sector Representatives on the Board of Directors of the Liberia Special Economic Zone Authority (LSEZA). The Liberia Special Economic Zone Authority (LSEZA) is a national entity established to administer the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) regime in Liberia. The SEZ regime is an initiative supported by the Ministries of Commerce and Industry, Finance and Development Planning, State for Presidential Affairs, National Investment Commission, AfDB, USAID, World Bank, and other key development partners. The GoL has identified SEZ as a mechanism that will contribute to the realization of sustainable economic growth and has shown interest in providing land within the SEZ in Buchanan to develop an agro-industrial park. Other locations, such as land in Bong, Grand Bassa, and Nimba counties, have been identified for the development of the complementary Rural Transformation Centres. A land survey of the area allocated for the establishment of the SEZ and an Environment Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) have been undertaken. Based on this, the Government has earmarked within the SEZ at least 100ha (200 acres) area for the SAPZ agro-industrial park. The Master plan and feasibility study have been done to facilitate the establishment and operationalization of the LSEZA.

II. Scope of the Authority:

The Private Sector representatives on the Board of Directors will work with other members and support the Executive Chairman in developing sector policies and decide on the Authority's general duties, functions, and responsibilities under the SEZ Act and implementation of the regulation. The Private Sector representatives shall act as the legal representation of their respective umbrella organizations and shall be responsible to support the Executive Chairman on the daily administration of the LSEZA, including the implementation of all guidelines and resolutions issued by the LSEZA Board of Directors, as subject to the provisions of the Act and Implementing Regulations.

III. Main Responsibilities:

The Private Sector Representatives shall work with other board members to support the Executive Chairman and partners to undertake the following:

- Create new job opportunities in Liberia in the SEZs;
- Increase the supply of serviced lands throughout the country and each political subdivision;
- Promote effective and efficient development of SEZs in Liberia, including integrated tourism resorts;
- Encourage the private sector to participate in the development, operation, maintenance, and management of SEZs in Liberia, including infrastructure;
- Coordinate with the private sector to train and improve the capacity of the Liberian workforce and ensure the protection of workers' rights;
- Develop a high-quality business and residential climate in each SEZ that protects the environment, water supply, natural resources, biological diversity, labor resources, and public health, safety, and welfare consistent with international conventions;
- Streamline business registration, licensing, and permit procedures, encourage competition within an SEZ or promote an SEZ enterprise that can compete effectively internationally;
- Pilot land, labour environment, and security reforms at the national level;
- Minimize the administrative burden and costs for the SEZ Enterprise, Developers, and Operators to achieve full compliance with the Liberian laws and regulations and the terms of the associated agreements (SEZ License, Development Agreement, Operator Agreement);
- Negotiate SEZ-related Tax & Investment Agreements with prospective SEZ Enterprises (Developers and Operators) to attract the investment capital of Liberia to realize the objectives of the SEZ and the SEZ Enterprise.
- Negotiate and provide a legal framework for final dispute resolution for SEZ-related Investment, Development, and Operating Agreements based on dispute resolution mechanism.

IV. Key Qualification:

The Private Sector representatives shall have the following professional qualification:

- A minimum of a Bachelor's degree, preferably in Business Administration, Economics, Development Studies, or any related social sciences. A Master's degree in International Business is an added advantage.

V. Minimum Experience:

- Have at least ten (10) years of management, government, or private-sector business experience in economic development, civil engineering, financial analysis, law, large-scale real estate projects, architecture and urban planning skills, entrepreneurship, and any relevant government or private business experience.
- Must be an established business owner or have worked with a reputable business entity in a managerial role.

VI. Key Competencies:

Ability:

- Strong written and verbal communications skills in English;
- Knowledgeable of international business development and trade;
- Working knowledge of both the public and private sectors;
- Strong planning, organization, and time management skills;
- Knowledgeable of SEZ development or must have worked in an SEZ environment;

Skills:

- Proven strong analytical skills
- Computer literacy, especially with Microsoft Office
- Excellent team building and interpersonal skills
- Tolerant and culturally sensitive
- Strong networking skills and the ability to work with stakeholders from diverse backgrounds.

VII. Performance Criteria:

The following performance criteria will be used to assess the performance of the Executive Chairman at regular intervals, and based upon the assessments, the Executive Chairman will enjoy the will and pleasure of the President:

- Quality and timeliness of dissemination of SEZ quarterly and annual reports to the Board and Coordinating Committee
- Quality of documentation submitted for prior review;
- Quality and timeliness of attracting investment to the SEZ
- Efficient management of the SEZ in realizing import substitution
- Quality of documentation submitted during post reviews;
- Quality of LSEZA Administration

VIII. Applicable Guidelines:

The private sector umbrella organization considers applicable guidelines for this recruitment: Competitive vetting procedure commensurate with Procurement Regulations. Selection should be done using the individual selection method as indicated in the revised November 2020-IPF.

