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# Continental News

## Ghana finance ministry warns against anti-LGBT bill

Ghana's finance ministry has urged the president not to sign a controversial anti-LGBT bill passed by parliament last week.



Ghana's President Nana Akufo-Addo is reported to be holding meetings with key ministries over the bill's impact

shortfall in funding from the World Bank and other donors could derail the economic recovery. In a highly unusual move, the warning from the finance ministry was leaked to several media, including the BBC. It recommends that President Nana Akufo-Addo defer signing the bill until the Supreme Court rules on whether it aligns with the constitution. Human rights groups went to court even before it was passed by parliament but it is unlikely to be heard by the Supreme Court for some time. Ghana's president has seven days after receiving the bill to decide whether to sign it into law and if he doesn't, 14 days to give

reasons. Although the Proper Human Sexual Rights and Ghanaian Family Values bill was passed by parliament last Thursday, it has not yet been sent to the president for his assent.

Mr Akufo-Addo is reported to be holding meetings with key ministries and donors to assess the impact of the Proper Human Sexual Rights and Ghanaian Family Values bill.

The US, UK and human rights groups have already condemned the bill, which was backed by both of Ghana's two main political parties.

Last year, the World Bank announced it would freeze new loans to Uganda in response to the introduction anti-LGBT legislation which is even tougher than that passed in Ghana.

An IMF spokesperson said it couldn't comment on a bill that hadn't been signed into law but noted that "diversity and inclusion are values that the IMF embraces".

This year alone, Ghana could lose about \$850m (£670m) in support, which officials say will negatively impact an already struggling economy, reduce the country's foreign reserves, and affect exchange rate stability. BBC

## South African navy joins search for missing girl, 6

South Africa's navy has joined the search for a six-year-old girl which has transfixed the country.

Joslin Smith disappeared from outside her home in Saldanha Bay, near Cape Town, two weeks ago.

The 300 naval officers join rescuers from the City of Cape Town, a dog unit and drones in the desperate search.

Many are asking why she still hasn't been located. A child goes missing every five hours in South Africa, but most are found. Investigators are confident of a breakthrough after bloodied clothing was found in an open field nearby.

The items, discovered on Saturday, have been sent to a forensic laboratory for further analysis.

Police spokesperson Brigadier Novela Potelwa told the BBC the naval officers were dispatched on Monday to help follow any leads.

It is not common for the navy to assist with civilian searches but they can do so if asked by police.

Saldanha Bay mayor André Truter predicted it would be a

"big day" for search operations.

"I stood in amazement when I saw how many people from so many different organizations, led by SAPS [South African Police Service], focused on getting the job done! It gave me new hope for finding little Joslin," Mr Truter said.

Frantic community members searched sewers and pits across the area in the days following the girl's disappearance, with an angry mob also taking to searching homes and accosting neighbours, said Mr Truter.

A 100,000 rand (\$5,200; £4,100) reward has been offered

to anyone with information on her whereabouts, with social media filled with hopes and prayers that Joslin will be found alive.

She was left in the care of her mother's boyfriend, Jacquin Appollis, in an informal settlement, when she went missing.

He could not account for her whereabouts, police said.

However, he has denied any involvement in her disappearance.

Joslin's mother told local publication The Daily Voice she was not giving up hope.



A frantic search is under way for six-year-old Joslin Smith, who went missing on 19 February

## The tree-planting mayor of Freetown

Yvonne Aki-Sawyers has made a name for herself as a tree-planting mayor of a West African city on the brink of a climate emergency.

The 56-year-old is also the first directly elected female mayor of Freetown - and the first person to be re-elected since it became a position voted for by the residents of Sierra Leone's capital city two decades ago. BBC Africa Eye had unique access to her and her family last year in the run-up to the elections - an insight into the highs and lows of Sierra Leonean politics and also the personal cost of living in the political limelight.

But after several decades working in finance in London, what has shocked her more than anything about her return home has been the obsession about her capabilities as a woman. "There was no interview I had when I wasn't asked: 'So do you think you can

the UK. Not long afterwards, Sierra Leone was rocked by an 11-year civil war, characterised by widespread atrocities against civilians, thousands of whom had their arms or legs hacked off with machetes.

