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# Weah pledges to respect voters' will

President Weah

# Speaker Chambers receives national honor



**S**peaker President Weah Chambers recounted and was praised Speaker decorated with Chambers for his insignia by numerous roles President George and extraordinary Weah who was performances in assisted by his serving his Foreign Minister Country in the Ambassador Dee Liberian Maxwell Saah Legislature. Kemayah Sr, PROFILE OF DR. during the B H O F A L celebration of CHAMBERS Liberia 176th Independence Day Speaker of the held at the Honorable 54th Centennial National Memorial Pavilion in Monrovia.

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# Presidential ambition not to get rich

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# Continental News

## What Africa and Russia Have to Gain From Summit

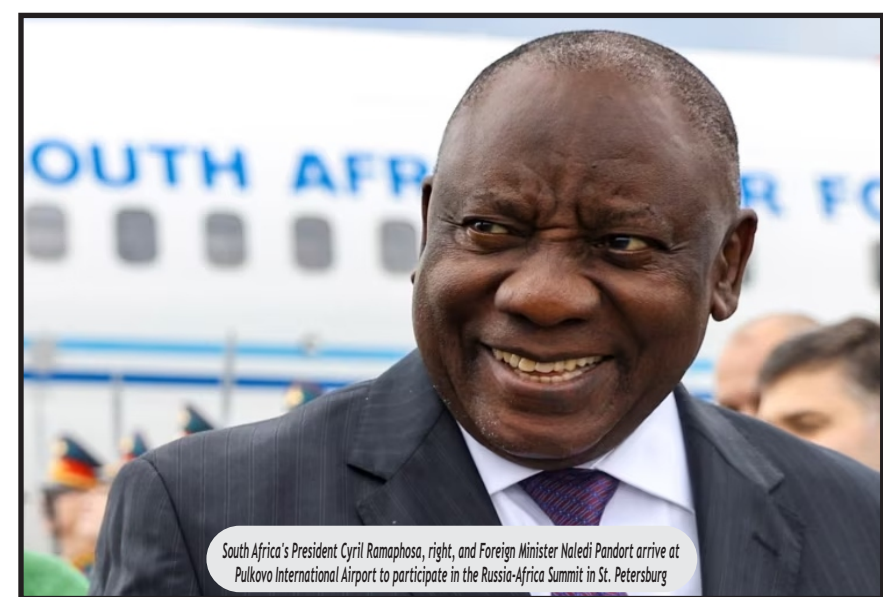
African leaders, including South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, are heading to St. Petersburg this week for the second Russia-Africa Summit, as an isolated Moscow

axing of the agreement is “a stab [in] the back.” Wandile Sihlobo, chief economist of the Agricultural Business Chamber of South Africa, said the decision not to renew the deal has already caused an increase in global food

take sides in the conflict.

Cameron Hudson, an analyst with the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, said Putin is likely to use the St. Petersburg meeting, which starts Thursday, to appeal to African leaders’ direct needs.

“Obviously he’s trying to win back some friends from his exit from the grain deal,” Hudson said, “and also show that he has the power to kind of cut bilateral deals with African countries that put them frankly more in his need, which is exactly the position that he wants to be in.” Analysts have noted that Russia has an outsized influence in Africa comparative to its trade and investment clout. This is sometimes because of the former Soviet Union’s support for the region’s 20th century liberation movements, and because of shared anti-Western sentiment. At the first Russia-Africa Summit in 2019, Putin vowed to double trade with Africa to \$40 billion over five years. Instead, it has been sitting at about \$18 billion a year, compared with China’s record \$282 billion worth of trade with Africa. Despite its relatively minor economic clout, Moscow is keen to use the summit to project political heft, said Denys Reva, a researcher for the Institute of Security Studies in South Africa. VOA



South Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa, right, and Foreign Minister Maledi Pandort arrive at Pulkovo International Airport to participate in the Russia-Africa Summit in St. Petersburg

looks to shore up its influence in a key region.

Analysts told VOA that high on the agenda will be President Vladimir Putin’s nixing of an arrangement that allowed Ukrainian grain to reach foreign markets. Putin will be under pressure to reassure them after he terminated a deal allowing safe passage of Ukrainian grain exports earlier this month – a move criticized by the African Union Commission as something that could negatively affect food security, especially in Africa.

The move has riled African governments, with one senior Kenyan official saying the

prices, which could hurt parts of Africa.

“Our very hope is that as the African leaders go to the Russia-Africa Summit, they can actually be able to have a much more sound conversation about the Black Sea grain deal – amongst other things that of course will be negotiated there – so that this can go back on the table and the exports can go,” Sihlobo said.

Earlier this week Putin himself sought to reassure African countries, relations with which have become increasingly important given Russia’s isolation by the West since its invasion of Ukraine last year. Many African countries have been hesitant to

## Ghana Abolishes Capital Punishment

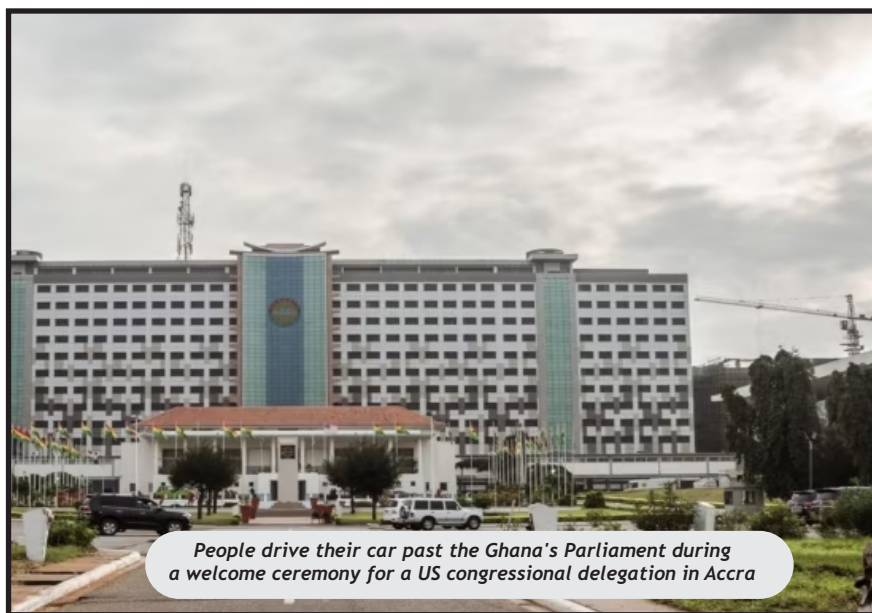
Ghana’s parliament has voted to abolish the death penalty. The move comes three decades after the last death sentence was carried out in the West African nation. Rights group Amnesty International has hailed the Tuesday vote, describing it as a “landmark decision,” and urged President Nana Akufo-Addo to sign it into law.

Under current law, the death penalty in Ghana can be imposed after convictions for genocide, piracy, smuggling, murder or high treason. Under the 1960 Criminal and Other Offences Act, the punishment can be carried out by hanging or by firing squad. However, the West African country has not executed anyone in 30 years, and this week, parliament approved a bill to eliminate capital punishment completely.

Francis-Xavier Sosu, the

opposition MP who sponsored the bill, tells VOA the development is a milestone for Ghana’s democracy and called on President Akufo-Addo to commute the sentence of those on death row now to life imprisonment. “This is a very good news for Ghana because it adds to our democratic credentials and adds to our

human rights record as a nation, particularly when since 1993 we haven’t been able to use the death penalty as a means of punishing offending persons and people who were condemned to serve death sentences were only kept in the condemned cells. So, I think it’s a win for Ghana,” he said. VOA



People drive their car past the Ghana's Parliament during a welcome ceremony for a US congressional delegation in Accra

## UN Condemns, Demands Repeal of Uganda's Anti-Homosexuality Act

A U.N. watchdog committee condemned Uganda’s Anti-Homosexuality Act Wednesday and called on the government to repeal what it calls a harmful, discriminatory law, which criminalizes consenting sexual relations between adults of the same sex. “We are as appalled as you are as to the content and the effects of this law,” said Jose Santos Pais, vice chair of the U.N. Human Rights Committee.

The 18-member committee, which monitors the implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, issued findings of its latest four-week examination of Uganda and six other state parties to the convention.

In its final observations, the committee expressed

death penalty for serial homosexuality.”