IX. Duration:

The Private Sector representatives on the Board will serve predicated upon the will and pleasure of the President.

X. Duty Station:

The Private Sector representatives will support the Executive Chairman administering the affairs of the LSEZA from the Central Office located in Monrovia and will commute between Monrovia to other SEZ locations around the country when necessary.

XI. Reporting:

The Private Sector representatives will report to the President of the Republic of Liberia through the Executive Chairman and Coordinating Committee that provides advisory to the LSEZA.

XII. How to apply for the position:

Interested candidates are invited to address application letters, including CVs and relevant credentials, to the Chairman of their respective umbrella organizations. Three names from each private sector umbrella organization (Liberia Chamber of Commerce and Liberia Business Association) will be submitted to the Chairman of the Recruitment and Vetting Committee, Cllr. Archibald F. Bernard, Legal Advisor to the President, via email: sezrecruitment2023@gmail.com. The deadline for application is August 17, 2023, at 4 pm.



I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 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 Local Time
- 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.
- 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.
- PLACE OF PERFORMANCE:** Monrovia, Liberia.
- 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.
- SECURITY LEVEL REQUIRED:** Facility access.
- 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.

Technical Guidance (30%)

- 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%)

- Report on general NRM issues, to include changes in Liberia's forest composition, new or existing GOL policies and actions affecting the protection of natural resources, notable concessions arrangements, and issues affecting Liberian communities primarily relying on forests for their livelihood.
- 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 any resulting recommendations.
- Provide oversight to field activities, including field monitoring, coordinating, and organizing field coordination workshops/events to strengthen collaboration between USG and other donor-funded NRM initiatives.

Communication (10%)

- 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/her

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

- Supervision controls:** None

12. PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The work requested does not involve undue physical demands.

II. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION

- Education:** A minimum bachelor's degree in Natural Sciences, Natural Resource Management, Forestry or environmental Studies is required.
- 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 required.
- 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 is as follows:

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.

Campaign of lies

By Lewis S. Teh

President George Manneh Weah has intensified his jibes against his opponents, accusing them of launching a

the past five years. "Yet, I stand before you today as the most experienced candidate, having served as President for the past five years," he

Africa cannot boast of corresponding development. "It is even more disheartening that those who have contributed to this failure for over four decades are now raising their hands, seeking another chance to continue this sad narrative," he said.

Mr. Weah assured citizens, especially supporters and partisans of the CDC that he will secure a prosperous future for every Liberian, especially the youths. "We secure a prosperous future for our young generation, we have prioritized their access to education and healthcare services," he said. The incumbent noted that he understands the importance of removing barriers that hinder young people's potential.

"That is why we introduced and implemented programs such as free tuition and fee payments for WASSCE [West African Senior School Certificate Examination] and WAEC West African Examination Council]," he said.

He said the CDC gathered Monday to commemorate the achievements of his six years as president of the great nation, Liberia. "I stand before you with a deep sense of gratitude and humility," he said. "Your presence here today is a testament to the collective vision we share for a brighter and more prosperous Liberia."

He extended gratitude to his many supporters, expressing heartfelt appreciation for the trust and mandate they bestowed upon him.

said. "We have utilized our time in office to work tirelessly for the Liberian people. We have not squandered the opportunities that were entrusted to us," he continued.

Mr. Weah suggested that Liberia is not a test tube for failed experiments, telling his rivals that the lives and future of the people are at stake. He said Liberians deserve better, and they deserve development, adding that the improvements in the economy and infrastructure are evident for all to see. "We are on an irreversible path of progress, a path that touches every sector of society," he stated.

In days to come, President Weah said he will embark on a journey to every town and village, reminding every Liberian of the need to stand by the unprecedented level of development taking place in the country.

He indicated that Liberia and its people have an inherent right to prosperity and development, just like any other nation in the world. "We possess abundant human and natural resources, comparable to those of our neighbors and beyond."

He expressed frustration that the oldest Republic in

Citizens react to 'Weah Thank You Rally'

By: Kruah Thompson

Monday's (July 17, 2023) rally organized by the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) that paralyzed work at most government ministries and agencies has received mixed reactions from the public here with many saying there is no need to hail President Weah because the government has performed dismally.

The rally, meant to thank President George Weah for his numerous developmental activities, brought together several thousand partisans and sympathizers at the ruling Coalition headquarters in Congo Town

for ongoing construction of roads, hospitals, market buildings, and tuition-free public schools and universities.