She was one of seven Sierra Leoneans living in the UK who set up a charity to help children, especially orphans, affected by the conflict.

When the Ebola outbreak reached Sierra Leone in 2014, Ms Aki-Sawyers decided to travel back for a three-month stint as a volunteer - for which she was appointed an OBE by the late Queen Elizabeth II. Ten years later she is still there. "The journey to this seat, the journey to where our family's found itself, it's not been easy," she admits. The moment that galvanised her entry into politics came in August 2017, when Sierra Leone suffered the worst natural disaster in its history.

A colossal mudslide, caused by days of torrential rain, engulfed the streets on the edge of Freetown, killing 1,141 people. Ms



do this job as a woman?" says Ms Aki-Sawyers with a smile on her face. "And I used to say: 'Why are you asking me this?' I am first and foremost a professional... I happen to be a woman." "You get things like: 'Oh, she's so stubborn. She's difficult.' If [those behaviours] were being displayed by a man, [they] would be encouraged and celebrated: 'Oh he's strong. He knows his mind.'" "She credits a lot of her success to her father. "I've realised that I took a lot for granted in my upbringing. I'm one of four girls and people would say to [my dad]: 'Hey, so sorry, you know, no boys.'" He's like: 'There's nothing my girls can't do that a boy could do.'" "So we grew up just full of confidence and never thinking of our gender as being in any way an inhibitor."

Ms Aki-Sawyers was born in Freetown. After graduating from the city's Fourah Bay College with an economics degree in 1988, she moved to

Aki-Sawyers decided to make the environment her focus after her election in 2018. Like many cities along the West African coast, Freetown is vulnerable to flooding, coastal erosion and extreme heat. As the authorities got to grips with the coronavirus pandemic, she launched the #FreetownTheTreeTown campaign in January 2020.

Funded by tokens sold on private and carbon markets, city residents are paid to plant and monitor trees and mangroves.

The aim was to plant one million trees over two years. Although the goal has been missed, more than 600,000 seedlings have been planted. The project was a finalist for last year's Earthshot Prize, which is backed by Prince William to support those working to provide innovative solutions for environmental issues. It notes the target is now to reach the one million mark by this year - adding that "they have seen an excellent tree survival rate of over 80%". BBC

# EDITORIAL

## The MRU basin and roads connectivity

News that the Government of Liberia and the African Development Bank over the weekend signed two loan agreements in Monrovia, totaling US\$40 million to enhance road infrastructure and boost inter-community trading within the Mano River Union Basing is both welcoming and laudable.

Lack of road connectivity among member countries of the MRU has impeded both movements across borders and trade, subjecting citizens within the subregion to poverty, misery and disease.

Specifically, the loans seek to support upgrading of 48.5 kilometers road in Liberia and 39 kilometers road in neighboring Sierra Leone, respectively, along with feasibility studies for an additional 97 kilometers stretch of roads on Liberia.

Liberia and Sierra Leone are one of the three founding members of the MRU. Guinea and Liberia gave birth to the subregional bloc. Ivory Coast joined subsequently, bringing the membership to four neighboring countries that continue to collaborate in many areas, including common security, economic cooperation and good neighborliness, among others.

Liberia's Minister of Finance and Development Planning Boimah Kamara, who signed on behalf of the government, described the agreement as a landmark endeavor to extend infrastructure support that Liberia urgently needs to have an enabling environment for the expansion of growth and betterment of its people.

"We think that this is an expression of support from the MRU between the two nations; this will also finance feasibility studies for building 97 kilometers of roads in Liberia and other projects components include rehabilitating cross-border infrastructure between Liberia and Sierra Leone, development of social economic infrastructure, and provide support to the development agenda of the two countries", Minister Kamara said.

The Country Manager of the AfDB, Benedict Kanu, who signed on behalf of the Bank, underscored the timeliness, and relevance of the agreement, noting that the program will upgrade the ongoing phase that is aimed at boosting regional integration and trade within the MRU Basing.