The last time the committee reviewed Uganda’s human rights record was in 2004. After the inordinately long 19-year delay, Uganda appeared before the committee with a high-powered, 15-person delegation of government officials to present its case. Pais said the Ugandan delegation sought to justify the Anti-Homosexuality Act based on what it described as the cultural values and position of most Ugandans toward homosexuality, which it claimed was “unacceptance of same-sex relationships.” “If I recall correctly, they particularly stressed that this was a decision of the legitimate authorities of Uganda,” said Pais. “And so, they have taken their stand. They will bear the responsibility for that.

“We are not convinced by these arguments, of course,” he added.



Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni, shown here on Oct. 9, 2022, signed into law the Anti-Homosexuality

“deep concern about discrimination and persecution based on sexual orientation and gender identity,” including the enactment of the Anti-Homosexuality Act in May 2023. The committee said it has received reports of hate speech, outings and violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons, “as well as reports of arbitrary arrests of LGBTI persons” based on the Penal Code Act and the Anti-Homosexuality Act. Pais said the committee told the Ugandan delegation that it must address the discriminatory policies. “And, particularly, to repeal the Anti-Homosexuality Act and section 145 of the penal code to end the criminalization of consensual sexual relations between adults of the same sex,” he said, adding that this act “forces, for instance, the

“But that is how it goes.”

Among its recommendations, the committee called on the Ugandan government to amend the Equal Opportunities Commission Act to prohibit sexual orientation and gender identity as grounds for discrimination. The 18 human rights experts urged the government to address discriminatory attitudes and stigma toward LGBTQ persons among government officials and the public “through comprehensive awareness-raising and sensitization activities” and to ensure remedies for LGBTQ persons “who are subjected to discrimination, hate speech, violence or arbitrary arrest.” Western medical and psychiatric associations regard sexual orientation as innate and part of normal human diversity. LGBTQ rights defenders say the proportion of sexual minorities remains constant from country to country – including those with punitive laws. VOA

# EDITORIAL

## Solving our food problem

Last Tuesday, July 18, the World Bank launched the 4th Edition of the Liberia Economic Update highlighting the country's staple rice and an important need to urgently invest in rice production to alleviate poverty.

Acting World Bank Country Manager to Liberia, Mack Capehart Mulbah, while launching the report, said the Government of Liberia and its partners have invested and are still investing a significant amount of resources to enhance productivity in the agricultural sector, with a focus on value chain for rice.

However, Mr. Mulbah noted that local rice farmers continue to be less competitive due to stark price difference between locally grown and imported varieties of rice - birthed by the many supply-side constraints faced in the rice sector and households' preference for imported rice.

Quite clearly, this is the paradox of Liberians and issues that surrounds rice, the nation's staple. It is incomprehensible that we as a people would have preferential taste for rice grown abroad and then locally-produced rice. Meanwhile, our economy cannot sustain rice importation at prices beyond our control.

So where lies the solution to sustaining our insatiable taste for imported rice when from all indication, the government cannot continuously spend millions to subsidize importation just for political expediency?

We believe strongly the only permanent remedy to the rice dilemma is to invest in our soil by growing enough rice to feed ourselves rather than relying on other countries to produce for us what we eat. It is this alternative that the World Bank highlights in the 4th Edition of the Liberia Economic Update, which government needs to study religiously and embark on practical steps that would lead to the country becoming self-sufficient in food, particularly rice, our staple.

Acting Manager Mulbah recalled that recently, to limit the effect of rising global food prices on households, the Government of Liberia began to subsidize rice imports to ensure availability and affordability of the commodity. But we can surely say such venture is not sustainable in the face of increasing global food crisis.

We need a home-based solution considering the demand, supply, and price dynamic of rice and implications for productivity and poverty alleviation, the Bank emphasized.

Central Bank of Liberia Deputy Governor for Economic Policy, Dr. Musa Dukuly, explained that Liberia development and sustenance are constrained by existence of dynamics of rising population and supply chain constraints, and that subsidy will always fall short of the required estimated subsidy to completely eradicate food insecurity.

Dr. Dukuly said moving towards food sustainability requires enormous sacrifice and the question that confronts policymakers how to develop a more sustainable strategy toward food sustainability.

To begin initially, he suggests a combination of both subsidy and direct investment in the soil saying "For instance, if the subsidy is 20 million, we invest 10 million in direct rice production and allocate 10 million as subsidy or 5 million in rice production and 15 million in subsidy."

We couldn't have agreed with him any better on this. We have to start from somewhere and the sooner, the better.

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# COMMENTARY

## Do Liberian women and girls have heartbeats?

Statement by Amplifying Rights Network, partners and women's rights groups and activists position statement on the Public Health Law.

Liberia stands at a historic juncture to address and improve health care access for Liberian women and girls. In a few days, the revised public healthcare law will be able to support the improvement in lives of every Liberian, protection of rights to choose and make informed decision on their healthcare and have access to quality and gender response delivery.

There are many benefits of the revised Public Health Law, including progress on protection for the people of Liberia.

The revised law will guide service providers in service deliveries and against discrimination; it will prohibit street selling of drugs including fake, expired, and unsafe medications; it will protect mentally ill people, regulate the sale and marketing of tobacco and breastmilk substitute products.

The revised law will also provide guidelines for the control and prevention of epidemics and diseases, improve access to safe abortion and post abortion care, regulate traditional medicines, and provide coordinating mechanisms between the communities and the health authorities in all counties.

Liberia currently has the 7th highest rate of maternal mortality in the world and the 3rd in Africa with many women and girls dying from giving birth and related health complications. Liberia also has one of the highest rates of teenage pregnancy with 30% of girls and young Liberian women, age 15 -19, are already mothers and or pregnant with their first child. This means of every 3 girls, 2 become mothers by age 19th! Liberia has also a high rate of sexual and gender-based violence.

In 2019, two out of every of three rape cases are minors. In addition, limited access to comprehensive sexual health education and sexual health and reproductive services and commodities, including lack of access to safe abortion and post-abortion care, have resulted into women and girls dying.

Between 2017 and 2018, statistics show that over 8,700 abortion cases were reported at health facilities in Liberia, and in 2021 over 2,600. These abortion cases were carried out in the least- safe and most dangerous conditions with 10% ending in deaths of young women and girls.

Daily, hundreds of women, desperately take matters into their own hands, seeking services from backstreet abortion service providers; some use self-induced procedures to terminate their own pregnancies, and this includes women and girls of all ages, professions, and socio-economic status.

Abortion access is currently restricted in Liberia to when a woman's life is at risk and or in cases of rape and or incest.

However, even with this, access continues to be limited due to the bureaucratic hurdles that impede safe and medically supervised care and as such we've seen thousands of

children, living with lifelong healthcare complications and barely of age to care for themselves become mothers too soon.

Worse is in cases of self-induced abortion where in access to post abortion care is again restricted either from deliberate lack of attention and care by health care facilities including those often misguided by assumption of what the law covers and or willful neglect due to religious and cultural biases.

This also includes cases where women have miscarried and assumptions regarding attempted and or incomplete abortion led to neglect, further complicating their health care needs and, in some cases, resulting into preventable deaths. As such, we ask...DO women and girls not have heartbeats?

The Hippocratic Oath references "how one must tread with care in matters of life and death", so we ask again, is the death of a woman not a matter of life and death when almost every death due to unsafe abortion can be prevented through sexuality education, effective contraception, safe, legal abortion, and timely care for complications.

It is a known fact that abortion, when conducted by a skilled health provider and in line with clinical guidance from WHO, can be one of the safest medical practices.

Restricting abortion restricts women and girls from receiving proper and timely information on their health, services available and choices.

Restricting abortion leads to unsafe practices, in backdoor alleyways, in homes with self-induced and dangerous procedures, and death of women and girls.

Restricting abortion only leads to more women and girls already traumatized by sexual and gender-based violence to carry on with unwanted and or unviable pregnancies.

Restricting abortions means many babies becoming mothers too early as 10 years old and have limited access to education and a future of their choice.

Restricting abortion only leads to more women, married and unmarried, living with health complications and carrying unviable pregnancies to term.

Restricting abortion also mean women and girls are left to die in the very medical facilities tasked with giving care because medical professions are unable to provide needed and critical attention.

Abortion is health care. It enables Liberian women and girls ...with heartbeats, to have a choice, in an informed, sanitized, medically supervised healthcare facility with appropriate and responsive care.

Liberian women and girls have heartbeats. Let's safeguard their rights, their choices, and their lives with the passage of the Revised Public Healthcare Law. Abortion saves the Lives of Women and Girls with heartbeats.



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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](mailto:sezrecruitment2023@gmail.com). The deadline for application is August 17, 2023, at 4 pm.



