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REQUEST FOR THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI) FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES

The Management of the Liberia Petroleum Regulatory Authority (LPRA) is currently scouting the expertise of Consultants / Consultancy Firms to provide CONSULTING SERVICES to the entity for Fiscal period.

The LPRA intends to apply part of its budgetary appropriation for FY 2025 to payments under the contract for the provision of these Consulting Services for the indicated period.

The Consulting Services are outlined as follows:

No.	Consultancy Packages	REOI NO.	Brief Description of Package
1	Legal Consultancy – I	REOI NO: LPRA/SBA/QCBS/001/2025	Provision of in-country legal advisory services to support LPRA’s operational, institutional, and regulatory functions.
2	Audit & Internal Controls	REOI NO: LPRA/SBA/FBS/001/2025	Provision of annual external audit services and comprehensive assessment of LPRA’s internal control systems.
3	Information Technology (IT) Consultancy	REOI NO: LPRA/SBA/LCS/001/2025	Technical support for ongoing IT infrastructure deployment, systems maintenance, cybersecurity assurance, and digital transformation initiatives.
4	Legal Consultancy – II	REOI NO: LPRA/LCS/001/2025	Provision of international legal expertise to support implementation of the E&P Law, including drafting legal instruments, developing regulatory policy, and aligning model contracts with global best practices.
5	Strategic Advisory Services	REOI NO: LPRA/QBS/001/2025	Expert support in petroleum fiscal modeling, regulatory strategy, commercial planning, capacity building, and operational performance improvement.
6	Financial Advisory Services	REOI NO: LPRA/QBS/002/2025	Provision of financial advisory services including transaction support, quarterly and annual financial reporting, internal control reviews, and audit readiness assessments.
7	Legal & Commercial Advisory – Licensing Round	RFP NO. LPRA/QBS/003/2025	Lead the end-to-end planning, coordination, and execution of the 2025 licensing round. This includes designing the licensing process, preparing eligibility requirements documentation, managing bid evaluation, supporting contract negotiations, and finalizing agreements. The consultant will also facilitate business development activities and coordinate meetings
			with prospective investors to promote participation in the licensing round.
8	Technical & Financial Due Diligence	REOI NO: LPRA/FBS/001/2024	Conduct comprehensive technical and financial due diligence to assess the capabilities of companies responding to LPRA opportunities. The results will directly inform the prequalification of eligible and responsive firms for participation in regulated processes.

The LPRA now invites eligible consultants / Consultancy firms to indicate their interest in providing these services. ALL interested firms / individuals must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the service of preference (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

A consultant or consultancy firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Public Procurement and Concessions Act of the Republic of Liberia.

Interested consultants or consultancy firms may obtain further information at the address below between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

All REOIs must be delivered to the address below by 3:00pm on Friday, July 14, 2025.

The Procurement Department
Liberia Petroleum Regulatory Authority (LPRA)
Libtelco Building, 2nd Floor, 18th Street, Sinkor, Tubman Boulevard
Tel #: 0777-110-110 / 0887-111-116
Contact Person: Rufus F. McCarthy

Only shortlisted Consultants /Consultancy firms will be forwarded a request for proposal.

Signed:
Rufus F. McCarthy
Procurement Director

Approved:
Hon. Marilyn T. Logan
Director-General & Chairman /PC



MANO RIVER UNION UNION DU FLEUVE MANO

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTING SERVICE)

TO SUPPORT ACCESS TO MARKET THROUGH THE ORGANISING OF REGIONAL TRADE FAIRS ACROSS THREE (3) VALUE CHAINS FOR WOMEN CROSS BORDER TRADERS.

COUNTRIES: Sierra Leone and Liberia

Sector: Gender Equality

Mode of Financing: Grant

Project ID: P-Z1-ID0-009

Grant No: 5900155016801

Issued Date: 16 July 2025

The Mano River Union Secretariat has received a grant from the African Development Bank (AfDB) to implement the project to Build Inclusive Business Ecosystems for Stabilization and Transformation (BI-BEST) in the Mano River Union (MRU) and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this grant to payments under the contract for the recruitment of a consultant for to Support Access to Market through the Organizing of Regional Trade Fairs across 3 Value Chains for Women Cross Border Traders.

The consultant is expected to organize at least two (2) trade fairs per each value chain at designated border points targeting the four project communities (Jendema, Bo-Waterside, Koindu & Foya) that will bring together value chain actors to include traders, service providers and relevant state actors at border points with the aim of increasing access to market and strengthening linkages between Women Cross Border Traders and service providers in the two countries (Sierra Leone and Liberia) across the 3 selected value chains (Cassava, Palm Oil, & Vegetables).

The assignment to Support Access to Market through the Organizing of Regional Trade Fairs across 3 Value Chains for Women Cross Border Traders will include the following:

- To identify appropriate exhibitors, market/trade actors across the three value chains and generate as well influence their interests to participate.
- Create sufficient awareness of the fairs and ensure that publicity and participation are high and that follow ups, registration, branding, visibility, advertisement, and networking plans are designed and executed.
- Ensure effective site identification and setup, layout and booth branding, security for traders and their commodities, proper organization and management of the events, promotional exhibitions, workshops/presentations, transportation arrangements, storage arrangements, etc. are in place and well communicated to all attendees, exhibitors and stakeholders.
- Initial measures to ensure timely registration, effective on-site engagements and networking opportunities; especially, for the women, easy identification, educational activities as well as effective follow-up, data collection and reporting mechanism/strategies are in place.

The assignment will be undertaken in three (3) Months (not to exceed 60 working days), and the duration of the contract is six (6) months, from the date of signature of contract.

The Mano River Union Secretariat is therefore inviting eligible individual consultants to submit their Interest with their CVs for providing these services. Interested Consultants shall provide information on their qualifications and experience (cover letter, academic credentials, supporting documents referencing similar services and showing demonstrated experience in similar assignments, etc.) to undertake this Assignment.

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 2015, which is available on the Bank’s website at <http://www.afdb.org>. MRU is under no obligation to shortlist any consultant who expresses interest.

Interested Individual Consultants may obtain further information and Terms of Reference (ToR) from the Procurement Specialist email address: kensah@mru.int during the Office’s working hours between 09:00 to 17:00 hours GMT.

Proposals (technical and financial) must be delivered to the address below or by email procurement@mru.int not later than August 15th, 2025 at 2:30pm Sierra Leone time and mention “Expression of Interest to Support Access to Regional Markets Through the Organizing of Trade Fairs” for MRU/BI BEST Project”

Attention:

Mano River Union Secretariat
32 S Spur Loop, Wilberforce, Freetown
Rep. of Sierra Leone
Tel: +23276964965
E-mail : procurement@mru.int

EDITORIAL

Justice may elude Liberian war victims

When President Joseph Nyuma Boakai signed Executive Order #131 in 2024, establishing the Office of War and Economic Crimes Court for Liberia, it was greeted with hope, especially among victims of the Liberian Civil War that justice was in sight, but seems not to be the case now, in the face of serious funding challenges.

Despite formal opening of the Office and subsequent appointment of an Executive Director, the country's institution overseeing the establishment of a hybrid-Tribunal to prosecute key actors or perpetrators of war crimes and crimes against humanity is glaringly cash-stricken, even before taking off for its mission.

The War and Economic Crimes Tribunal is gradually becoming a far-fetched dream, as Liberia's key partner, the United States of America seems less enthusiastic, particularly under current U.S. President Donald Trump.

Outgoing U.S. Ambassador to Liberia, Mark Toner, has confirmed in Monrovia that while there had been strong backing from previous U.S. administrations, current support is waning due to shifting priorities in Washington.

“Before I arrived in Liberia and even after my arrival, there was considerable support from previous U.S. administrations. But now, because of shifting priorities, the U.S. government is offering more technical assistance and less financial support,” Ambassador Toner said.

The Government of Liberia clearly lacks funding even to adequately support operations of the Office of War and Economic Crimes Court, let alone establishment of a tribunal to prosecute perpetrators of war crimes that is the wish of war victims across the country.

This is the stark reality facing Liberians. “It's not an easy task, and I'll say this, it's lacking resources. I know President Boakai prioritizes this, but he and his administration also need to provide the resources required for it to function properly,” Toner emphasized.

Currently, the OWECC is struggling to maintain operations due to inconsistent funding, as Ambassador Toner notes, “They get some money; it runs out, and then they have to go looking for more. That's not how you run a serious national priority.”

Without a clear U.S.-driven support for the tribunal in Liberia, it may difficult for Liberia to see other friendly countries coming to her assistance in this endeavor especially, in the wake of global economic challenges that are being fuelled by Trump's war on trade, imposing taxes on nations that seem to have trade advantages over the United States.

In this all, the culture of impunity stares the faces of Liberians, including victims from the civil wars, who long to face perpetrators in court to recount their ordeals at the hands of gun-toting rebels. Making the war crimes tribunal a reality for Liberia, where two previous Liberian administrations failed, is the biggest challenge of the Boakai Administration that seems to have the willpower, but lacks funds needed to achieving this.