President Joseph Nyuma Boakai is very passionate about road connectivity in Liberia and beyond, announcing his ambitious goal of "NO CAR STUCK IN THE MUD" 100 DAY DELIVERABLE to make all major primary corridors across the country pliable.

"Our flagship road delivery program will include the Freeport to St. Paul Bridge Road. Having received funding through the Government of Japan, we will begin construction of a 4-lane road from the Gabriel Tucker Bridge to the Freeport of Monrovia. Additionally, the Government of Japan is expected to provide funds to expand the Gabriel Tucker Bridge to 4 lanes. The Government has also secured additional support from Japan for the conduct of feasibility studies for the expansion of the Freeport to St. Paul Bridge corridor. My Government will allocate funds to complete the 6.5 km Freeport to St. Paul Bridge Road", the President in his first State of the Nation Address, immediately after taking office in January.

It is in this vein that we hail the signing of the loan agreement with the AfBD to improve movement and trade within the MRU Basin just as President Boakia is determined to make roads across the country pliable for easy access and promotion of economic activities.

# COMMENTARY

By Roselyn Fosuah Adjei

## Carbon Credits Hold the Key to Combating Deforestation

**A**CCRA - Over the past few years, intense media scrutiny has prompted a growing number of companies to pursue high-quality carbon credits. Seeking to avoid accusations of "greenwashing," many of these firms are no longer content with merely offsetting their emissions and have been actively seeking credits that deliver tangible benefits to local communities.

The Ghanaian government is prepared to help. We have devoted more than 15 years to developing a robust forest-conservation program. After extensive planning and preparation, we are ready to offer high-integrity credits to buyers in the Global North who are eager to demonstrate their commitment to fighting deforestation.

To be sure, several forest-protection schemes have come under fire in recent years. Critics argue that instead of reducing deforestation, these offsets are primarily aimed at serving the interests of corporations seeking carbon credits to meet their climate targets and validate their claims of carbon neutrality.

But jurisdictional programs like Ghana's are different. Designed to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, these initiatives cover vast areas while addressing some of the problems facing individual projects. For example, they mitigate the risk of illegal deforestation outside of designated conservation zones.

The concept is not new. Article 5 of the 2015 Paris climate agreement encourages developed countries to offer results-based payments to developing countries for achieving emissions reductions. Over the past two decades, jurisdictional forest-protection efforts have been largely funded by public donors, while corporate support has flowed toward specific emissions-reduction projects through the voluntary carbon market. But this is now changing, and countries like Ghana are leading the way.

Ghana's High Forest Zone, located within the Guinean Forests of West Africa, is recognized as one of the world's 36 biodiversity hotspots. In 2008, an alarming increase in deforestation rates prompted the Ghanaian government to join the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) and develop its forest-conservation program with the goal of harnessing carbon finance to halt and reverse deforestation.

With financial support from the FCPF, the World Bank, and the Green Climate Fund, we identified five critical commodity-linked areas for intervention.

Through community engagement, our teams devised benefit-sharing strategies tailored to the diverse needs of various stakeholders.

They also developed specialized measurement technologies, enabling more accurate monitoring of the carbon stored in Ghana's forests.

After spending nearly two decades laying the necessary technical groundwork and establishing relationships with local communities, Ghana recently entered the voluntary carbon market. We are preparing to issue jurisdictional carbon credits through the Architecture for REDD+ Transactions (ART) process, thereby enabling domestic and international companies to support our conservation efforts.

Our objective is to transform carbon credits into a long-term revenue stream. To this end, Ghana recently became one of the first countries to sign an emissions-reduction agreement with the Lowering Emissions by Accelerating Forest Finance (LEAF) Coalition. As part of the deal, Ghana is set to receive \$50 million for reducing carbon dioxide emissions by up to five million tons.

While buyers in the Global North may view carbon credits as instrumental in meeting their climate targets, in Ghana, they represent a more profound shift. The revenue generated from these credits translates into tangible income for local communities, enabling households to benefit financially from forest preservation. These credits are more than a financial resource; they are a testament to years of dedicated work and commitment to environmental stewardship.