But Larry Wesseh, a resident of Fiamah community in Montserrado District# 9, says he sees no reason to appreciate President Weah because the President has caused more harm than good for Liberia.

According to him, the only thing that can be appreciated about the president is construction of personal luxurious properties like Jamaica Resort, while the country's youth have been negatively impacted by



but left dozens of supporters fainting due to congestion.

Zealous party members, dressed in red and blue from across Monrovia converged Monday, chanting slogans and raining praises on the president

drugs. Similarly, Bryant Hannah, a resident of Old Road, Montserrado District#10, notes that the purpose of the rally was for

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campaign of lies and vilification' amidst his government's progress. Weah told supporters Monday, 17 July 2023 that Congress for Democratic Change (CDC) which gave birth to the ruling two decades ago to make a difference.

He said they were a group of Liberians tired of the failures of the old order, particularly its impact on the youth of the nation. But Mr. Weah stated that "some remnants of the old guard have launched a campaign of lies and vilification."

Mr. Weah's ruling Coalition for Democratic Change organized a 'Thank You' program at which he took up time to throw jibes at his opponents. "They seek to deceive the Liberian people, both at home and abroad, about the unprecedented changes we are bringing about," he said. "But rest assured, the people are wise. They are tired of the relics of the past, tired of old parked cars." He argued that his competitors in the October 2023 elections boast of experience.

However, Mr. Weah claimed that he is the most experienced [aspirant], having served as President for

Starts from page 6 Presidential aspirant seeks

According to Rev. Brown, the LRP has offered an option to Liberians who have long been hoping for a God-fearing President who will change the dimensions of the nation.

The prelate stressed that the LRP presents the best choice for the Liberian people

as the country has been drowning. "The redemption of Liberia is upon us," he said, adding: "And the choice is clear, inclusion and coexistence or exclusion and nonexistence, that is the choice before us today if we want to build a nation."

According to Rev. Brown, he will address pertinent issues to improve the livelihoods of Liberians rather than denigrating others for the presidency.

JUDICIAL BRANCH REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA



SITTING IN ITS JULY TERM A.D. 2023.

BEFORE HIS HONOR .. NECULAR Y. EDWARDS, RESIDENT JUDGE, MONTHLY & PROBATE COURT, .

IN RE: THE PETITION THE HEIRS OF (CERUE LOUISE VAN DEM BROECK, GERALDINE MCCRITY, MICHELLE GIAWAYA MCCRITY, ETHELLO CECELIA MCCRITY, JAMES TYRELL MCCRITY, JR. AND WILLIAM HENRY MCCRITY) OF THE LATE JAMES T. MCCRITY, SR. REPRESENTED BY THEIR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT, MARK M.M. MARVEY OF THE CITY OF PAYNESVILLE, MONTSERRADO COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, PETITIONERS, PRAYING THIS HONORABLE COURT TO UNSEAL WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THE LATE JAMES T. MCCRITY, SR., WHO DIED ON MAY 3, 2023, IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND HAVE THE CONTENTS READ IN OPEN COURT.

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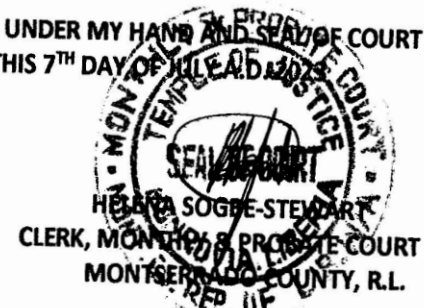
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House sets committee to pass draft restatement budget

The House of Representatives said. He said the confluence of reduction in the volume of the draft restatement budget for fiscal year 2023. Plenary took the



decision Tuesday, 18 July 2023 following the submission of the instrument by President George Manneh Weah. "It is my pleasing duty to herewith submit to the 54 National Legislature of the Republic of Liberia, a proposed Restatement of the FY2023 National Budget in the total amount of US\$

underperformance has posed a challenge for executing the budget in the first two-quarters of FY2023 and prompted early reprioritization and program deferrals in some instances.

"It is against the foregoing that realization of the aggregate amount of US\$23.5 million or 3.5 percent of the total projected Domestic revenue of US\$672 million has been deemed a risk and untenable," he added.

President Weah said to ensure that year-end spending is in line with available resources, adjustments in spending entities' program allocation balances have been made such that the risk is absorbed by all and sundry.

He noted that critical priority allocations for the ensuing elections and the national electricity grid have been ring-fenced.

President Weah said the revised revenue envelope for the proposed Restated

According to him, this

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