COMMENTARY

By H.E. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf,
Former President of the
Republic of Liberia.

UN Women at 15: A Partner in Liberia's Journey and a Pillar for Global Gender Equality

On 2nd July 2010, the global community birthed a new UN agency, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), whose establishment was made possible by the coming together of member states and the powerful global women's movement.

As we mark fifteen years since UN Women's establishment this month, we must pay tribute to those who brought to life the vision of a dedicated UN entity for the empowerment of women and girls and we must recommit and continue to invest in realizing its mandate. In many ways, the story of UN Women is the story of global solidarity.

It is the result of decades of tireless advocacy by the global women's movement, the unwavering commitment of Member States, and a recognition that half of humanity deserves an agency wholly dedicated to advancing their rights, opportunities, and voices. Building on the legacy of the UN Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), and the other offices existing then for the advancement of women, UN Women's creation, in 2010, represented a breakthrough moment for multilateralism: a bold statement that gender equality is not peripheral, but central to justice, peace and development.

The earlier years of UN Women's establishment represented a transformative time in Liberia's history. I had just become Africa's first democratically elected female Head of State, an outcome made possible by the determination and organizing power of Liberian women.

The significance of my election, and the establishment of UN Women, felt part of a broader wave: one that saw women, particularly from post-conflict countries like ours, taking their rightful place at the forefront of peacebuilding. In Liberia, UN Women quickly became a trusted partner, working alongside government, civil society, and traditional leaders to embed gender equality into national policies and priorities, strengthening coordination across sectors to address the root causes of inequality.

UN Women's investments have been strategic and cognisant of the lived realities of Liberian women. It has supported women's economic empowerment through skills training, access to finance, and adult literacy programs—particularly for rural women. It has helped to establish and strengthen women's networks—from rural women's platforms to cross-border traders' associations and the Peace Hut women, providing them with tools to organize, advocate, and lead.

UN Women has also played a key role in promoting women's political participation, providing mentorship and campaign training for female candidates, and supporting civic engagement initiatives to create an enabling environment for women to lead. In addition, it has supported the adoption of policies and programs to end violence against women and girls, reinforcing the broader goal of ensuring women's full, equal, and safe participation in all aspects of public and private life. As we reflect on this journey, I am reminded that the

work of building strong, inclusive, and equitable societies must continue across generations. That is the very spirit that animates the Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Presidential Center for Women and Development. Established after I left office, the Center is a continuation of the commitment to advancing women's public leadership in Africa.


Through our flagship Amujae Initiative, we support high-achieving African women leaders to ascend to the highest echelons of public service, equipping them to break barriers, influence policy, and transform governance systems for the better. Through our Data Hub, we have been collecting and publishing data on the representation of women in the various decision making bodies in all 54 countries. In this regard, the EJS Center stands as a partner and ally to institutions like UN Women.

We share a common mission: to challenge the systems that exclude, to uplift the voices too often ignored, and to build a future where women's leadership is not an aspiration, but a reality. Our work draws from the same well of courage and conviction that brought UN Women into being—and we remain committed to carrying this legacy forward, in Liberia and across the continent. Fifteen years later, and as we mark Beijing+30 we note undeniable gains in many countries: more girls are in school, more women are serving in leadership roles, and legal protections against gender-based violence have been strengthened in many countries. Yet, progress remains uneven.

Too many women, particularly in fragile, conflict-affected, and under-resourced settings, continue to face systemic barriers to equality and justice. Today, UN Women marks its fifteenth anniversary at a time of crisis and reckoning. The global rollback on women's rights, shrinking resources, and political pushback remind us that gains can never be taken for granted. If anything, they underscore just how relevant, how necessary, and how urgent UN Women's mission remains. Just as women around the world mobilized to make UN Women a reality, we must now unite again. Women in Liberia and globally must come together to protect the gains we have made and push further toward the goals we have yet to reach.

We must stand in solidarity with those on the frontlines defending human rights, shaping policy, leading movements, and advancing peace and sustainable development. Liberia, a trailblazer in implementing the Beijing+30 agenda and the Women, Peace and Security agenda, has an opportunity to lead again. As we take our seat on the United Nations Security Council, we must amplify our legacy of gender inclusion in peacebuilding and champion partnerships with institutions such as UN Women that are rooted in local realities and global ambition. I congratulate UN Women on this milestone.

May the next fifteen years bring us closer to the world we have long envisioned: one where every woman and girl can live in dignity, safety, and freedom—and where her leadership is recognized not as an exception, but as the norm.



Date: Wednesday, July 9, 2025
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

Assignment Title: Consultancy Services to Develop an Artificial Intelligence Framework and Create Awareness:
Ref No.: LTA/SBA/QCBS/REOI/002/2025
Date of Issue: July 9, 25
Closing Date for Submissions: July 30, 2025 at 2:00 PM.

1. Introduction

The Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA), as the independent regulatory body for Liberia's Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector, invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from qualified consultancy firms to provide services for the development of a comprehensive Artificial Intelligence (AI) Regulatory Framework document.

Recognizing the pervasive and rapidly evolving impact of Artificial Intelligence on the global telecommunications landscape and broader society, the LTA seeks to proactively regulate and leverage AI for the benefit of Liberia's digital economy and citizens. This initiative aims to foster ethical AI development, ensure regulatory clarity, promote fair competition, safeguard consumer safety, and stimulate innovation within Liberia's telecommunications sector.

2. Objectives of the Consultancy

The overall objective of this consultancy is to provide the Liberia Telecommunications Authority with a strategic and regulatory framework for Artificial Intelligence that promotes responsible innovation, protects consumers, ensures fair competition, and aligns with international best practices.

Specifically, the objectives are to:

- Conduct a thorough assessment of Liberia's current AI landscape, including its regulatory environment, infrastructure readiness, and institutional capacity.
- Engage a diverse range of stakeholders across public, private, academic, and civil society sectors to gather comprehensive inputs for the AI Framework.
- Review and integrate international best practices in AI governance and regulation from comparable markets.

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- Design a comprehensive AI Framework addressing core principles (ethics, transparency, accountability), risk-based regulatory models, data privacy and governance, regulatory sandbox considerations, and telecom-specific AI use cases.

3. Minimum Qualification Criteria for Firms

Interested firms must meet the following mandatory requirements to be considered for pre-qualification. Firms must provide clear and verifiable evidence for each criterion with their Expression of Interest:

- Extensive Experience in AI Strategy, internet governance and/or policy formulation:** A minimum of seven (7) years of proven experience in Artificial Intelligence strategy development, policy formulation, or regulatory design.
- Proven Track Record in Framework Development:** A proven track record of successfully developing national or sectoral AI or Digital Strategy frameworks. Evidence must include:
Brief descriptions of at least three (3) similar assignments and CVs of key personnel to be assigned to the project, along with credentials.
Client references (Name of organization, contact person, and email/phone number). Dates of completion for each assignment.
- Deep AI Technical Understanding:** Demonstrable deep understanding of core AI technologies, including Machine Learning (ML), Natural Language Processing (NLP), Computer Vision, and other relevant AI sub-fields.
- Developing Country Context Experience:** Prior experience working in developing-country contexts, with a strong preference for experience within the African telecommunications sector.
- Communication Proficiency:** Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English.
- Company Profile:** Submit a comprehensive company profile outlining the firm's history, mission, organizational structure, and core competencies.
- Legal Registration (Liberia):** A valid Business Registration Certificate from the Liberia Business Registry (LBR) [if applicable for local firms, or commitment to obtain if international and awarded contract].
- Tax Compliance (Liberia):** A valid Tax Clearance Certificate from the Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA).
- Procurement Compliance (Liberia):** A valid Vendor Business Registration Receipt from the Public Procurement and Concessions Commission (PPCC).

Note: Only firms that meet all the above minimum qualification criteria will be pre-qualified and invited to participate in the next stage of the selection process (Request for Proposals).

4. Submission Requirements

Firms interested in this assignment are requested to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) along with a cover letter precisely indicating their interest. The EOI package must clearly address and provide verifiable documentation for each of the minimum qualification criteria listed in Section 5.

5. Submission Procedures

Expressions of Interest must be submitted in three (3) hard copies and one (1) soft copy (PDF format on a USB drive or CD-ROM) in a sealed envelope clearly marked:
"Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services to Develop an Artificial Intelligence Framework and Create Awareness"

Submissions should be addressed and delivered to:

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Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA)
2nd Floor, Room # 029
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ELWA Community, RIA Highway
Paynesville City, Liberia
Mobile Nos: 0777589047/0886564210
Email Address: procurement@lta.gov.lr

Electronic submissions will NOT be accepted for this REOI stage.

6. Closing Date for Submissions

The deadline for the submission of Expressions of Interest is **Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 2:00 PM**. Bid Opening will be done promptly after closing at 2:00 PM, in the main Conference Room on the 3rd Floor, in the presence of bidder's representatives or those who choose to attend. Any EOI received after this deadline will not be considered.