But for this program to be effective, buyers must recognize that integrity and impact require substantial investment. High-quality credits should do more than bolster corporate climate strategies; they should also contribute to preserving the world's forests.

In essence, this means providing communities with financial incentives to conserve trees instead of cutting them down. While the LEAF agreement, which values CO2 emissions at \$10 per ton, represents a positive first step, it is not enough, because the returns on illegal deforestation are higher.

Given that carbon pricing appears to have been designed by and for those on the demand side, Global North buyers should consult countries like Ghana to understand the true cost of producing high-integrity credits. Based on our extensive experience fighting deforestation, prices should account for the necessary preparatory work and, crucially, exceed the rates paid to illegal loggers and miners.

Carbon credits are not like aid funds, which are distributed by donor countries according to their own assessments of what they can or should give.

Rather, they are payments for emissions reductions that issuers like Ghana have worked hard to achieve - and that are crucial to limiting global warming to 1.5° Celsius.

Potential buyers should visit, see for themselves the challenges we face in fighting deforestation, and then discuss pricing that reflects the real value of our accomplishments.

OP-ED

By Wempi Saputra

## Banking on the World Bank's Knowledge

WASHINGTON, DC - Amid a cascade of intertwined challenges, including public-health emergencies, climate change, and violent conflict, that threaten to reverse decades of hard-won development progress, the World Bank has introduced an Evolution Roadmap to boost efforts to reduce poverty and inequality. Crucially, the unified and scaled response called for by Bank President Ajay Banga includes leveraging knowledge to help countries make more informed and effective decisions.

While best known for its financial services, the World Bank has a long history of researching and disseminating the lessons of development. In 1996, then-President James D. Wolfensohn, recognizing the potential of the information-technology revolution, urged the institution to function as a "Knowledge Bank." He emphasized that the World Bank's relationships with governments and international organizations would allow it to play a leading role in new global partnerships for creating and sharing knowledge. So long as it invested in the necessary systems, the Bank would be able to make more and better information available to its client countries.

Since then, the World Bank has offered both financial support and knowledge services, including technical assistance, training, capacity-building, policy advice, and data analysis. In fact, many clients consider these services - which capitalize on the Bank's vast experience, sectoral expertise, and wide array of data sources - to be as valuable as the financial assistance provided by the institution, if not more so.

But, to become a fully-fledged Knowledge Bank, the World Bank still needs to build these services into its operating processes and develop a model that supports the creation and dissemination of information as a standalone activity. This is crucial to improving the effectiveness and relevance of its knowledge initiatives.

Moreover, the Bank must ensure that it is providing client countries with the knowledge they need. After visiting 14 countries over the past year in my capacity as an executive director of the Bank, I have identified three areas in which clients could use more guidance. Fortunately, the Bank can mostly fill these gaps with its existing knowledge services and products.

For starters, client countries need to know how to use financial resources more efficiently to create projects or programs that have the largest multiplier effects and serve as many beneficiaries as possible. For example, a successful mangrove-rehabilitation project in Indonesia could be a model for other countries seeking to improve the welfare of local communities, support small and medium-size enterprises, and generate revenue through carbon credits in a transparent way.

Countries also require a better understanding of how to align domestic priorities with climate and development goals, which is essential for accelerating the green transition, broadening crisis-response toolkits, and strengthening climate resilience. According to the International Monetary Fund, delaying the transition to a low-emissions economy could impede GDP growth. But so far, striking the right balance between meeting environmental and social targets and pursuing an agenda for domestic development has been a challenge for many of the Bank's clients.

Lastly, there is the question of how to sustain strong, balanced, and inclusive economic growth by mobilizing private capital and boosting investment. To address this challenge, the Bank could provide systematic country assessments and international comparisons of good practices or lessons learned, which would likely contribute to poverty alleviation and shared prosperity.

Over the past 25 years, the World Bank has developed the capacity to address such questions. Its World Development Report, published in 1998, recognized that knowledge, not capital, is the key to sustained economic growth and focused on two main issues: knowledge gaps (the unequal distribution of know-how within and across countries) and information gaps (incomplete knowledge of products, processes, and institutions). The Bank's inaugural report assessing the state of its knowledge services, published in 2011, provided a comprehensive overview of the institution's efforts to overcome these problems. Later, in 2021, the Bank established a strategic framework for knowledge.