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**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.

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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: RLR-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 one component 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, MFDP 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:

Hon. Molewuleh B. Gray
Chairman
National Investment Commission
M&E Professional Building
Sekou Touré Ave. UN Drive Tel: +231 886 513754
Email: mgray@investliberia.gov.lr
Monrovia, Liberia

With Attention to:

Mr. Andrew Anderson
Project Coordinator
National Investment Commission
M&E Professional Building
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Monrovia, Liberia

Copy:

Mr. Boimah Gibson
Procurement Officer
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION (NEC) AND THE LIBERIAN NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION (LNBA) REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, MONTSERRADO COUNTY

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU), is made and entered into on this 20th day of June, A. D. 2023, by and between The National Elections Commission (NEC), of the Republic of Liberia represented by its Chairperson, Madam Davidetta Browne Lansanah (hereinafter referred to as "NEC" for short) and the LIBERIAN NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION (LNBA), also of the City of Monrovia, Liberia represented by its National President, Counselor Sylvester Dorbor Rennie (hereinafter "LNBA" for short), hereby:

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Liberian National Bar Association (LNBA) is a not-for-profit association of lawyers, organized and formed by an Act of the Liberian Legislature, primarily to enhance the rule of law through advocacy (with over One thousand five hundred registered members), seeking to assist people at all levels of society, via dissemination of information vis-à-vis the Liberian legal system, access to justice, adherence to the rule of law, and, as at the time of execution of this instrument, especially about the Elections Laws of Liberia; and

WHEREAS, the National Elections Commission (NEC), is an Autonomous Public Commission that is responsible to conduct public elections for all elective public offices and to administer and enforce all elections laws throughout the Republic and with its origin from the 1986 Constitution of Liberia (Chapter X Article 89), which, in a manner similar to the LNBA's, works to, inter alia, create public awareness about the Elections Laws of Liberia; and

WHEREAS, the LNBA and NEC are desirous of collaborating and working together for the purpose of creating public awareness and providing public education in respect of various aspects of the Elections Laws of Liberia and its adjunct Regulations and procedures (including dispute resolution) and the binding effect of decisions from legal proceedings by party litigants in the first instance emanating from the NEC to the final arbiter, the Supreme Court of Liberia in elections cases that may be brought before said Court; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have elected to execute this Instrument as a means of setting forth the terms of their engagement and collaboration for the purposes aforesaid;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements herein contained, the Parties hereto do hereby agree as follows:

- 1. That during the tenure of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and during and after the conduct of the 2023 Elections, the NEC will receive Legal support from the LNBA in explaining the Elections Law and election related matters including ruling of bodies clothed with the constitutional authority to decide Elections related disputes. The LNBA shall endeavor, as best it can, to assign competent lawyers of diverse backgrounds as practically as possible to enlighten the public on constitutional provisions and elections' laws.
2. The LNBA agrees and shall undertake to provide legal support by holding public conversations on the Elections' Laws of Liberia and rulings by various judicial bodies authorized to decide election-related disputes, including, in particular, the Honorable Supreme Court of Liberia, as a means of sensitizing the public and political actors on the need for adherence to the rule of law during the forthcoming 2023 General and Presidential Elections
3. The LNBA agrees with NEC to enhance the legal capacities of NEC to be effective in adjudication of elections cases and increase public knowledge of legal elections processes particularly working with all stakeholders. The parties further agree to collaborate with all relevant stakeholders to ensure a successful conduct of the 2023 Presidential and Legislative elections taking into account adherence to rule of law.
4. The LNBA agrees to hold public dialogues and awareness meetings on key activities on the electoral timetable and will provide training support to electoral staff such as election magistrates, hearing officers, political parties, candidates' representatives and the media on disposition of elections cases. Also, under this instrument, the LNBA shall provide monitoring and reporting support for the implementation of the elections timetable and make regular legal analysis of the electoral process.
5. The LNBA agrees to organize engagement meetings with relevant international partners seeking their support and collaboration to address elections' violence as well as organize meetings with CSOs, Religious leaders (Imam and Pastors), joint security to address issues around electoral violence.
6. The LNBA agrees to produce training plan and curriculum to enhance the knowledge of members of the Bar on differences between court room litigation and electoral dispute resolution / judicial vs administrative hearings.
7. The LNBA agrees to provide training to Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), security sector, the Media etc. on effective, efficient and timely disposition of election complaints. This will include mediation to resolve certain types of election disputes.
8. The LNBA agrees to formulate long-term capacity development and training plan for its members and NEC.
9. The LNBA shall conduct certification programs on election laws and Electoral Dispute Resolution (EDR), to enhance the electoral management system of Liberia and ensure that lectures on elections' laws are incorporated into its Continuing Legal Education Program/CLE.
10. Both the LNBA and the NEC hereby agree to organize stakeholder conferences to hold public conversations to do stock-taking between NEC, LNBA, Supreme Court, and Peace building Office etc. to discuss electoral activities.
11. The NEC and LNBA hereby agree that the NEC will recruit Hearing Officers and clerks and ready them for training and set up a case management system.
12. The NEC agrees to provide strategic information and education plan on EDR targeting political parties and other stakeholders to be rolled out for the smooth conduct of the electoral activities.
13. The NEC hereby agree to partner with the LNBA to hold experience sharing sessions on ethical aspects of EDR and withstanding political pressure for NEC Senior leadership.
14. That the duration of this Memorandum of Understanding is one (1) year, commencing from June 20, 2023 up to and including May 31, 2024.
15. That the NEC will from time to time consult with the LNBA and raise any concerns regarding presentations made by the assigned lawyers on Elections-related issues. That is to say, whether or not such performances conform or digress from the overarching objective of the MoU.
16. It is further agreed that the LNBA will ensure that any lawyer performing legal services under this MoU, shall do so in keeping with the highest professional standards expected of attorneys working under like circumstances.
17. This MoU represents the entire Agreement between the Parties hereto and supersedes, cancels, revokes and terminates any previous agreement on the same subject matter ever executed between them and is binding on the Parties, their successors, assigns and legal representatives as if they were specifically mentioned herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE PARTIES HAVE SET THEIR HANDS AND AFFIXED THEIR SIGNATURES ON THE DAY AND DATE FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.

FOR THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION. (NEC)

Madam Davidetta Browne Lansanah
MADAM DAVIDETTA BROWNE- LANSANAH
CHAIRPERSON

Date: 11 July 2023

FOR: LIBERIAN NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION (LNBA)

Cllr. SYLVESTER DORBOR RENNIE
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Date: July 11, 2023

WITNESS:

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# Speaker Dr. Bhofal Chambers Inducted Into the Order of the Star of Africa with the Grade of Grand Band

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Legislature, Republic of Liberia

Dr. Bhofal Chambers is of Liberian origin, born on September 9,

USA. He believes in the sanctity of life. His philosophy is based on obtaining better hope and opportunity for all lives, especially the underserved and most vulnerable in the

organization in the United States of America.

Dr. Chambers was elected a Representative of District #2 in Maryland County, Republic of Liberia, in 2006; he was reelected for a third 6-year term on October 10, 2017. Dr. Chambers then subsequently ascended to the

position of Speaker of the National Legislature on January 15, 2018, due to his outstanding and uncompromising advocacy for social justice in Liberia. Dr. Chambers' primary objective is to ensure that the political, educational, social, and economic needs of all Liberians are met. He is also focused on the elimination of all prejudices and the removal of all barriers of class, social, religious, ethnic, or racial discrimination through the democratic process. He stands ready to advance or promote the Liberian postwar trust and peace-building process.

Dr. Chambers is a renowned Law Enforcement practitioner, who believes in selfless sacrifice. As a law enforcement practitioner, he believes that his fundamental responsibility is to serve all peoples of the world, irrespective of ethnicity, class, philosophy, gender, disability, belief, or political affiliation.

Dr. Chambers has been a proud recipient of several scholarship awards from the William V.S. Tubman College of Technology in Liberia, The Mano River Union Telecommunications Institute in Sierra Leone; the British Telecom Technical College in England; the Deutsche Bundespost in the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Law Enforcement Opportunity, Incorporated in the United States Government, amongst others.

It is because he has benefited from such kind gesture by several reputable institutions and people of goodwill that he wants to extend similar gesture to the people of Liberia, particularly the underserved Liberian public and all troubled communities throughout Liberia by lending his expertise to the nation-building process or postwar reconstruction.