7. Selection Process


Upon receipt of EOIs, the LTA will conduct a thorough review and evaluation based on responsiveness to this REOI and the fulfillment of all stated minimum qualification criteria. Only firms deemed pre-qualified will be formally invited to participate in the subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP) process, which will include the submission of detailed technical and financial proposals.


8. Clarifications

Any requests for clarification regarding this REOI should be submitted in writing via email to procurement@lta.gov.lr no later than **Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 5:00 PM**. Responses to all queries will be shared with all interested firms that have requested the REOI or expressed initial interest, to ensure fairness and transparency.

The LTA reserves the right to accept or reject any EOI and to annul the selection process at any time, without incurring any liability to the affected firm(s).

NOTE: THIS ADVERTISEMENT SUPERSEDES ALL PREVIOUS ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THIS ROLE.

Signed: 
T. Franniel Powell
Acting Procurement & Logistics Manager

Approved: 
Hon. Clarence K. Massaquoi
Acting Chairperson, LTA/BoC



DATE: TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

TITLE: CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO DESIGN AND DEVELOP AUTOMATED PROCESS FLOW (DIGITAL LICENSING PLATFORM)

The Telecommunications Act of 2007 established the Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA) to facilitate the development of the telecommunications sector to promote social and economic development. Its mandate includes promoting universal access, ensuring fair competition, and enhancing the quality and affordability of telecommunications services throughout Liberia.

A key component of this mandate is the issuance of operational licenses to telecommunications service providers. However, the current licensing process is predominantly manual and paper-based, resulting in inefficiencies, limited transparency, and increased administrative overhead.

To address these challenges, the Government of Liberia, acting through the Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA) and with financing from its approved FY2025 budget, **is seeking** Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from qualified and experienced ICT firms to design and develop an Automated Process Flow (APF) to modernize and streamline its licensing operations through a digital licensing platform that will improve operational efficiency and service delivery.

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST:

LTA invites eligible ICT firms with proven experience in developing software applications and digital platforms to submit their EOIs for this assignment. Submissions will be assessed based on their responsiveness to the Request for Expression of Interest (REOI), and only shortlisted firms will proceed to the next stage of procurement.

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS:

Interested firms **must be Liberian-owned and demonstrate relevant experience** in software development, particularly in designing and implementing systems of similar scope and complexity. EOIs must include the following **mandatory documents**.

- Cover Letter** clearly expressing interest in undertaking the assignment

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- Company Profile** detailing relevant experience and expertise in ICT/software development
- Evidence of similar assignments successfully completed (with references)**
- Valid Business Registration Certificate (Liberia Business Registry-LBR)**
- Valid Tax Clearance (Liberia Revenue Authority-LRA)**
- Valid Public Procurement and Concessions Commission (PPCC) registered vendor certificate**
- Provide evidence of extensive experience of the firm with a minimum of 2 years of successfully supervising or completing at least two (2) similar assignments (Attach Contract Copies)**
- Submit updated Curriculum Vitae of key personnel to be assigned to the project, along with proof/evidence of credentials (Certificates, Diploma, and school information for verification)**
- Ensure that all submissions are well organized**

EOI shall be submitted on or before July 29, 2025, at 2:00 pm to the address below:

Procurement & Logistics Section
Liberia Telecommunications Authority
2nd Floor, Room # 029
Menetamba Road, Cooper's Beach
ELWA Community, RIA Highway
Paynesville, Liberia
Mobile number: +231-777589047/0886564210
Email Address: procurement@lta.gov.lr

Expression of interest shall be clearly marked, signed, and sealed in an envelope, including other requested information. For Example, **IFB No: LTA/SBA/QCBS/REOI/003/2025 CONFIDENTIAL EOI - for the design and development of Automated Process Flow (digital licensing platform) or the Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA) for Fiscal Year 2025**

The LTA reserves the right to reject or accept EOIs submitted and to annul the entire process at any time for reasons to be communicated to firms without incurring any liability thereof.

Signed: 
T. Franniel Powell
Acting Procurement & Logistics Manager

Approved: 
Hon. Clarence K. Massaquoi
Acting Chairperson, LTA/BoC



Date: Wednesday, July 9, 2025
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

Assignment Title: Consultancy Services for the Management and Development of Liberia's Country Code Top Level Domain (ccTLD) (.LR)
Ref No.: LTA/SBA/QCBS/001/2025
Date of Issue: July 9, 2025
Closing Date for Submissions: July 30, 2025 at 2:00 PM

1. Introduction

The Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA), as the independent regulatory body for Liberia's Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector, invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from experienced and professional firms to provide consultancy services for the management and development of Liberia's Country Code Top Level Domain (ccTLD), .LR.

The .LR ccTLD is a critical national asset for internet governance, digital identity, and cybersecurity. Its effective and efficient management is essential for a secure, resilient, and inclusive digital infrastructure that supports Liberia's ongoing socio-economic development.

2. Objectives of the Consultancy

The primary objective of this consultancy is to provide expert guidance and support to the Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA) in the comprehensive redelegation process of the .LR Country Code Top-Level Domain, ensuring its effective management, enhanced security, compliance with international best practices, and promotion of a multi-stakeholder governance model.

Specific objectives include:

- Facilitate the successful redelegation of the .LR ccTLD in accordance with ICANN policies and international best practices.
- Develop robust policy frameworks for the sustainable and inclusive management of the .LR ccTLD.
- Provide technical guidance for optimizing operational efficiency and security of the .LR ccTLD infrastructure.

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- Strengthen stakeholder engagement and foster a multi-stakeholder governance model for the .LR ccTLD.
- Identify and propose solutions to key constraints hindering the growth and utilization of .LR ccTLD services.

3. Minimum Qualification Criteria for Firms

Interested firms must meet the following mandatory requirements to be considered for pre-qualification. Firms must provide clear and verifiable evidence for each criterion with their Expression of Interest:

- Company Profile:** Submit a comprehensive company profile outlining the firm's history, mission, organizational structure, and core competencies.
- Extensive Experience:** Provide evidence of extensive experience of the firm with a minimum of **seven (7) years** in:
 - Telecommunications consulting, **AND/OR**
 - Internet Governance concepts, **AND/OR**
 - Multimedia content production in the context of digital infrastructure.
- Legal Registration (Liberia):** A valid Business Registration Certificate from the Liberia Business Registry (LBR).
- Tax Compliance (Liberia):** A valid Tax Clearance Certificate from the Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA).
- Procurement Compliance (Liberia):** A valid Vendor Business Registration Receipt from the Public Procurement and Concessions Commission (PPCC).
- Proven Track Record:** A track record of successfully supervising or completing at least **three (3)** similar assignments related to ccTLD redelegation, ccTLD administration, internet governance policy development, or critical internet infrastructure development management. Evidence must include:
 - Brief descriptions of the assignments plus Curriculum Vitae of key personnel to be assigned to the project along with credentials.
 - Client references (Name of organization, contact person, and email/phone number).
 - Dates of completion for each assignment.

Note: Only firms that meet all the above minimum qualification criteria will be pre-qualified and invited to participate in the next stage of the selection process (Request for Proposals).

4. Submission Requirements

Firms interested in this assignment are requested to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) along with a cover letter precisely indicating their interest. The EOI package must clearly address and provide verifiable documentation for each of the minimum qualification criteria listed in Section 5.

5. Submission Procedures

Expressions of Interest must be submitted in 3 hard copies and one (1) soft copy (PDF format on a USB drive or CD-ROM) in a sealed envelope clearly marked: "Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services for .LR ccTLD Management and Development". Submissions should be addressed and delivered to:

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7. Selection Process

Upon receipt of EOIs, the LTA will conduct a thorough review and evaluation based on the responsiveness to this REOI and the fulfillment of all stated minimum qualification criteria. Only firms deemed pre-qualified will be formally invited to participate in the subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP) process, which will include the submission of detailed technical and financial proposals.

8. Clarifications

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Acting Procurement & Logistics Manager

Approved:
Hon. Clarence K. Massaquoi
Acting Chairperson, LTA/BoC

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your family, the pride of your community, and the expectation of a nation," he said. "Liberia needs you. Utilize your skills not only for personal success, but also for national transformation. Think Liberia. Love Liberia. Build Liberia."

In his remarks, Dr. Alfredson W. Taikerweyah, President of BCTC, praised the graduates for enduring years of academic hardship amidst infrastructure and resource limitations.

"Today's graduates have overcome long nights and significant challenges. Their triumph is a symbol of hope and resilience," he said.

He appealed for increased government and donor support in laboratory development, student housing, and science infrastructure, asserting that BCTC can become a national hub for innovation with the right investment.

Senator Prince Kermue Moye, Chair of the Bong County Legislative Caucus, pledged the county's continued support to the college and the President's development agenda. He announced plans to renovate the historic Presidential Palace in Gbarnga, drawing applause from the audience.

"Mr. President, the next time you return to Bong, your Presidential Palace will be fully renovated and elegantly decorated," Senator Moye said.

Other speakers, including county officials and education stakeholders, echoed the President's message and challenged the graduates to apply their training to confront Liberia's urgent needs, from food insecurity to inadequate healthcare.