Last year's annual report summarized the World Bank's knowledge achievements to date, showcasing how far it has come. Examples include the launch of the Utility Knowledge Exchange Platform in 2022, which helps countries improve the performance of their electricity systems through policy, regulatory, institutional, and governance reforms. This initiative was complemented by more than \$27 billion in Bank-financed projects supporting utilities between 2018 and 2022.

In 2023, the Bank also supported 510 employment-related projects, totaling around \$87 billion, while conducting job diagnostics and facilitating global knowledge-sharing and research. And in Kenya, a youth-empowerment program that combined classroom learning with on-the-job experience significantly increased the number of young Kenyans in paid work.

When Wolfensohn first proposed the idea of a Knowledge Bank, he aptly noted that lessons from economic development are part of the "global commons," and that the cultivation and dissemination of this expertise requires international cooperation. Banga has inherited an even more daunting development challenge in this context, given the corrosive effects of contemporary geopolitics on multilateralism.

Even so, with the new playbook developed under Banga's watch, the World Bank can continue its shift toward becoming a Knowledge Bank. Now more than ever, the Bank must make its expertise more widely available, use its convening power, and deepen its partnerships to meet the needs of its client countries.

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OPINION

By Junaid Nabi

## How AI Could Reshape Medicine

BOSTON - On a recent international trip, I found myself running late to the airport. Not being fluent in the local language, I used a translation app that enabled me to convey the urgency of my situation to the taxi driver. The app's camera feature also allowed me to understand the road signs, providing real-time updates.

This is just one example of how digital innovations, particularly artificial intelligence, are reshaping our world. With recent studies showing that AI models can now identify early signs of health complications such as sepsis, these technologies are poised to revolutionize medicine, too.

These rapid technological advances also underscore the urgent need for AI regulation. The European Union's Artificial Intelligence Act, which is expected to be approved in the second half of 2024, is a prime example.

This pioneering law classifies AI systems according to their risk levels and explicitly bans specific high-risk applications, such as social scoring and emotion recognition, that pose a threat to personal safety, civil liberties, and democratic governance. It also highlights the importance of transparency and explainability, so that users can access information about AI-generated decisions.

The EU's ambitious legislation offers a good starting point for a global discussion on how not to use AI. But given these technologies' vast potential to transform health care, it is equally crucial to explore how they can be used to augment the human-centric aspects of medicine.

For starters, AI has the potential to make medicine more compassionate. For example, a recent study published in JAMA Internal Medicine compared responses from ChatGPT to health-related questions with those provided by human doctors. Interestingly, a panel of licensed health-care professionals preferred ChatGPT's answers 79% of the time, viewing them as more empathetic toward patients.

Previous studies have shown that greater empathy and compassion can improve patient outcomes and expedite recovery.

In recent years, health-care providers have become increasingly overwhelmed by managerial and administrative duties, constraining their ability to establish clinical rapport with patients. This "documentation burden" often leads to burnout and undermines the quality of care.

By providing automated answers to routine questions, scheduling appointments, and managing paperwork, AI-powered platforms could streamline administrative processes and free up physicians to spend more time with patients.

But AI's applications extend well beyond rationalizing administrative tasks. A growing body of clinical evidence suggests that deep-learning algorithms - trained on vast datasets of medical images and patient records - can analyze X-rays, MRIs, and other medical scans with remarkable accuracy, frequently surpassing the diagnostic capabilities of human physicians. These innovations could revolutionize precision diagnostics, facilitating the early detection of diseases like pneumonia and cancer and supporting global health efforts, particularly in remote areas with limited access to specialized care.

Policymakers worldwide are increasingly recognizing the importance of preventive health care, largely owing to its economic benefits. AI is central to this shift, interpreting data from wearable devices and sensors to identify early signs of pathology, particularly cardiac conditions, and thus preventing minor health issues from becoming catastrophic crises.