In total, Dr. Chambers believes in putting the primacy of the human, economic, educational, and social security of all Liberians before the unreflective service of any kind. He wants everyone to remember that the greatest nobility ever is service to humanity.



President Weah and Speaker Chambers



Speaker Chambers

1961, in Pleebo, Maryland County. Hon. Chambers holds a combined Masters's and Ph. D. Degrees in the field of Criminal Justice with emphasis in Law Enforcement

Liberian society. He also believes in serving humanity everywhere. He hopes to restore the last dignity, respect, and honor of the people of Liberia by empowering and safeguarding their



Continuation of Speaker Chambers' honoring program



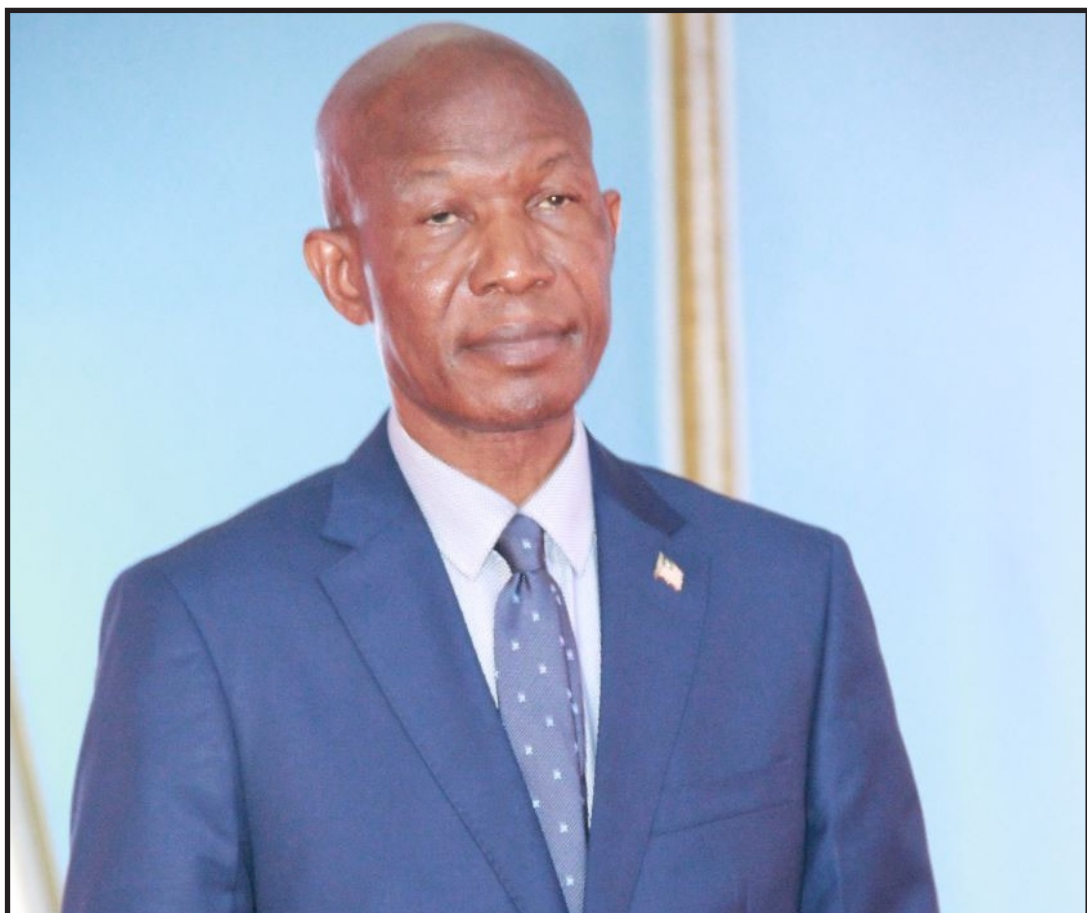
President Weah confers honor on Speaker Chambers as Foreign Minister Kemayah assists

Management from the Columbus University and a bachelor's degree in law enforcement from the Metropolitan State University, all in the

basic human rights. He is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peoples (NAACP), the oldest and largest human rights



# Speaker Dr. Bhofal Chambers Inducted Into the Order of the Star of Africa with the Grade of Grand Band



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 3<sup>RD</sup> 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

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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)/PETITONER(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 23<sup>RD</sup>
DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 2022.

MEANWHILE, YOU WILL MAKE YOUR RETURNS ON/OR BEFORE THE 23<sup>RD</sup> 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 13<sup>TH</sup>
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.

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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

# Français

## Le Parlement de la CEDEAO convoque une réunion du Comité délocalisé

Le Parlement de la Communauté économique des États de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (CEDEAO) prendront part à ladite

cours dans la région, où la politique inclusive est devenue un sujet de discussion. Le Parlement de la CEDEAO cherche à résoudre ce problème et à explorer les moyens de renforcer la gouvernance participative afin de garantir un système politique plus inclusif et représentatif dans toute la région.

Ces derniers temps, plusieurs pays de la région de la CEDEAO ont connu des transitions politiques, parfois entachées de troubles et d'instabilité. Reconnaissant le rôle vital de la politique inclusive dans la promotion de la stabilité et du développement durable, le Parlement vise à souligner l'importance de créer un paysage politique qui englobe diverses voix et assure la représentation de tous les citoyens.

Des délégués des États membres de la CEDEAO, notamment des responsables parlementaires, des représentants gouvernementaux, des organisations de la société civile et d'autres parties prenantes prendront part à la réunion.

Ils engageront des discussions et des débats sur divers aspects liés à la

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de la commission mixte délocalisée au complexe ministériel de Congo Town, à l'extérieur de Monrovia. La réunion aura lieu du 25 au 29 juillet 2023.

Des représentants des États membres de la

réunion qui est organisée sous le thème : "Renforcement de la politique inclusive dans le cadre d'une gouvernance participative - Un mécanisme de promotion de la paix et de la sécurité".

Cela fait suite aux développements politiques en

## Le sénateur Nuquay s'en prend à M. McGill

Le sénateur du comté de Margibi James Emmanuel Nuquay, qui s'oppose fermement à la candidature de l'ancien ministre Nathaniel Falo McGill à l'élection sénatoriale dans le comté, a déclaré que ce dernier ne peut se rendre à l'ambassade des États-Unis car pour lui c'est "un serpent noir et une zone interdite".

Emmanuel Nuquay a tenu ces propos pour répondre aux rumeurs selon lesquelles on lui aurait récemment refusé un visa américain.

Il fut l'invité spécial de la cérémonie de baptême du groupe Dinning-ta Clan Youth Leadership dans Yarnwullie-District, comté de Margibi.

Le sénateur Nuquay a dit aux jeunes que l'ancien responsable libérien et ceux qui ont été sanctionnés avec lui par les États-Unis au mois d'août de l'année dernière, considèrent la route menant à l'ambassade américaine comme une zone où ils

risquent de se faire mordre par un serpent.

Le sénateur Nuquay profite de chaque occasion pour faire campagne en faveur de la

réélection du président Weah. Cependant, il traite McGill d'une source d'embarras et de

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## Éditorial

### Pour résoudre notre problème alimentaire

Mardi dernier, c'est-à-dire le 18 juillet, la Banque mondiale, dans le cadre de la 4e édition de la mise à jour du secteur économique du Libéria, a mis en évidence le rôle crucial du riz pour le pays. Elle a ainsi insisté sur l'importance d'investir de manière très urgente dans la production de riz pour réduire la pauvreté.

Le directeur national par intérim de la Banque mondiale au Libéria Mack Capenhart Mulbah a déclaré que le gouvernement du Libéria et ses partenaires ont investi et investissent toujours une quantité importante de ressources pour améliorer la productivité dans le secteur agricole, en mettant l'accent sur la chaîne de valeur du riz.

Cependant, M. Mulbah a noté que les riziculteurs locaux continuent d'être moins compétitifs en raison de la forte différence de prix entre les variétés de riz cultivées localement et celles importées. Cela engendre de fortes contraintes en ce qui concerne l'offre dans le secteur du riz étant donné que les ménages ont plutôt une préférence accrue pour le riz importé.

De toute évidence, c'est le paradoxe qui entoure la question du riz au Libéria, pourtant c'est l'aliment de base de la nation. Il est incompréhensible que nous, en tant que peuple, ayons un goût préférentiel pour le riz cultivé à l'étranger que pour le riz produit localement. Nous ne sommes pas sans savoir que notre économie ne peut pas soutenir l'importation de riz dont le prix devient de plus en plus exorbitant pour nous.