Valedictorian Charles Karbedeh, a graduate of the Nursing Department, delivered a powerful speech on behalf of the graduating class.

"We may have come from humble beginnings, but today we stand tall. We are ready to build, heal, teach, and lead. Liberia is our responsibility," he said, drawing a standing ovation.

The ceremony drew hundreds of residents, many of whom wore colorful traditional attire, who came to honor the graduates and welcome the President. The event was seen as a significant moment for both the institution and the broader Bong County community.

Officials from the Ministries of Education and Youth and Sports, along with development partners, commended BCTC's growing role in national development and pledged ongoing support for its expansion and sustainability.

"This visit is not a formality, it is a statement of partnership," President Boakai concluded. "We will walk this path together to ensure education, opportunity, and prosperity reach every young Liberian in every county."

The President's visit concluded with a guided tour of the college's facilities and a symbolic tree-planting ceremony, which many viewed as a sign of hope, renewal, and long-term commitment to rural education.

In a significant development, President Boakai also dedicated a newly constructed and fully furnished Water Tower in the Far East Community of Gbarnga, a project expected to enhance access to clean water and support public health efforts in the area.

As the Class of 2025 embarks on a new chapter, the message from President Boakai was clear: Liberia is ready to rise, and it will rise on the shoulders of trained, patriotic, and purpose-driven youth.



Liberia Petroleum Regulatory Authority

18th Street Sinkor, Monrovia-Liberia. Phone-0777110110

Invitation for Bid (IFB)

FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS & NON-CONSULTING SERVICES

- The Liberia Petroleum Regulatory Authority (LPRA) has received budgetary appropriation from FY 2025 National Budget and intends to apply portion of it towards the Procurement of goods and non-consulting services to enhance its service delivery and optimize productivity in its day-to-day operations.
- The Liberia Petroleum Regulatory Authority (LPRA) now invites sealed bids from eligible registered Businesses for the supply of these goods and the provision of non-consulting services to the entity for FY 2025.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) process as enshrined in the Public Procurement and Concessions Act (PPCA).

No.	Contract Packages	Qty.	Bid Security	IFBNO.
1	Internet Service Provider (ISP)	Assorted	Bid Securing Declaration	LPRA/SBA/NCB/003/2025
2	Stationeries	Assorted	US\$1,800.00	LPRA/NCB/003/2025
3	Printing & Binding	Assorted	Bid Securing Declaration	LPRA/SBA/NCB/001/2025
4	Air Tickets	1 Firm	US\$11,360.00	LPRA/NCB/001/2025
5	Security Guard Service	1 Firm	US\$900.00	LPRA/SBA/NCB/004/2025
6	Garbage Disposal Service	1 Firm	Bid Securing Declaration	LPRA/SBA/NCB/005/2025

*Please obtain bidding document for more detailed instructions for bid submission

- Qualification requirements: (Please reference bidding documents of your preferred contract package)
- All interested eligible Businesses may obtain copy of the bidding document(s) of their preferred contract package(s) from the Procurement Department of the LPRA, Libtelco Building, 2nd Floor, 18th Street Sinkor, for a non-refundable fee of US\$40.00 beginning Monday, July 07, 2025 from 9:30am to 4:30pm daily.
- All bids must be accompanied by a "Bid Security" (as in matrix) from a reputable bank and must have a validity period of 30 days after bid submission deadline.
- Sealed bids must be delivered to the Procurement Unit of the LPRA no later than the times, dates and places indicated in the bidding documents or on the Bid Data Sheet (BDS). Late bids will be rejected and returned to bidders unopened. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders who choose to attend or their representatives at the times, dates and places indicated in the bidding documents or the Bid Data Sheet (BDS). NO ELECTRONIC BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED. CONTRACTS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE MOST RESPONSIVE FIRM THAT HAS FULLY COMPLETED THE PPCC VENDORS' REGISTRATION PROCESSES.
- All bids must be addressed to: The Procurement Department Liberia Petroleum Regulatory Authority (LPRA) Libtelco Building, 2nd Floor, 18th Street, Sinkor, Monrovia Tel #: 0777 110 110 / 0887 111 116

Signed:
Rufus F. McCarthy
Procurement Officer

Approved:
Hon. Marilyn T. Logan
Director-General/ Chairman PC

Section I. Invitation for Bidders
FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS
(OFFICE EQUIPMENT & FURNITURE)
IFB NO.: UL/NCB/014/2025

July 3, 2025

- The University of Liberia has allotted portion of its GOL budget for Fiscal Year 2025 and intends to apply it towards the Procurement of Office Equipment & Furniture of the University of Liberia.
- The University of Liberia now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Procurement of Office Equipment & Furniture.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method as specified in the Public Procurement and Concessions Act, (PPCA), 2010 and it's open to all eligible bidders in the Country.

5. Specification and Quantity:

Item No.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	MODE
1.	OFFICE EQUIPMENT & FURNITURE	ASSORTERD	Pieces

6. Qualification requirements include:

- Valid Government of Liberia (GOL) Business Registration with appropriate activities code
- Valid Government of Liberia Tax Clearance
- Must be registered with the PPCC updated vendor register
- Company's Profile to include: Name of Professional Personnel for Installation and assembling
 - Past performance records of similar works including the names and contact details of at least four (4) clients.
- Bids will be examined for proper signature, stamp and completeness before consideration for further evaluation. Bid document must include a table of content.

- A set of bidding documents in English can be obtained by interested bidders for a non-refundable fee of US\$50.00 (Fifty United States Dollars) from the Procurement Department, Fendall Campus, beginning July 15, 2025 – August 15, 2025 between the hours of 10:00a.m – 4:00p.m, Monday – Friday.

- All bids must be accompanied by a Notarized Bid Securing declaration valid for 90 days after the opening of bids.

- Sealed bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 2:00 p.m., on or before August 15, 2025 and will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend in the Administrative Conference Room (AC1-01), Right Wing of the Administrative Complex, Fendall campus, University of Liberia. All bids should be addressed as follow:

In the upper left corner of the envelop, print:

"(OFFICE EQUIPMENT & FURNITURE)"

IFB NO.: UL/NCB/014/2025

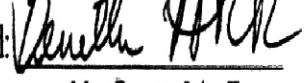
Below the bid reference number, print the bidder's address

In the middle of the envelop, print the address below:

Procurement Department
 Administrative Building, Right Wing, Room #: AC1-09
 University of Liberia
 Fendall Campus, Liberia
 Cell# 0777525575/0776455647/0886682379

- Note that Electronic bids will not be accepted, and that late bids will be rejected and returned unopened.

Signed: 
 Fatu Ruth Tipoteh (Mrs.)
 DIRECTOR/Procurement Dept.

Approved: 
 Mrs. Benetta Joko Tarr
 Vice President for Administration/UL

Section I. Invitation for Bidders
FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS
(GENERAL BUILDING MATERIALS)
IFB NO.: UL/ICB/002/2025

- The University of Liberia has allotted portion of its GOL budget for Fiscal Year 2025 and intends to apply it towards the Procurement of GENERAL BUILDING MATERIALS.
- The University of Liberia now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the supply of the GENERAL BUILDING MATERIALS.
- Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) method as specified in the Public Procurement and Concessions Act, (PPCA), 2010 and it's open to all eligible bidders in and out of the Country.

5. Specification and Quantity:

LOT- 1

ITEM No.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	MODE
1.	General Building Materials	Assorted	Frame Work Agreement

Lot 2.

ITEM No.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	MODE
1.	Painting Materials	Assorted	Frame Work Agreement

6. Qualification requirements include:

- Valid Government of Liberia (GOL) Business Registration with appropriate activities code
- Valid Government of Liberia Tax Clearance
- Must be registered with the PPCC updated vendor register
- Must follow full Technical Specification as requested in the bidding document
- Past performance records including the names and contact numbers of at-least 4 clients who had purchased same/similar goods in the last 4 years. They will be used as references to check the performance and quality of the offered model, if necessary.
- Bids will be examined for proper signature, stamp and completeness before consideration for further evaluation. Bid document must include a table of content.

- A set of bidding documents in English can be obtained by interested bidders for a non-refundable fee of US\$50.00 (Fifty United States Dollars) from the Procurement Department, Fendall Campus, beginning July 4, 2025 – August 5, 2025 between the hours of 10:00a.m – 4:00p.m, Monday – Friday.

- All bids must be accompanied by a Notarized Bid Securing declaration valid for 90 days after the opening of bids.

- Sealed bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 2:00 p.m., on or before August 5, 2025 and will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend in the Administrative Conference Room (AC1-01), Right Wing of the Administrative Complex, Fendall campus, University of Liberia. All bids should be addressed as follow:

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"GENERAL BUILDING MATERIALS"

IFB NO.: UL/ICB/002/2025

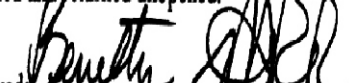
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 Vice President for Administration

Section I. Invitation for Bidders
FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS
(THE PROCUREMENT OF 200KVA GENERATOR AND RELATED ITEMS)
IFB NO.: UL/NCB/009/2025

- The University of Liberia has allotted portion of its GOL budget for Fiscal Year 2025 and intends to apply it towards the Procurement of 200KVA GENERATOR AND RELATED ITEMS.
- The University of Liberia now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the supply of the 200KVA GENERATOR AND RELATED ITEMS.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method as specified in the Public Procurement and Concessions Act, (PPCA), 2010 and it's open to all eligible bidders in the Country.