Moreover, smartwatches and fitness bands use AI-powered tracking systems capable of detecting potential sleep apnea and prompting users to seek medical advice before they develop severe health problems.

To be sure, integrating AI into health care poses significant challenges and raises numerous ethical questions. In addition to ensuring fairness, combating algorithmic bias, and maintaining data privacy and security, it is crucial to recognize that AI cannot replace the personal touch that is essential to clinical practice.

Medical professionals ought to lead this transition, using new technologies to augment their skills. While chatbots are unlikely to replace doctors and nurses anytime soon, AI tools are already supporting health-care providers by improving diagnostic accuracy and facilitating more personalized, data-driven care.

Given that persistent health challenges, especially chronic diseases like diabetes and hypertension, often stem from inadequate investment in public health and a lack of social cohesion, addressing them requires more than just technological solutions. In such cases, comprehensive reform of national health policies is needed.

By adopting the emerging digital technologies in a responsible and ethical manner, we can transform the ways we diagnose, treat, and prevent diseases, ushering in an era of data-driven medicine in which health professionals and AI systems work together to deliver better care for all. But while machines can help, the ability to forge a healthier future is ours alone.

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#### Goods

#### (One-Envelope Bidding Process)

IFB Number: NIC/AfDB/SAPZ/OCBI/001/24  
Purchaser: National Investment Commission  
Project: Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zone  
Contract title: Procurement of Rice Milling, Oil Palm Extraction Machines and Power Generator  
Country: Liberia  
Loan No.: 2100150042703  
Procurement Method: Open Competitive Bidding (International)  
OCBI No: NIC/AfDB/SAPZ/OCBI/001/24  
Issued on: February 29, 2024

- The Republic of Liberia through the National Investment Commission has received financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB) hereinafter called the Bank and intends to apply part of proceeds toward the cost under the for the procurement of Rice Milling, Oil Palm Expeller Machines and a Diesel Generator through the SAPZ project for the Grand Bassa Community College in Buchanan, Grand Bassa County. The Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the Bank's Disbursement Guidelines and procedures for Investment Project Financing, except for those payments, which the contract provides to be made through letter of credit.

#### Schedule of Requirement

No.	Description	Quantity	Delivery Schedule	Delivery site
1	5 Ton Rice Mill 3500*2600*2900mm, 380V 1340KG	1	Twelve (12) weeks After contract signing	Grand Bassa University College, Buchanan City, Grand Bassa County
2	65KVA (Diesel Generator)	1	Twelve (12) weeks After contract signing	Grand Bassa University College, Buchanan City, Grand Bassa County
3	Small-Scale Oil Palm Extraction Machine 125 -175kg	1	Twelve (12) weeks After contract signing	Grand Bassa University College, Buchanan City, Grand Bassa County

- The National Investment Commission now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for procurement of Rice Milling & Oil Palm Extraction Machine Including 65KVA Diesel generator as indicated in the Schedule of Requirement stated above.
- Bidding will be conducted through the Open Competitive Bidding (International), (OCBI) method as specified in the Bank's [Procurement Framework](#) beginning February 29, 2024 and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Framework.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Project Implementation Unit, National Investment Commission (NIC), Andrew Anderson, Project Coordinator, Email: [aanderson2024@gmail.com](mailto:aanderson2024@gmail.com) or Boimah Gibson, Procurement Officer, Email: [boimahgibson@gmail.com](mailto:boimahgibson@gmail.com) and inspect the bidding document during office hours from 0900 to 1700 hours GMT at the address given below
- The bidding document in English may be obtained by interested eligible Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below. The bidding document will be sent by Project Implementation Unit through Electronic means
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 14:00 Hrs. GMT April 11, 2024. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on April 11, 2024 at 14:30 Hrs. GMT.
- All Bids must be accompanied by a "Bid-Securing Declaration," form found in Section IV page 94 under Bidding Forms.
- The address (es) referred to above is (are):

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### REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

Number: IBI-RFQ No. – Stationery & Cartridge Toners/669-007-03/24  
Coffee & Cleaning Supplies/669-008-03/24  
Communication Cards/669-006-03/24

#### Offer Basis: Firm-Fixed Price (RFQ)

IBI, on behalf of the Liberia DELTA Activity, is seeking quotations from reliable vendors for the supply of stationery and cartridge toners as outlined in the attached "Technical Specification Sheet". Liberia DELTA is an official project of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) under Contract No. 72066922F00004 and is currently being implemented in Liberia.