Alors, où se trouve la solution pour maintenir notre goût insatiable pour le riz importé car, de toute évidence, le gouvernement ne peut pas continuellement dépenser des millions pour subventionner l'importation uniquement par opportunisme politique ?

Nous croyons fermement que le seul remède permanent au dilemme du riz est d'investir dans notre sol en cultivant suffisamment de riz pour nous nourrir plutôt que de compter sur d'autres pays pour produire pour nous ce que nous mangeons.

C'est cette alternative que la Banque mondiale met en évidence dans la 4e édition de la mise à jour du secteur économique du Libéria. Le gouvernement doit donc étudier religieusement et entreprendre des mesures pratiques qui puissent conduire le pays à atteindre l'autosuffisance alimentaire, en particulier en riz, notre aliment de base.

Le directeur par intérim Mulbah a rappelé que récemment, pour limiter l'effet de la hausse des prix alimentaires mondiaux sur les ménages, le gouvernement du Libéria a commencé à subventionner les importations de riz pour garantir la disponibilité et l'abordabilité de la denrée. Mais nous pouvons certainement dire qu'une telle entreprise n'est ni durable ni optimale face à la crise alimentaire mondiale croissante.

Nous avons besoin d'une solution à domicile pour satisfaire la forte demande, vu la dynamique des prix du riz et des implications pour la productivité et la réduction de la pauvreté, a souligné la Banque.

Le Dr Musa Dukuly, sous-gouverneur chargé de la politique économique de la Banque centrale du Libéria, a expliqué que le développement et la subsistance du Libéria sont limités par l'existence d'une dynamique de croissance démographique et de contraintes de la chaîne d'approvisionnement, et que la subvention sera toujours inférieure à la subvention estimée requise pour éradiquer complètement l'insécurité alimentaire.

Le Dr Dukuly a déclaré que l'évolution vers la durabilité alimentaire nécessite d'énormes sacrifices et la question qui se pose aux décideurs politiques est de savoir comment développer une stratégie plus durable vers la durabilité alimentaire.

Pour commencer, il suggère une combinaison de subventions et d'investissements directs dans le sol. « Par exemple, si la subvention est de 20 millions, nous investissons 10 millions dans la production directe de riz et allouons 10 millions en subvention ou 5 millions en production de riz et 15 millions en subvention », a-t-il dit.

En tout cas nous sommes tout à faire d'accord avec lui sur ce point. Il faut commencer quelque part et le plus tôt sera le mieux.

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## Le Parlement de la

politique inclusive, tels que les réformes électorales, la représentation des minorités, l'égalité des sexes en politique et les mécanismes garantissant la participation des groupes marginalisés au processus de gouvernance.

En outre, la réunion du comité mixte délocalisé servira de plate-forme au Parlement pour renforcer son rôle dans la promotion de la paix et de la sécurité au sein des États membres. En soulignant l'importance de l'inclusivité, le Parlement vise à renforcer les efforts visant à prévenir et à résoudre les conflits, à favoriser la cohésion sociale et à renforcer la stabilité dans la région.

Le complexe ministériel de Congo Town fournira le cadre idéal pour la réunion, car le Libéria a connu sa part de défis politiques dans le passé et

peut offrir des informations précieuses sur l'importance de la politique inclusive et son impact sur la paix et la sécurité.

Les résultats de la réunion devraient aboutir à la formulation de recommandations et de stratégies pouvant être adoptées par les États membres pour renforcer la politique inclusive dans leurs pays respectifs. En outre, le Parlement est susceptible de proposer des mesures législatives pour renforcer la gouvernance participative et promouvoir les initiatives de consolidation de la paix.

La réunion du comité mixte délocalisé est sur le point d'être une étape cruciale dans la promotion de la cause de la politique inclusive dans le but ultime de promouvoir une paix et une sécurité durables dans la sous-région de la CEDEAO.

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## Le sénateur Nuquay s'en

trouble pour l'avenir de Margibi. « Ils ont commencé à faire le tour et à dire que Nuquay était allé chercher un visa, mais ils le lui ont refusé. Le gouvernement américain ne m'a pas refusé le visa. Le gouvernement américain m'a donné un visa d'un an selon lequel chaque fois que je veux aller en Amérique, je dois y aller. Ils ont également donné à ma femme un visa d'un an. Ma femme voyagera le mois prochain, donc chaque fois que je veux voyager, ma femme et moi voulons voyager, nous pouvons voyager à tout moment. Après 18 ans de service, je peux aller à l'ambassade des États-Unis et obtenir un visa mais cet homme, seulement après 5 ans de service, quand vous lui parlerez de la route de l'ambassade américaine, il dira, mon gars, ne fais pas que ce serpent me morde ooo. Il pense que c'est un serpent noir », a-t-il dit.

Le sénateur avait montré son visa sur les réseaux sociaux un jour avant. Il a accusé McGill d'avoir déçu les habitants de Gbarpolu, le président George Weah et le pays par son action. C'est donc un homme à qui il ne faut pas confier le siège électoral du comté de Margibi.

A. M. Nuquay, qui est

considéré par beaucoup comme le parrain politique du comté de Margibi, d'ajouter : « s'il travaille et se fait sanctionner par les Américains, alors c'est parce qu'il a fait un mauvais travail. C'est pourquoi il ne peut pas être notre sénateur ».

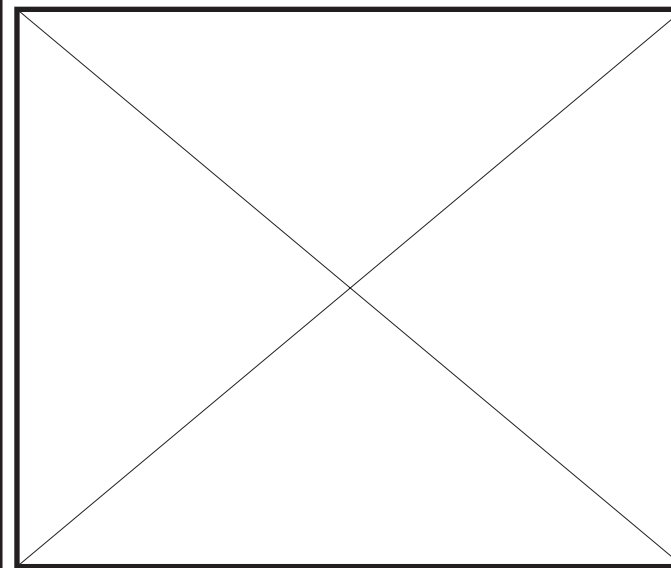
Il a également fait observer que l'ancien ministre a eu l'occasion de presque gérer le pays, mais il a fait honte au pays en se faisant sanctionner par le gouvernement américain. « Voulez-vous que l'un de vos enfants soit sanctionné demain par le gouvernement américain ? Voulez-vous vous tenir aux côtés d'un homme sanctionné ? Voulez-vous que la malchance suive vos enfants demain ? »

Nuquay s'est demandé s'il est juste qu'une personne qui a fait honte à tout un pays parte dans un autre comté dont il n'est pas originaire comme Margibi pour se faire élire sénateur parce que son propre comté ne veut pas de lui.

Il a aussi ajouté que McGill considère tout le monde dans le comté de Margibi comme des étrangers et pense que Margibi est une région d'étrangers.

Selon le leader politique du Parti de l'unification du peuple, chaque comté a deux sénateurs, voter pour McGill à Margibi signifiera que le comté de Gbarpolu aura trois sénateurs et Margibi en aura un seul.

## Mali : les États-Unis sanctionnent trois hauts responsables pour y avoir facilité l'expansion de Wagner



Le département du Trésor des États-Unis a sanctionné ce 24 juillet 2023 trois responsables militaires et du gouvernement de transition malien, dont le ministre de la Défense Sadio Camara, « pour avoir facilité le déploiement et l'expansion des activités de la société militaire privée Wagner au Mali ». Washington a sanctionné trois hauts responsables maliens ce 24 juillet 2023 pour avoir aidé au déploiement de Wagner au Mali : l'actuel ministre de la Défense Sadio Camara, le général Alou Boï Diarra, patron de l'armée de l'air et son adjoint, le colonel Adama Bagayoko. Ces trois

haut-gradés maliens se voient donc imposer des sanctions économiques par le Trésor américain. Des sanctions individuelles, qui « ne sont pas dirigées contre le peuple malien », assure le Trésor américain.