5. **Specification and Quantity:**

Item No.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	MODE
1.	Generator (200KVA)	1	Pieces
2.	Hydrometers	4	Pieces
3.	De-humidifier	4	Pieces
4.	Stabilizers for Stabilizers for Equipment (Heavy Duty)	7	Pieces

6. **Qualification requirements include:**

- Valid Government of Liberia (GOL) Business Registration with appropriate activities code
- Valid Government of Liberia Tax Clearance
- Must be registered with the PPCC updated vendor register
- Must follow full Technical Specification as requested in the bidding document
- Past performance records including the names and contact numbers of at-least 4 clients who had purchased same/similar goods in the last 4 years. They will be used as references to check the performance and quality of the offered model, if necessary.
- Bids will be examined for proper signature, stamp and completeness before consideration for further evaluation.

- A set of bidding documents in English can be obtained by interested bidders for a non-refundable fee of US\$50.00 (Fifty United States Dollars) from the Procurement Department, Fendall Campus, beginning July 8, 2025 – August 6, 2025 between the hours of 10:00a.m – 4:00p.m, Monday – Friday.

- All bids must be accompanied by a Notarized Bid Securing declaration valid for 90 days after the opening of bids.

- Sealed bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 2:00 p.m., on or before August 6, 2025 and will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend in the Administrative Conference Room (AC1-01), Right Wing of the Administrative Complex, Fendall campus, University of Liberia. All bids should be addressed as follow:

In the upper left corner of the envelop, print:

"THE PROCUREMENT OF 200KVA GENERATOR AND RELATED ITEMS"

IFB NO.: UL/NCB/009/2025

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 Fendall Campus, Liberia
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 Vice President for Administration/UL

Section I. Invitation for Bidders
FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS
CIVIL WORKS- 1 (RENOVATION OF RESTROOMS OF MAIN BUILDINGS)
IFB NO.: UL/ICB/001/2025

- The University of Liberia has allotted portion of its GOL budget for Fiscal Year 2025 and intends to apply it towards the Renovation of Restrooms of main buildings located on the campuses of the University of Liberia.
- The University of Liberia now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Renovation of all Restrooms, main buildings located on the campuses of the University of Liberia.
- Bidding will be conducted through the Restricted Bidding (RB) method as specified in the Public Procurement and Concessions Act, (PPCA), 2010 and it's open to all eligible bidders in the Country.

5. **Specification and Quantity:**

Item No.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	MODE
1.	Renovation of Restrooms, main buildings located on the four (4) campuses of the University of Liberia	211 Restrooms	Pieces

6. **Qualification requirements include:**

- Valid Government of Liberia (GOL) Business Registration with appropriate activities code
- Valid Government of Liberia Tax Clearance
- Must be registered with the PPCC updated vendor register
- Article of Incorporation
- Ministry of Public Works (MPW) Certificate
- Association of Liberian Construction Company (ALCC) Certificate
- Detailed work schedule for work implementation
- Current Bank Statement
- Company's Profile to include: Name of Professional Personnel
 - Past performance records of similar works including the names and contact details of at least four (4) clients.
 - Audited Financial Statements over the last 2 years.
- Bids will be examined for proper signature, stamp and completeness before consideration for further evaluation. Bid document must include a table of content.

- A set of bidding documents in English can be obtained by interested bidders for a non-refundable fee of US\$50.00 (Fifty United States Dollars) from the Procurement Department, Fendall Campus, beginning July 3, 2025 – August 7, 2025 between the hours of 10:00a.m – 4:00p.m, Monday – Friday.

- All bids must be accompanied by a Notarized Bid Securing declaration valid for 90 days after the opening of bids.

- Sealed bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 2:00 p.m., on or before August 7, 2025 and will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend in the Administrative Conference Room (AC1-01), Right Wing of the Administrative Complex, Fendall campus, University of Liberia. All bids should be addressed as follow:

In the upper left corner of the envelop, print:

"CIVIL WORKS (RENOVATION OF RESTROOMS OF MAIN BUILDINGS)"
IFB NO.: UL/ICBa/001/2025

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Section I. Invitation for Bidders
FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS
GENERATOR SPAREPARTS
IFB NO.: UL/NCB/004/2025

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- The University of Liberia now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Renovation of all Restrooms, main, GENERATOR SPAREPARTS.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method as specified in the Public Procurement and Concessions Act, (PPCA), 2010 and it's open to all eligible bidders in the Country.

5. **Specification and Quantity:**

Item No.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	MODE
1.	GENERATOR SPAREPARTS	ASSORTERD	Pieces

6. **Qualification requirements include:**

- Valid Government of Liberia (GOL) Business Registration with appropriate activities code
- Valid Government of Liberia Tax Clearance
- Must be registered with the PPCC updated vendor register
- Company's Profile to include: Name of Professional Personnel (Mechanic)
 - Past performance records of similar works including the names and contact details of at least four (4) clients.
- Bids will be examined for proper signature, stamp and completeness before consideration for further evaluation. Bid document must include a table of content.

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- All bids must be accompanied by a Notarized Bid Securing declaration valid for 90 days after the opening of bids.

- Sealed bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 2:00 p.m., on or before August 6, 2025 and will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend in the Administrative Conference Room (AC1-01), Right Wing of the Administrative Complex, Fendall campus, University of Liberia. All bids should be addressed as follow:

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IFB NO.: UL/NCB/004/2025

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Français

Le Liberia décentralise la délivrance des passeports

Dans une avancée majeure visant à améliorer l'accès des citoyens aux services essentiels, la Division des passeports du ministère des Affaires étrangères a annoncé, pour la première fois, la décentralisation de la délivrance des passeports libériens en dehors de la capitale.

En fonction de ses résultats et de la capacité des centres à répondre aux attentes des usagers. Jusqu'à présent, Monrovia demeurait l'unique point de demande et de délivrance de passeports, obligeant ainsi les citoyens vivant dans des zones reculées à parcourir de longues distances et à engager des dépenses considérables pour obtenir leurs documents de voyage.

Il a précisé que les cérémonies d'inauguration des nouveaux centres de délivrance des passeports à Bong et Grand Gedeh sont prévues pour le mardi 22 juillet 2025. Ces événements marqueront une étape décisive dans les efforts du gouvernement visant à rapprocher les services publics des citoyens.

« C'est un moment de fierté pour le ministère et pour le peuple libérien. Nous espérons que cette décentralisation contribuera à réduire les délais, alléger les contraintes de déplacement et favoriser une approche plus inclusive de la documentation nationale », a déclaré M. Piah.

Cette mesure est largement saluée, notamment par les populations rurales, qui faisaient face à d'importants obstacles logistiques et financiers pour obtenir leurs passeports.

Le ministère a également laissé entendre que cette initiative pourrait servir de projet pilote en vue d'une éventuelle extension à d'autres pays, dans le cadre d'une stratégie nationale plus large de décentralisation.

C'est au cours du week-end que le ministre de l'Information, Jerolimick Mathew Piah, a rendu publique cette décision, lisant une déclaration officielle au nom du ministère des Affaires étrangères.

Le Président Boakai appelle les diplômés du BCTC à bâtir un nouveau Liberia

Le président libérien Joseph Nyumah Boakai a prononcé un discours solennel et inspirant à l'occasion de la 4e cérémonie de remise de diplômes du Bong County Technical College (BCTC), réaffirmant l'engagement de son administration à promouvoir l'éducation, l'autonomisation des jeunes et un développement national équitable.

La cérémonie, organisée dans les locaux de l'administration du comté de Bong, a célébré 123 diplômés issus de diverses filières, notamment le génie civil, le génie électrique, l'agriculture, l'éducation, les sciences infirmières et les technologies de l'information. Le chef de l'État les a qualifiés de « piliers de la transformation du Liberia ».

Il s'agissait de sa première visite officielle dans le comté de Bong depuis son investiture en 2024 — une visite marquée à la fois par la célébration de l'excellence académique et un appel vibrant à la reconstruction nationale par l'éducation.

« Vous sortez diplômés à un moment où le Liberia a urgemment besoin de penseurs, de bâtisseurs et

d'innovateurs », a déclaré le président Boakai. « Ce n'est pas seulement le rôle des ministres et des législateurs de construire ce pays, mais aussi le vôtre — ingénieurs, soignants, éducateurs — de vous approprier cette mission. » Le président a salué le parcours difficile du BCTC depuis sa création en 2010, évoquant les défis liés à la gouvernance, les protestations étudiantes, le manque d'infrastructures, les problèmes d'accréditation et les contraintes budgétaires. Il a cependant reconnu les avancées récentes réalisées sous la direction du Dr Alfredson W. Taikerweyah, président actuel de l'institution.