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DELTA is implemented by International Business Initiatives (IBI), in collaboration with Social Impact (SI) as a subcontractor.

Please check the Executive Mansion website for request for proposal for the above supplies.

Submit your offer for the supplies described in accordance with the Instructions to Offerors and Terms of Contract of the RFQ.

All correspondence and/or inquiries regarding these **Request for Quotation** must reference the below RFQ numbers and be directed to [procurements@liberia-delta.org](mailto:procurements@liberia-delta.org).

- Stationery & Cartridge Toners/669-007-03/24
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Emailed offers must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Liberia local time on Tuesday, **19th March 2024**, to the email address provided below. Late offers will be considered at the discretion of the Agent. Submission of quotation is not automatic qualification for contract award.

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## W.H.O. donates drugs to Ministry of Health

To strengthen Liberia's surveillance for Human African Trypanosomiasis, improve infection prevention and laboratory services as well as increase vaccine coverage through routine immunization, and manage critical health emergencies, the World Health Organization has donated essential medical supplies to the Ministry of Health in Monrovia.

W.H.O. Country Representative here, Dr. Clement Peter expressed commitment to supporting the Government of Liberia in improving quality of healthcare in the country.

By Naneka A. Hoffman

Monrovia, Sunday, March 3-The World Health Organization (WHO) has donated a

and managing critical health emergencies.

"As WHO, we will continue to support the Liberian government in its quest to

to address various health challenges, adding that the supplies will play a crucial role in strengthening the country's healthcare system and ensuring equitable access to quality healthcare for all citizens.

Receiving the donation, the Minister of Health Dr. Louise Kpoto, expressed gratitude for the generous support on behalf of the Liberian people.

"We are grateful to the World Health Organization (WHO) for the continuous support to the people of Liberia", Minister Kpoto expressed, and added, "Rest assured that these items will definitely contribute to achievement of the government's 100-day deliverables, which include improved availability of essential medicines and consumables and we will make sure they reach the last mile."

W.H.O. notes that early this year after the change of Liberia's leadership, the new government has since set priorities to be delivered in its first 100 days and part of the priorities include improved availability of essential medicines and other supplies in health facilities.

It says the donation is a testament to the shared commitment to building resilient health systems that will ultimately contribute to the health and well-being of the Liberian people. Editing by Jonathan Browne



Minister of Health Dr. Louise Kpoto with WHO Country Representative Dr. Clement Peter

consignment of essential medical supplies to the Ministry of Health.

Speaking over the weekend at the donation ceremony, WHO Representative here, Dr. Clement Peter expressed commitment to supporting the Government of Liberia in improving quality of healthcare in the country.

He said these supplies are intended to support various health interventions.

Dr. Clement added W.H.O. will also contribute to strengthening surveillance for Human African Trypanosomiasis, improving infection prevention and laboratory services as well as increasing vaccine coverage through routine immunization,

achieve Universal Health Coverage for all its people and attain global goals by 2030". He pledged.

The W.H.O. Country Representative further said the donation aims to strengthen healthcare delivery systems and address critical needs in various areas, including Infection Prevention and Control (IPC), Laboratory diagnostics, management of Communicable and Non-communicable diseases, improved vaccination coverage through routine immunization, management of medical emergencies and improved surveillance for Human African Trypanosomiasis.

He described the donation as timely, as Liberia continues

## Rep. Jones extends olive branch to constituents

Margibi County - District#2 Representative, Ivar Kokulo Jones, has extended an olive branch to his constituents to come forward in addressing challenges confronting them to find amicable solutions and move the district forward, rather than resorting to violence that will retard progress. Rep. Jones delivered his Sixth Legislative Report recently in the county, covering his first six years in office from 2018-2023, noting that his decision to report to his people annually complies with Article 15c of the 1986 Constitution which is an embodiment of the principle of good governance.