Concrètement, les trois officiels de Bamako verront leurs éventuels avoirs aux États-Unis gelés et ont interdiction d'effectuer des transactions avec toutes personnes ou entreprises américaines. Pour Washington, ces trois officiers ont facilité « l'enracinement » de Wagner au Mali, à la fois à l'extérieur de leur pays, via un accord de coopération conclu avec la société paramilitaire. Accord négocié au cours de voyages en Russie en 2021 puis 2022. Son principal artisan serait le colonel Camara, actuel ministre de la Défense et pilier de la Transition. Autre information avancée à propos de ce dernier : il est, selon Washington, citoyen français. Les États-Unis pointent également le soutien apporté aux mercenaires, cette fois directement sur le sol malien : un appui matériel, logistique, mais aussi économique. En permettant l'exploitation de l'or notamment, les trois officiels de Bamako ont pour le Trésor américain, « ouvert la voie » à la spoliation « des ressources souveraines » et aux « violations des droits humains ».

## Football : Eto'o et la Fécafoot face aux accusations de matches truqués

Samuel Eto'o n'a pas encore fêté ses deux ans à la tête de la Fédération camerounaise de football qu'il empile déjà les dossiers brûlants à gérer. Depuis une semaine, il est accusé de truquage de matches en collaboration avec son ami et président de Victoria United, Valentine Nkwain. Un scandale duquel la fédé tente de se dépêtrer et qui entre en résonance avec les précédents. « C'est un fake et pour nous, il n'existe pas », voilà comment la Fécafoot a répondu, fermement, dimanche 23 juillet, par la voix d'Ernest Obama, aux soupçons de truquage de matches auxquels elle fait face. Le porte-parole de la Fédération camerounaise de football a clamé l'innocence de son institution et celle de son président, Samuel Eto'o, sur la chaîne Canal 2. « Il n'y a pas de commentaire à faire là-dessus », a-t-il martelé. Depuis une semaine, Eto'o et les siens font face à de lourdes accusations après la diffusion de l'enregistrement d'une conversation téléphonique sur les réseaux sociaux. Dans cette dernière, on entend des voix similaires à celles de l'ancien Lion indomptable et l'actuel président de Victoria United, Valentine Nkwain, un club de deuxième division camerounaise. On y entend le premier assurer clairement au second son soutien indéfectible : « Opopo (surnom du club de Victoria) doit monter en première division. Ça, c'est notre objectif ». « Je suis fatigué. Tu m'as dit à Douala que tu vas m'envoyer les arbitres », se plaint pourtant le supposé Valentine Nkwain. « Je vais radier cet arbitre. Je vais convoquer le président des arbitres », lui



rétorque son interlocuteur. Pas de quoi incriminer Eto'o pour corruption, mais largement suffisant pour laisser place à l'interprétation et susciter de lourds soupçons. Cette conversation, supposément datée du mois de janvier, aurait donné le top départ à une série de bons résultats pour le Victoria United. Si bien que le club a été promu en première division au terme de la saison. À noter que Valentine Nkwain a réagi, dès le 20 juillet, assurant ne pas reconnaître l'existence de cette conversation et avoir demandé à ses avocats de travailler à un dépôt de plainte. Si, dans l'immédiat, le loal hero ne risque pas grand-chose dans son pays, l'histoire fait grand bruit localement. Car le scandale entre en résonance avec des précédentes accusations, parfois venant d'alliés de Samuel Eto'o. Le président de l'Unisport du haut Nkam, Donald Ngamenie, soutien originel d'Eto'o lors de sa candidature en 2022, avait publiquement accusé son président d'avoir choisi plusieurs fois les clubs qui seraient champions du Cameroun. Une présidence entachée par les affaires Une histoire de matches truqués devenue d'autant plus bruyante qu'elle intervient quelques jours après des saillies de l'opposition à Samuel Eto'o. Henry Njalla Quan, ancien vice-président démissionnaire de la Fécafoot, a accusé il y a quelques jours l'ex-Barcelonais d'avoir pesé sur le choix d'évincer André Onana du groupe des Lions indomptables pendant la dernière Coupe du monde. D'ailleurs, le même Njalla Quan a assuré publiquement que le président de la Fécafoot et Valentine Nkwain « figurent en bonne place dans la plainte pour corruption aggravée, manipulation de matches (...) déposée auprès des comités d'éthique de la Fifa, de la CAF et de la Fécafoot. »

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# LEC lights up slum communities

By Emmanuel wise Jipoh

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challenges of the slum communities.

He noted further that the intent is to curtail power theft, something he said hinders the economic growth of a nation.

The LEC Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Captan also stated that the gaps electrification project is a priority for the Government of Liberia (GOL).

He indicated that electrifying the entire Liberia and ensuring every Liberian has access to electricity is the prime objective of the LEC.

He commended the government of President George Manneh Weah for the tireless efforts in supporting the corporation to ensure that the livelihoods of the people are improved with access to electricity.

For his part, the Executive Director for Engineering and Major Connections (PEMC) at LEC, Dele I. Shobayo, cautioned community dwellers to be protective citizens, and calm down against power theft.

Mr. Shobayo encouraged them to be good citizens and customers who will protect the electricity given to them.

He urged citizens to desist from trespassing meters, which is at the detriment of their safety and lost to the LEC.

In an overview of G-CEP, Mr. Shobayo, said it seeks to bridge electricity access gaps, especially for people living in

LEC said G-CEP is a self-initiative sponsored by the Corporation, to expand electricity to slum and hard-to-reach communities to help curtail power theft.

Leading the team, Monie R. Captan stressed the significance of electricity to the thresholds of the population.

Captan said the Corporation's aim is to provide access to electricity for unserved and underserved areas, left out of the LEC power-grid project.

Mr. Captan highlighted that the LEC intends to improve livelihoods, and social services, and help mitigate environmental and economic

The Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC) has finally switched on some slum communities in Montserrado County.

On Tuesday, 25 July 2023,



LEC Chief Executive Officer Monie R. Captan led a team of electricity engineers to switch the light on in Iron Factory Block B, 72nd Army-Camp Field, and Lone Star Cell - Number one & two, Jacob Town, respectively.

The exercise was part of the Gap Communities Electrification Project (G-CEP), which targets areas, communities, villages, and towns initially left out of the LEC- Power Grid electricity program -sponsored by the

# Buttress Jeety's effort

--Prison Administrator pleads for autonomy

third component of the justice criminal system.

Juah called on the Judiciary and the Ministry of Justice to try and speed up cases so that those that are innocent can be released.

Additionally, he pleaded with President George Manneh Weah to call on the Legislature to pass an Act that seeks to make the Bureau of Corrections an autonomous agency. Mr. Juah said the Act is languishing in the Legislature, pleading with President Weah to ensure that the Bureau becomes autonomous to alleviate most of the problems that prison management faces. Meanwhile, Mr. Juah said the prison management is so much impressed again by Mr. Jeety and his team's continuous support of the facility. "This is not [the] first of its kind. Jeety has been one of our good partners. Whenever the facility is in need of basic things, we will call on Jeety," said Mr.

Monrovia Central Prison Deputy Superintendent Mr. Joel Justin Juah has called on well-meaning Liberians and organizations to buttress Indian philanthropist Mr. Upjit Singh Sachdeva's effort in feeding inmates. During Mr. Sachdeva's (Mr. Jeety's) routine home-cooked meal distribution with inmates and less fortunate folks on Liberia's 176th Independence Day celebration Wednesday, 26 July 2023, Juah said it's not easy to feed the prison population.

"I [would] like to join him again to call on well-meaning Liberians, potential people, organizations, to buttress the effort of Jeety," said Mr. Juah.

Mr. Juah noted that it's very hard to see potential people, be it the first branch of government and well-meaning Liberians, donating to the Monrovia



Central Prison. He said the number of inmates at the Monrovia Central Prison is 1,314, adding that this figure tells that "the facility is jammed parked" and it's not easy to feed the inmates. Juah lamented that it's sad for Liberia's judicial system to have over a thousand inmates at the Monrovia Central Prison who are pre-trial detainees. He admonished that everyone outside is a potential prisoner, saying "We don't know our day." "Those that come in conflict with the law, they must be given their day in court," he added. He indicated that it's a pity that if you are accused of rape, for instance, and you are behind bars after eight court terms without being judged. He lamented that this situation places a burden on prison administrators because they hear inmates' concerns every time. According to him, the court and the police are getting support, but not much attention is given to the prison system, the

Juah. He stated that Mr. Jeety is always making it his business to be at the facility to ensure that those problems are solved. Earlier, Mr. Jeety called on fellow businesspeople in Liberia to participate and do more in caring for inmates and less fortunate people. The Indian businessman and philanthropist called on businesspeople across Liberia to support the less fortunate so that they can have a decent meal. "I always say when you are outside, you have several means to fetch food; but when your freedom is curtailed, things are very difficult," said Mr. Jeety. He said the 176th Independence Day food package that he and his Jeety Trading Corporation team provided for each of the inmates included jollof rice with fried chicken, a soft drink, and water.