« Grâce au leadership constant du Dr Taikerweyah et de son équipe, la

transformation est en marche. Le rêve de faire du BCTC une université n'est plus lointain : il devient réalité », a-t-il affirmé.

Le président a mis en avant l'importance cruciale de l'éducation STEM (sciences, technologie, ingénierie et mathématiques) pour assurer l'avenir économique du pays et la réussite de l'agenda ARREST (Agriculture, Routes, Règle de droit, Éducation, Assainissement et Tourisme).

« Le savoir technique n'est plus un luxe, c'est une nécessité. Qu'il s'agisse de bâtir des infrastructures adaptées au climat ou de numériser les servi

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Éditorial

L'ONU Femmes célèbre 15 ans de présence et d'engagement au Liberia

L'entité des Nations Unies pour l'égalité des sexes et l'autonomisation des femmes, plus connue sous le nom d'ONU Femmes, a célébré cette semaine quinze années de présence au Liberia, marquées par des actions concrètes en faveur des droits des femmes et des filles dans un pays encore marqué par les séquelles de la guerre civile.

Fondée officiellement en 2010, à la suite de la Conférence mondiale de Pékin de 1995, ONU Femmes avait ouvert un bureau national au Liberia dès 2009, amorçant des initiatives majeures dans des domaines tels que la participation des femmes aux processus de paix, la lutte contre les violences basées sur le genre (VBG), l'autonomisation économique des commerçantes et la promotion de la gouvernance inclusive.

Depuis 2011, l'agence onusienne travaille en étroite collaboration avec le gouvernement libérien — notamment à travers le ministère du Genre, de l'Enfance et de la Protection sociale — et les organisations de la société civile pour promouvoir l'égalité des genres, la participation des femmes à la vie publique, et l'éradication des violences faites aux femmes.

Une commémoration sous le signe de la transformation et des résultats La cérémonie commémorative s'est tenue le vendredi 18 juillet 2025 au complexe ministériel Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, à Monrovia, en présence de nombreuses personnalités issues du gouvernement, du système des Nations Unies, d'organisations de femmes, de la jeunesse et des communautés rurales. Le thème retenu cette année : « Jeune pour transformer, mûre pour agir », illustre le chemin parcouru par l'institution depuis ses débuts.

Une exposition photographique poignante retraçait les moments phares de ces 15 années d'action au Liberia, illustrant les visages, les succès et les combats menés aux côtés des femmes et des filles libériennes.

Des messages forts pour une cause universelle

Parmi les invités d'honneur figurait Dr Maxime Houinato, directeur régional d'ONU Femmes pour l'Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre, qui a salué le parcours de l'organisation, tout en soulignant les défis persistants :

« Nous avons vu naître ONU Femmes en 2010 comme réponse à une volonté collective d'agir plus efficacement pour les droits des femmes. Quinze ans plus tard, notre combat continue. Beaucoup de pays, dont le Liberia, ont inscrit des lois progressistes en faveur de l'égalité, mais leur mise en œuvre reste un défi majeur. »

De son côté, la ministre du Genre, de l'Enfance et de la Protection sociale, Gbeme Horace Kollie, s'est dite honorée de célébrer ce partenariat exemplaire :

« ONU Femmes a été un acteur de changement fondamental, que ce soit en soutenant l'autonomisation économique, la participation politique des femmes, ou la lutte contre les violences sexistes. Grâce à son engagement constant, des femmes autrefois marginalisées sont aujourd'hui des décideuses, des leaders communautaires et des artisanes de paix. »

Elle a également salué les campagnes phares de l'agence telles que HeForShe, Génération Égalité et Unis pour mettre fin à la violence faite aux femmes, qui ont mobilisé à la fois les hommes et les femmes dans un combat collectif pour la justice sociale.

Un hommage aux figures disparues et un engagement renouvelé L'exposition a également rendu hommage à deux figures importantes de l'organisation : Kathy Mangones, première représentante-pays d'ONU Femmes au Liberia (2012–2014), décédée en 2024 à Nairobi, et Robykeen Brown, associée de programme décédée en 2022. Toutes deux ont contribué de manière significative aux avancées obtenues au Liberia.

Comfort Lamptey, actuelle représentante d'ONU Femmes au Liberia, a clôturé la cérémonie en réaffirmant l'engagement de l'organisation à poursuivre sa mission :

« Ces photographies racontent une histoire de résilience, de solidarité et de transformation. Notre ambition est intacte : construire un Liberia où chaque femme et chaque fille peut s'épanouir, participer pleinement à la société et vivre sans violence ni discrimination. »

Un rôle clé dans la reconstruction post-conflit

La présence d'ONU Femmes au Liberia s'inscrit dans l'effort global des Nations Unies pour stabiliser et reconstruire un pays profondément marqué par les guerres civiles de 1989 à 2003, qui ont laissé derrière elles des institutions affaiblies, une pauvreté généralisée et une inégalité structurelle entre les sexes.

Aujourd'hui encore, ONU Femmes reste un acteur essentiel dans les domaines de la planification sensible au genre, de la promotion des droits humains, du renforcement économique, de la réforme politique, et de la prévention des violences fondées sur le genre, notamment à l'égard des personnes LGBTQ+, souvent marginalisées.

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Le Président Boakai appelle les diplômés

publics, les compétences que vous avez acquises ici sont les clés du progrès libérien. »

Il a également souligné son engagement à décentraliser le développement et à garantir un accès équitable à une éducation de qualité pour les populations rurales.

« Trop souvent, les citoyens des zones rurales sont laissés pour compte. Il ne s'agit pas seulement d'un problème éducatif, mais d'une question de justice et d'unité nationale. Le BCTC doit devenir un modèle du leadership rural. »

Dans un appel fort au service de la nation, le président Boakai a exhorté les diplômés à faire preuve d'intégrité, de vision et de fierté dans leurs carrières à venir.

« Votre diplôme n'est pas qu'un papier. Il incarne l'espoir de vos familles, la fierté de vos communautés et l'attente de toute une nation. Le Liberia a besoin de vous. Utilisez vos compétences non seulement pour réussir, mais aussi pour transformer ce pays. Pensez Liberia. Aimez Liberia. Bâissez Liberia. »

Dans son intervention, le Dr Taikerweyah a salué la résilience des diplômés, soulignant leur persévérance malgré les obstacles matériels et infrastructurels.

« Nos étudiants ont bravé de nombreuses épreuves. Leur réussite est un symbole d'espoir et de détermination. »

Il a plaidé pour un appui renforcé de l'État et des partenaires au développement, en particulier pour l'amélioration des laboratoires, des logements étudiants et des infrastructures scientifiques, affirmant que le BCTC peut devenir un centre national d'innovation avec les investissements adéquats.

Le sénateur Prince Kermue Moye, président du caucus législatif du comté de Bong, a renouvelé son soutien au collège et à la vision de développement du chef de l'État. Il a annoncé la rénovation prochaine du Palais présidentiel historique de Gbarnga, suscitant les applaudissements nourris du public.

« Monsieur le Président, lors de votre prochaine visite à Bong, votre Palais présidentiel sera entièrement rénové et magnifiquement aménagé », a-t-il promis.

D'autres intervenants, parmi lesquels des responsables locaux et des partenaires du secteur

éducatif, ont réitéré l'appel du président et encouragé les diplômés à mettre leurs compétences au service des défis cruciaux du pays : insécurité alimentaire, déficits sanitaires, sous-développement rural.

Le major de promotion, Charles Karbedeh, diplômé du département des sciences infirmières, a prononcé un discours émouvant au nom de la promotion.

« Nous venons peut-être d'horizons modestes, mais aujourd'hui nous nous tenons debout, prêts à construire, soigner, enseigner et diriger. Le Liberia est notre responsabilité. »

La cérémonie, haute en couleurs, a rassemblé des centaines de résidents vêtus de tenues traditionnelles, venus célébrer les lauréats et accueillir le président. L'événement marque une étape symbolique non seulement pour le BCTC, mais pour toute la communauté du comté de Bong. Des représentants des ministères de l'Éducation, de la Jeunesse et des Sports, ainsi que des partenaires internationaux, ont salué la contribution croissante du collège au développement national et exprimé leur engagement à accompagner sa croissance.

« Cette visite n'est pas une formalité. Elle symbolise un partenariat solide », a conclu le président Boakai. « Nous marcherons ensemble pour garantir que l'éducation, les opportunités et la prospérité atteignent chaque jeune Libérien, dans chaque comté. »

La visite présidentielle s'est achevée par une visite guidée du campus et une cérémonie symbolique de plantation d'arbres, perçue comme un geste fort de renouveau et d'engagement à long terme pour l'éducation rurale.

Enfin, le président Boakai a inauguré une nouvelle tour d'eau entièrement équipée dans la communauté de Far East à Gbarnga, une infrastructure qui améliorera l'accès à l'eau potable et renforcera les efforts de santé publique dans la région.

Alors que la promotion 2025 entre dans une nouvelle phase de vie, le message du président est resté clair et vibrant : le Liberia est prêt à se relever — et il le fera grâce à une jeunesse formée, patriote et animée d'un profond sens du devoir.

Affrontement entre le sénateur Konneh et le gouvernement autour des manifestations et d'une pétition controversée

À la suite de la manifestation anti-gouvernementale organisée conjointement par la Solidarity of Trust for A New Day (STAND) et le Congress for Democratic Change (CDC), un vif débat s'est engagé entre les partisans du pouvoir et plusieurs figures politiques, notamment autour de la portée réelle de la mobilisation et de la légitimité de la pétition soumise aux autorités.

Alors que certains membres et sympathisants du parti au pouvoir, l'Unity Party, qualifient la manifestation d'échec en raison de la « participation limitée », d'autres saluent le geste citoyen et jugent la pétition soumise comme porteuse de revendications légitimes.



Parmi les voix les plus marquantes figure celle du sénateur de Gbarpolu County, Amara Konneh, ancien proche allié de l'Unity Party. Dans un message publié sur sa page Facebook officielle, l'élu a estimé que, malgré les critiques sur la faible affluence du 17 juillet, les préoccupations soulevées méritent l'attention du gouvernement.

« Le 17 juillet n'a peut-être pas été un grand jour pour les manifestants, selon les partisans du régime, mais j'espère que notre gouvernement entendra leurs plaintes », a-t-il écrit. « Une majorité silencieuse, qui n'a peut-être pas manifesté à cause de ses dirigeants, pourrait bien se faire entendre dans les urnes en 2029 si elle ne constate pas d'amélioration tangible dans sa vie quotidienne. »

Le sénateur Konneh a également souligné que « la vérité observe en silence depuis 1980 », soulignant que les critiques extérieures révèlent souvent des réalités que les partisans eux-mêmes ignorent ou refusent de voir. Il a mis en garde contre l'illusion d'un soutien sans faille, invitant le gouvernement à prêter plus d'attention aux opposants qu'aux flatteurs.

Mais cette position a été vivement contestée par Daniel Sando, vice-ministre de l'Information en charge de la presse et des affaires publiques, qui, dans une publication sur son propre compte Facebook, a réfuté les affirmations du sénateur Konneh, dénonçant « une rhétorique politique déguisée en réflexion ».

« Monsieur le Sénateur, vos propos sont truffés de contradictions et de demi-vérités », a fustigé M. Sando. « Vous tentez de minimiser les progrès réalisés par le gouvernement tout en alimentant l'idée d'un retournement électoral en 2029, dans une stratégie politique bien calculée pour exonérer votre camp de toute responsabilité. »

Le vice-ministre a critiqué ce qu'il qualifie de « posture opportuniste » du sénateur Konneh, l'accusant d'avoir ignoré les abus du régime précédent mené par le CDC de George Weah.

« Où était votre soif de vérité lorsque le CDC plongeait l'économie dans le chaos ? », a-t-il lancé. « Prétendre aujourd'hui que l'économie était stable avant les élections de 2023 relève d'une grave falsification de l'histoire. »

Sando a ensuite dénoncé ce qu'il considère comme une tentative de réécriture de l'ère Weah, rappelant que la corruption, la stagnation économique et la mauvaise gouvernance sont largement documentées sous l'ancienne administration. Il estime que comparer la gouvernance actuelle à celle du passé constitue une insulte à l'intelligence du peuple libérien.

Saluant le professionnalisme des forces de sécurité lors de la manifestation, Sando a reconnu le calme et la discipline dont elles ont fait preuve malgré les provocations, y voyant une preuve du renforcement des institutions démocratiques sous la présidence Boakai.

Concernant les motifs de la manifestation, Sando a soutenu que, même si tout n'est pas parfait, le gouvernement a accompli des progrès significatifs, en particulier par rapport à son prédécesseur :

« Nous ne prétendons pas que tout est rose, mais il faut reconnaître les avancées. Le peuple comprend que les organisateurs de la manifestation sont animés par des intérêts personnels et politiques. »

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BCTC graduates urged to build a new Liberia

-As President Boakai reaffirms education agenda.

By Edwin N. Khakie

President Joseph Nyumah Boakai delivered an inspiring keynote address at the 4th Commencement Convocation of the Bong County Technical College (BCTC) on Saturday, reaffirming his administration's unwavering commitment to education, youth empowerment, and equitable

critical role in rebuilding a nation still recovering from years of underdevelopment and systemic challenges.

"You are graduating at a time when Liberia urgently needs thinkers, builders, and innovators," Boakai said. "It is not only lawmakers and ministers who must build this country. It is

"Thanks to the steady leadership of Dr. Taikerweyah and his team, we are witnessing transformation. The dream of turning BCTC into a university is no longer distant; it is becoming a reality," he said.

He stressed the centrality of STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) to Liberia's economic future and the success of his government's ARREST Agenda, which prioritizes Agriculture, Roads, Rule of Law, Education, Sanitation, and Tourism.

"Technical knowledge is no longer a luxury, it is a necessity," Boakai asserted. "Whether it's building climate-smart infrastructure or digitizing public services, the skills you gain here are what will move Liberia forward."

The President also used the occasion to highlight his administration's agenda to decentralize development and extend quality education opportunities to rural communities.

"Far too often, rural citizens have been left behind. This is not just an education issue, it's a matter of fairness and national unity," he said. "Let Bong County Technical College be a model of how rural Liberia can lead, not lag."

In a passionate call to national service, Boakai urged graduates to lead with integrity, vision, and pride.

"As you step into the world, remember: your diploma is more than a certificate, it is the hope of a full-fledged university."

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Pres. Nyumah Boakai

national development. The graduation ceremony, held at the Bong County Administration Building, honored 123 graduates with degrees in Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Agriculture, Education, Nursing, and Information Technology. President Boakai described them as "vital to Liberia's transformation."

The President's address marked his first official visit to Bong County since assuming office in 2024. It served as both a celebration of achievement and a call to action for national renewal through education.

President Boakai hailed the graduates for their determination and resilience, emphasizing their

you, the engineers, health workers, and educators, who must take ownership of Liberia's transformation."

He acknowledged the arduous journey BCTC has faced since its establishment in 2010, citing leadership instability, student protests, infrastructure deficits, accreditation hurdles, and funding shortages. Yet, he praised the institution's resilience and recent progress under the leadership of President Dr. Alfredson W. Taikerweyah.

President Boakai lauded BCTC's strides in securing national accreditation, expanding academic programs, and envisioning its future as a full-fledged university.

"The people will protest at the pool 2029."

Senator Konneh & gov't clash over protesting crowd, genuine petition

By Lincoln G. Peters

Following the conclusion of the Solidarity of Trust for A New Day (STAND) and the Congress for Democratic Change (CDC) anti-government protest, officials and supporters of the Unity Party have been engaged in serious conflict and genuine debate over petitions here.

Supporters of the ruling and stakeholders have described the recent protest as a failure due to the "limited" audience, while others have described the protest as successful due to the issues raised by the protesters in their petition.

Most notably, Gbarpolu County Senator and former staunch supporter of the Unity Party, as well as Deputy Information Minister for Press and Public Affairs, Daniel Sando, has been engaged in written debate regarding the issue.

Senator Konneh posted on his official Facebook page over the weekend and stated that now that the debate about the July 17, 2025, protest and crowd size is over, he hopes the government can focus on the critical issues

affecting the country.

"The July 17, 2025, protest may not have been a good day for the protesters, according to regime supporters, but I hope our government hears their complaints. A silent majority didn't feel the need to protest, maybe because of its leaders, but will protest at the polls in 2029 if they don't see the government making a difference in their lives. They say, 'We can ignore reality, but we cannot ignore

the consequences of ignoring reality.' Remember, we had stable macroeconomics before the 2023 elections. While we are making steady progress now, times are still tough for families," Senator Konneh warned.

According to him, the truth has quietly watched self-deception since 1980, and it doesn't protest or make noise. He adds that those who oppose them often reveal truths that supporters might miss.

Senator Konneh argued that they lie to protect themselves, but they



UN Women celebrates 15 years in Liberia

By: Kruah Thompson

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, also known as UN Women, is marking 15 years of its existence in Liberia.

UN Women officially established a country office here in 2009, and in 2010 they initiated early programs on peace huts, market women, and on gender base violence (GBV).

However, from 2011 to present they have been actively engaged through annual programming, advocacy in coordination with the Government through the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection) to work with civil society on programs targeting gender equality and women's empowerment, thereby ensuring women's participation in peacebuilding, governance, economic empowerment, and ending gender based violence (GBV) across the country.

Most of their programs address issues related to women's political participation and leadership, economic empowerment, women,

peace & security/humanitarian action, ending violence against women and girls, and gender-responsive planning and budgeting. Following Liberia's brutal civil wars (1989–2003), the country faced deep structural fragility, weak institutions, destroyed infrastructure, widespread poverty, and entrenched gender inequality.