Mr. Jeety thanked his team from the Jeety Trading Corporation for their hard work and also thanked the management of the prison system for the support.

# ECOWAS and AU pledge support to NEC

After the meeting in the JMF Conference Hall AN EC - HQ - BOC/AU/ECOWAS members for a group photo.

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the African Union (AU) Tuesday promised to work with the National Elections Commission (NEC) to ensure the smooth conduct of the October 10 General Elections.

The 13-person joint AU and ECOWAS delegation made the commitment on Tuesday, 24 July, after a one-day fact finding discussion with authorities of NEC in Monrovia.

The head of the mission, Professor Attahiru Jega urged members of the Board of Commissioners to have unity of purpose, cohesion and work together to ensure that politicians who want to do everything possible to achieve their personal objectives do not succeed in undermining the electoral process.

Professor Jega disclosed that some of the delegation members will form part of the observer

missions that will be deployed in Liberia, and they were looking forward to celebrating the best elections ever to be conducted in Liberia.

He noted that overseeing the ensuing elections "is a responsibility that they must discharge to the best of the abilities of NEC because history will come and absorbed you."

The Chairperson of NEC, Madam Davidetta Browne Lansanah described the discussions as fruitful and

thank the delegation for coming.

She said the discussion provided the Commission the opportunity to provide first-hand information of its activities including challenges and what are the forward-looking strategies it intends to implement to ensure a better electoral process moving toward the Elections.

Other members of the mission are Ambassador



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# 10 Liberian Businesses Win UNDP Growth Accelerator US\$40K Grants

Monrovia, Liberia; 25 July 2021: UNDP Liberia Growth Accelerator Programme has awarded substantial grants of US\$40,000 each to ten promising Liberian businesses

unemployment through several economic policies aimed at expanding MSMEs, the private sector, and entrepreneurship.

He said UNDP recognizes support to Micro, Small, and

selected winners, there will be a detailed value-for-money assessment from them. So, for those of you who won, we want you to take this as a challenge that the Growth Accelerator is not free money, but it is there to encourage you to do what serves you best. If you came here and presented a very good proposal or business plan, which won you the grant, you cannot change it.

This would not work because it is going to be difficult. Every year, we intensify the processes based on the lessons learned from the previous year. If you win this grant to buy balloons, you will buy balloons; you will not buy pumpkins. So, we are going to be very strict on that," Tumbey warned.

This year, the Growth Accelerator Programme received a total of 177 applications for Cohort III which included the regular MSMEs and a new component on clean and renewable energy.

The CEO of iCampus, the implementing partner of the programme disclosed that over the last three years, small businesses have received a total of US\$1.3 million disbursed with the sole intent of helping MSMEs scale up and improve.

Luther Jeke mentioned that the amount also includes support to ten agriculture cooperatives. "Eighteen businesses were selected in 2021 and 13 in 2022. Each of them received US\$40,000, which is about US\$720,000 and when added to the US\$600,000 expenditure for 2023, it amounts to US\$1.3 million," Jeke added. He advised the beneficiaries to use the grants as intended. "My advice to these small businesses that are fortunate to have won this grant is to use the money for its intended purpose. Scale and grow your business. If you need more human resources, employ more people; if you need to buy more machinery and equipment, buy them," he cautioned.

Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) enhances sustainable economic development, and reduces poverty, welcoming the participation of development partners in this important space.

"I am glad that we have this platform and welcome many partners onboard so that together we can help Liberians grow and scale up their businesses through access to risk capital, innovation, and a business acceleration programme that achieves the overall goals of bringing economic growth, new jobs and prosperity to Liberia," Kuukpen emphasized. Meanwhile, the UNDP Coordinator for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development has cautioned this year's winners/grantees to ensure that the funds are used as stipulated in their business plans. Abraham Tumbey informed the winners that before any tranche of the fund is released, a grantee will have to submit a detailed "value-for-money assessment form, which is intended to avoid issues of diversion, which they have experienced in the past.

"This year, before UNDP gives out their money to the



after emerging winners from a pitching exercise in the annual business plan competition.

This year's winners are part of the third cohort, which includes businesses involved in clean and renewable energy, drawn from a pool of diverse representation across various sectors, including agriculture and manufacturing.

The programme heavily supported by UNDP provides promising entrepreneurs with mentorship, financial support, and other resources that are needed to scale up business operations. Under this initiative, MSMEs owners submit proposals/business development plans outlining their growth plans, financial needs, and potential for development and then compete for the funds. "We are glad to see Liberian entrepreneurs stepping up to seize opportunities in various ways, which show a positive sign of a future where Liberians can drive their local economy," says UNDP Liberia Resident Representative a.i. Louis Kuukpen.

Kuukpen noted that the Government of Liberia, in partnership with UNDP, is working to address the issue of

# Sub-region conference on disinformation kicks off in Monrovia

A sub-regional conference confronting disinformation and hate speech today commenced in the Liberian Capital, Monrovia. The three-day conference, organized by the National Democracy Institute, assembled member organizations from the Central and West African regions.

Participant organizations at the conference include the Center for Democracy and Development (CDD) from the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Sierra Leone Association of Journalists (SLAJ), and Innovation Lab Liberia (iLab Liberia), as well as organizations from Burkina Faso, Mali, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Among other things, delegates are expected to derive a collective approach that would foster and enhance information sharing across member organizations. Influencers and amplifiers with political or

representatives at the conference will also deliberate on tools and methodologies for overcoming challenges and monitoring the online space, and attending organizations will present their own achievements and case studies regarding online monitoring and reporting across the region. The conference will also consider how disinformation and hate speech are used to target women and other marginalized communities; exacerbate religious, ethnic, and regional divides; and undermine citizens confidence in elections and democratic processes.

"NDI, in partnership with the Government of Canada, is pleased to support this convening of regional groups who work on countering disinformation and hate speech, especially in the lead-up to elections, when tensions can be high and swift reactions to dangerous content can have an immediate positive impact. We are looking forward to three days of engaging conversations and



nefarious backing have consistently used disinformation and hate speech as tools to undermine information integrity, including electoral and democratic systems across the region.

Delegates attending the conference are expected to identify ways to tackle these vices. From July 27-29, 2023, they will examine how disinformation and hate speech undermine the electoral process, and how civil society and media organizations can analyze the election environment and take action to address threats to electoral integrity in their respective countries. Discussions at the high-level regional meeting will be the first of its kind to be held in Liberia; they will also focus on tactics common in harmful information campaigns in the region and carefully examine obstacles in combating them.

Among other things,

brainstorming on the most effective approaches to counter information manipulation and hate speech in West Africa," said Zoe Hartman, Program Manager, National Democratic Institute (NDI). NDI is a non-profit, non-partisan, non-governmental organization that works in partnership around the world to strengthen and safeguard democratic institutions, processes, norms, and values to secure a better quality of life for all. NDI envisions a world where democracy and freedom prevail, with dignity for all. With funding from the Government of Canada, NDI and partners are currently implementing projects in Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and Liberia to counter disinformation and misinformation during electoral periods. The initiatives are largely meant to improve information integrity and reinforce the credibility of electoral and democratic systems across these nations.

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## Presidential ambition

Liberian, will be given maximum support to succeed in their business career aimed at creating a vibrant private sector."

He said from sports to business, to science and arts, success in Liberia will not be a privilege for few, but rather it will be real possibility for all who are willing to venture.

Cummings vowed that a CPP Government will provide access to resources, mentorship and financial support to turn ideas

and dreams of Liberians into reality and will foster technological advancement to bridge the digital gap into the 21st century.

"We will challenge the universities and higher learning institutions to undertake research, expand the creativity, imagination and innovations of professors and students aimed at finding home-grown and sustainable solutions to challenges in areas of medicine, manufacturing,

nutrition and food security," Cummings said.

He recalled that since his political sojourn, lots have happened to him, including lies, false persecution and conspiracies, all intended to thwart his Presidential ambition but with God's protection, all have failed.

Cummings reaffirmed a CPP Government commitment to good governance, fighting corruption, and fixing the economy for massive job creations for the thousands of

# Weah pledges to respect voters' will

President George Manneh Weah has promised that the interest of the Liberians is served and that their will is done during the October 2023 presidential and legislative elections.