UN Women's presence was part of the broader UN support for stabilizing and rebuilding Liberia, through advancing gender equality, strengthening women's leadership and economic rights, preventing and responding to gender-based violence (GBV), and supporting compliance with international norms.

On Friday, July 18, 2025, the Government of Liberia through the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection held a commemorative event at the EJS Ministerial Complex to celebrate the United Nations entity charged with working for gender equal

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usually speak honestly when they disagree, while urging the government not to trust those who only say good things about them or a situation.

But, on the contrary, Deputy Information Minister for Press and Public Affairs, Danie Sando, wrote on his official Facebook page, noting that he begged to differ with Senator Konneh regarding his assertion regarding the crowd and genuine petition. "Senator Konneh, your remarks, while framed as a call for reflection, are riddled with contradictions and deceptive rhetoric. Your attempt to downplay the steady progress being accomplished by the government on many fronts while simultaneously warning of a 'silent majority's' potential backlash in 2029 is a thinly veiled political plot that seeks to absolve your own faction of accountability to the people while shifting the blame on the government as usual," he argued.

According to him, Senator Konneh's Pretense of Selective Truth-Telling is annoying, stating that he claim that "those who oppose Unity Party often reveal truths that supporters might miss," but yet he is engaged in the very deception he condemned, while adding that he wonders where his reverence for the truth was when the CDC was in power?

"Also, your suggestion that Liberia had 'stable macroeconomics before the 2023 elections,' while ignoring the excesses of the erstwhile CDC regime that plunged the economy into the toilet, is a gross distortion. The

economic stagnation, corruption, and mismanagement of state resources by the Weah administration are well-documented and should not be ignored," Sando lamented.

He further indicated that for Senator Konneh to now pretend that the previous era was some golden age is an insult to the Liberian people who suffered under the failed policies of the KAKISTOCRATIC CDC regime.

"On your admiration for the protest, we thank the joint security forces for being more professional compared to two years ago. The level of professionalism they demonstrated in the wake of broad day provocation from the protesters is a major boost to the democratic credentials of the Boakai-led government," Sando lamented.

Responding to Senator Konneh's assertion regarding genuine petition and concern, he said that everything is not rosy, but the government has done better.

"Additionally, Mr. Senator, we see no genuine reasons for a public protest against the government. We admit that everything is not rosy, but you will agree with me that the government has made steady progress in key governance areas compared to its immediate predecessor. Yes, the protest became a failure because, unlike you, our people know and understand that the motives of the organizers are self-seeking and political," he stated.

Boakai returns port reform bills

President Boakai vetoes two bills seeking to decentralize Liberia's National Port Authority, raising several concerns, including proposal to establish nine-member board for each of the country's four ports.

By Stephen G. Fellajuah

Monrovia, Liberia; July 21, 2025 - President Joseph Nyuma Boakai has vetoed two major port reform bills recently passed by the 55th Legislature, returning them for further scrutiny and revision. The move marks a significant setback for the push to decentralize Liberia's seaport governance. In a formal communication to Senator Nyonblee Karnga-Lawrence, President Pro-Tempore of the Liberian Senate, President Boakai cited several concerns, particularly proposal to establish nine-member board for each port, which he described as excessive. "Madam President Pro-Tempore, as you are aware, Article 35 of the Constitution of Liberia grants the President the authority to approve or disapprove a Bill that is laid before the President," Boakai



wrote. "Given the reasons mentioned supra and by virtue of the authority in me vested under Article 35 of the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia, I hereby veto the two Bills and return them to the National Legislature for reconsideration, to correct all the necessary loopholes in the interest of the country and its

expressed readiness to collaborate on reforms that reflect international best practices. "We appreciate His Excellency's call for a more inclusive and technically sound review process that will strengthen, rather than fragment, our national port system", the statement added. The Liberian Senate had earlier passed two pieces of legislation

aimed at transforming the country's port sector. The Independent Seaport and Inland Ports Regulatory Authority Bill – This bill proposed the creation of an independent regulatory body to oversee the development and operation of Liberia's seaports and inland ports. It aimed to ensure safer, more transparent, and sustainable port infrastructure and services. The second is Seaports Decentralization Bill that seeks to decentralize the management of Liberia's four key seaports, Freeport of Monrovia, Port of Buchanan, Port of Greenville, and Port of Harper, which are currently operated by the central NPA. The joint Senate committee responsible for the legislation argued that the NPA's primary focus has been on the Freeport of Monrovia, leaving the other ports underdeveloped. The proposed decentralization aimed to give each port autonomy to manage operations, attract investment, and contribute more significantly to local and national economic development. While proponents of the bills claim decentralization would improve efficiency and unlock growth at regional ports, critics argue it could fragment governance, increase bureaucracy, and weaken oversight. With the President's veto now in effect, the future of port reform in Liberia remains uncertain. The Legislature must now revisit the bills, revise the provisions in question, or attempt to override the veto with a two-thirds majority vote in both chambers, an unlikely scenario given the level of pushback. As the debate continues, all eyes are on whether a revised version of the bills would strike a delicate balance between decentralization and national cohesion. *Editing by Jonathan Browne*

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ity, women empowerment and to advocate for the rights of women and girls, focusing on several issues, including violence against women and violence against LGBT people present in the West African nation. Held under the theme "Young Enough to Transform, Old Enough to Deliver", the anniversary highlighted a variety of photographs that documented UN Women's evolution from a young organization with bold dreams to a trusted partner delivering real results for Liberian women and girls. The event featured a compelling photographic exhibition that chronicles the UN entity's 15 years of advocating for women's rights in Liberia, showcasing the faces, moments, and milestones that have defined UN Women's impact across Liberia since its founding at UN Headquarters in New York in July 2010. The inaugural ceremony welcomed Dr. Maxime Houinato, UN Women's Regional Director for West and Central Africa, who joined the celebration as a special guest, heads of media institutions, and an inspiring cross section of Liberian society including government leaders, UN partners, grassroots women's organizations, dynamic youth groups, and rural women whose lives have been transformed through UN Women's programs.

During the event, Dr. Maxime Houinato highlighted his experience with the UN, noting that in 1995, the world gathered in Beijing to determine the Beijing Platform for Action, which supports women and girls. After several years of implementing the platform, they emerged in 2010 with the idea of establishing a very strong global organization, and that's how UN Women came to be. To date, they have operated for 15 years and are gathering worldwide to celebrate what may have been their greatest achievement. He said that although they have noticed that a lot of international instruments have been domesticated in the legislation of many countries in West Africa, especially countries like Liberia, which have laws to allow women to operate just like men, these laws have had their own difficulties in implementation. "This anniversary is to look back at our 15 years to say what we have achieved in the 15 years that we worked together. And we are happy to see the Liberian community gather to help them think." Also, Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection Gbeme Horace Kollie, who organized the event, congratulated the UN group for 15 years of advocacy in Liberia.

Clarification and Retraction: Report on Hamak Gold Ltd. /79 Resources Inc.

An earlier investigative report from the Ministry of Mines and Energy, alleging that Hamak gold Ltd and its subsidiary, 79 Resources Inc, were engaged in licensing fraud, has been found to be untrue. Following a thorough review, The New Dawn has established that 79 Resources Inc. remains in good standing with the Government of Liberia. The company has formally written to the Ministry of Mines and Energy, requesting clarity on any outstanding obligations the Ministry believes are owed by its parent company, Hamak Gold Ltd. Furthermore, the company has asked that if any such obligations exist, they should be invoiced for prompt settlement. In light of these developments, The

New Dawn has retracted its previous story regarding Hamak Gold Ltd. and 79 Resources Inc. We acknowledge that, given the current facts, the story should not have been published. Additionally, our ongoing investigations have uncovered gross irregularities within the Ministry of Mines and Energy. Preliminary findings point to misconduct involving high-ranking officials, including the Assistant Minister and leadership within state-owned enterprises. Full details, supported by documentary evidence, will be made public in due course. The New Dawn remains committed to truth, accountability, and responsible journalism.



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By: Kruah Thompson

performance and ability to meet their expectations. Until now, Monrovia had been the sole location where Liberians could apply for and receive their passports, often requiring residents in distant counties to travel long distances and incur huge expenditures to obtain a

Foreign Affairs.

According to him, the official dedication ceremonies for the newly established passport issuance centers in Bong and Grand Gedeh are scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 2025.

These events will mark a significant milestone in Liberia's efforts to make government services more accessible to citizens nationwide.

“This is a proud moment for the Ministry and the people of Liberia. It is our hope that this decentralization will reduce delays, ease travel burdens, and foster a more inclusive approach to national documentation,” Piah stated. The move is expected to be welcomed by residents, especially those in rural areas who previously faced logistical and financial challenges in obtaining travel documents.

The Ministry also hinted that this initiative could serve as a pilot for future expansions into other countries as part of a broader national decentralization strategy.



Bong and Grand Gedeh Counties are the first beneficiaries of this new development, and it is expected to be extended to other counties based on its

passport. Making the disclosure over the weekend, Information Minister Jerolimick Mathew Piah read a statement on behalf of the Ministry of

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