The incumbent is seeking another six years of presidential

their franchise in a peaceful, transparent, and inclusive process.

He also promised that the conduct of the 10 October presidential and legislative elections will be credible and will meet all national and international standards.

He however reminded

demonstrated their resolve never to resort to violence or go to war to settle their grievances," he added.

He said all leaders since then, including him, have upheld the pledge to uphold the peace and keep the country stable and progressive.

He called on citizens to be proud of themselves and their country - to be proud of preserving the sovereignty and cohesive integrity of Africa's first and oldest republic.

He also extended many thanks to Liberia's friends, partners, and foreign residents for assisting the country to uphold and defend its sovereignty.

President Weah said the theme for this year's celebration, "Giving Our People Hope For A Violence Free, Fair, Transparent and Inclusive And Credible Elections," has served Liberians a notice about their Constitution and their duty to uphold it.

"The theme of this year's celebration is, therefore, a reminder for us to do our duty to our country and our God," he stated.

He said it is interesting to note that the 176th Independence Day celebration marked the final Independence Day celebration of his first mandate as President of Liberia, and the last before the holding of elections in a few months.

President Weah congratulated Chief Zanzan Karwor, Chairman of the Council of Chiefs and Elders, for the beautiful oration he delivered on Liberia's 176th Independence Day celebration. He said Chief Karwor's selection to serve as National Orator on the day was in honor and respect to the Traditional Chiefs and Zoe's of the land.

Liberians that while he is the Chief Executive Administrator of the country, the success he is promising does not rest with him alone.

He suggested that the inclusiveness of this exercise requires the full and committed participation of all citizens and friendly partners.

Above all, he noted, it requires the unreserved commitment of those political stakeholders who are vying for positions in these forthcoming elections, as well as their followers.

"It should be understood that, while our individual and collective political interests are uppermost, those desires should not be put above the interest and general well-being of the country, which is indeed our collective interest," he cautioned Liberians.

Weah explained that after long and bitter years in the wilderness of anarchy, Liberians should know the value of peace.

"I am happy that since August 18, 2003, when leaders of various factions and interests made a solemn affirmation to end violence by signing the Comprehensive Peace Agreement in Accra, Ghana, Liberians have

# Presidential ambition not to get rich

The Standard Bearer of the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP), Mr. Alexander Cummings, says his Presidential quest is not intended to get rich, but rather to join the honest efforts of others to change Liberia for the betterment of all Liberians.

Cummings said to change the country's direction and alleviate the extreme suffering and poverty, it will require a leader that is physically ready and mentally strong, as he and the CPP are ready.

He made the assertions on July 25, in an address to the nation, marking Liberia's 176th Independence celebration and ahead of a critical election slated October 10.

Cummings said after a successful career in the private sector, it will be a disservice for honest Liberians to just sit aside and leave the country to politicians who are only interested in themselves and their families, adding that nothing will ever change in Liberia with such a mindset.

The CPP Standard Bearer said his commitment to real change is not a mere political slogan, but rather his sincere commitment to break away from the centuries old ways of bad governance including corruption, mediocrity, underdevelopment, without first class schools, hospitals and unpaved and impassable roads.

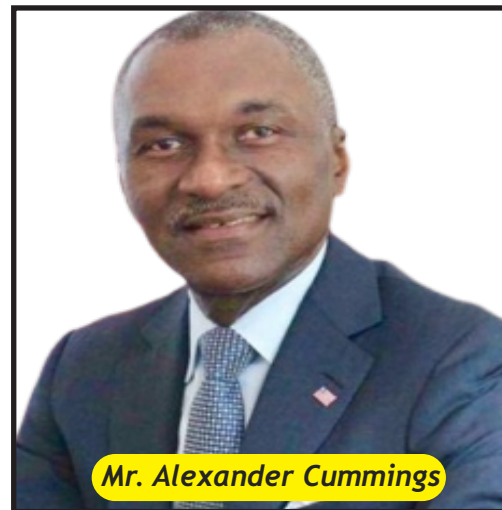
Cummings said his quest for the Presidency is to halt the gross

mismanagement of the country's resources, "change the selfish, greedy, corrupt and exclusionary mindset that continues to keep the vast majority poor, retard progress and keep the people divided."

He said "all Liberians own Liberia. All Liberians deserve to benefit from the riches," and vowed that this mindset will be the guidepost for all public policies and actions of the Cummings-led government. Cummings said fixing the economy means growing small businesses and allowing the Liberian entrepreneurial spirit to soar. "Under a Cummings leadership, Liberian business women don't have to worry about loans to grow



President Weah



Mr. Alexander Cummings

term against several opposition leaders who also want to battle him out of the presidency through the ballot.

"As I seek to be returned for a second mandate, I am focused on sparing no energy in ensuring that the interest of the Liberian people is served and that their will is done," Weah said at Liberia's 176th Independence Day celebration in Monrovia Wednesday, 26 July 2023.

He recalled that he and other political stakeholders recently signed the Farmington Declaration which imposes on them the obligation to make the environment violence-free.

He said the instrument requires them to work together to ensure that the ensuing elections are free, fair, transparent, and inclusive.

"Today, I reiterate, with renewed resolve, my commitment to patriotically discharge the responsibilities imposed on me as your leader, in the promotion and preservation of the fundamental rights and freedoms that are guaranteed by the Constitution," said Mr. Weah.

He pledged to strive to create an atmosphere that is conducive to the unrestricted right for citizens to exercise

their businesses," the CPP Standard Bearer assured, noting that every sincere hard-working

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## 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, MONTERRADO 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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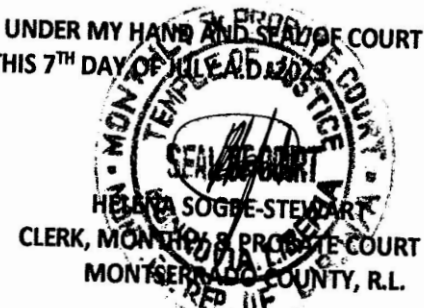
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GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF COURT  
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## Chief Zanzan Karwor urges

location seeking a place to call their own. Consequently, they were warmly received by the king, who granted them the space to settle and also provided them with a well from which they could drink. "As history unfolded, conflicts arose between the traditional people and the settlers, leading the settlers to leave.

However, realizing that they found no comfort elsewhere, they eventually made the courageous decision to return and humbly apologize for their past actions", he narrates. He reiterates the urgent need to revisit the events of 1841 in order to gain a comprehensive understanding and a more

accurate depiction of Liberia's history, saying "In 1822, the settlers engaged in thorough discussions with the traditional landowners, ultimately leading to their acquisition of a piece of land."

## Chief Zanzan Karwor urges Liberians to rewrite history

By Kruah Thompson

The Orator of Liberia's 176th Independence Day anniversary, Chief Zanzan Karwor, underscores a

present, and forging a brighter future for the Motherland. According to him, the current historical records of Liberia only date back from 1842, neglecting important

need to include events of 1841 for a comprehensive understanding.

Before discussing the assigned theme for the occasion, "Nonviolence, free elections" he firstly delves into the history of Liberia's formation, recalling struggles faced by the settlers upon their return from slavery in America and how they settled at Providence Island.

He narrates that the settlers first arrived at Duu River, but were faced with malaria, which led them to move to Providence Island. However, upon their arrival, they decided to claim ownership of the area without acknowledging that someone had already cleaned and prepared the place.

He also mentioned that the place bears a traditional name known as "Dosua," which is now referred to as Providence Island today.

Chief Karwor continues that after settling on the land for some time, the settlers realized the importance of identifying rightful owners of the land so they approached King Peters and explained that while they couldn't stay in one place indefinitely, they had arrived at their current



Chief Zanzan Karwor

need to rewrite the history of Liberia to make it more comprehensive and reflective.

Liberia declared independence on July 26, 1847 after its formation by the America Colonization Society, ACS in 1822.

Delivering this year's Independence Day Oration Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at the Centennial Pavilion in Monrovia, Chief Karwor, who heads the traditional council of chiefs and elders, highlighted the significance of reclaiming the past, reshaping the

events and names from 1841, particularly resettlement near the Duu Rivers otherwise known as Measurado River.

Chief Karwor cautions Liberians from forgetting their history, stressing the importance of knowing where they came from, where they aspire to go, and the present state of the country.

He notes that the current history of Liberia only includes events from 1842 up to present, while events of 1841, including the resettlement near the Duu Rivers, were left out hence, a

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