By Emmanuel wise Jipoh

Margibi County, Liberia, March 4, 2024 -Margibi County District#2 Representative, Ivar Kokulo Jones, has extended an olive branch to his constituents to come forward in addressing confronting challenges to find amicable solutions and move the district forward, rather than resort to violence that will retard progress.

He urged people of the district to denounce violence and rather petition his office in finding consent on crucial matters affecting their well-being.

Delivering his Sixth Legislative Report recently in the county, covering his first six years in office from 2018-2023, Rep. Jones said his decision to report to his people annually is in compliance with Article 15c of the 1986 Constitution which is an

empowerment.

On sustainable economic empowerment, the lawmaker said he remitted 50% of his annual salary totaling US\$120, 517.00 and Fourteen Million Four hundred and thirty-one thousand Liberian Dollars (LRD14, 431, 218.00) from 2018-2023 towards development as enshrined in Article 7 of the 1986 Constitution of Liberia that states "The Republic Shall, consistent with principles of Individual Freedom and Social Justice enshrined in the constitution to manage the national economy and the natural resources of Liberia in such manner as shall ensure the maximum feasible participation of Liberian Citizens, under such conditions of equality as to advance the general welfare of his people, his office made several financial contributions to individuals, institutions in fulfillment of his sustainable



## U.S. commits to improving Liberia's electoral process

-as ESIA-LIEOM end post-election deliberation

The United States Government commits to working Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa - Liberia International Elections Observers and partners to improve Liberia's electoral process. USAID Mission Director to Liberia, Mr. Jim Wright, disclosed that the United States Government stands ready to collaborate with the Government of Liberia and partners to improve the country's electoral system, following a historic poll in 2023 that saw peaceful transfer of power.

By Lincoln G. Peters

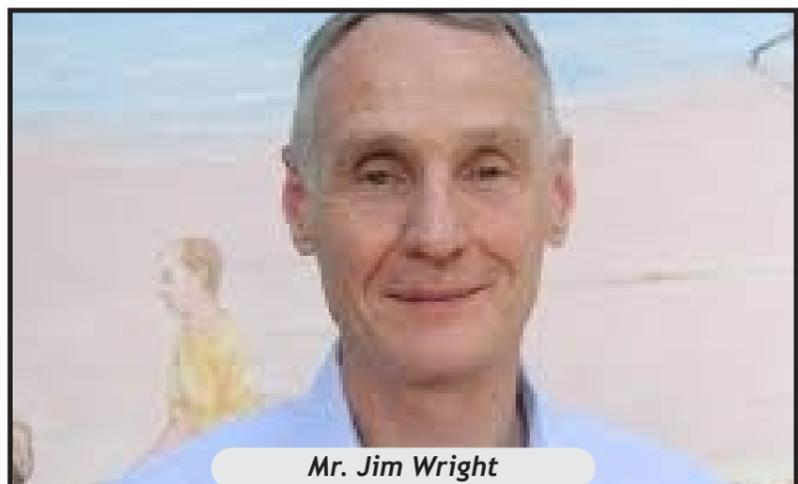
Monrovia, Liberia, March 4, 2024 -The United States Government has committed itself to working with the Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa - Liberia International Elections Observer, and all partners and stakeholders to improve Liberia electoral process.

Giving a closing remark following the climax of the Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa-Liberia International Elections Observation Mission (EISA-LIEOM's) two-day multi-

stakeholders post-election review symposium on the 2023 Presidential and Legislative elections, USAID Mission Director Mr. Jim Wright

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Mr. Jim Wright

embodiment of the principle of good governance.

The report covers achievements, including infrastructure, human resource development, and capacity-building, among others.

"To consistently encourage participatory representation, this document is open to genuine constructive comments, criticisms, petitions," he added.

The Margibi Lawmaker noted that the essence of the report is to keep residents of District#2 abreast of activities in the district, as an obligation enshrined in the 1986 Constitution, specifically Article 15c. He pointed to Health, Education, Humanity, Agriculture, and Reconciliation, as areas of focus during the period under review.

On Agriculture, Rep. Jones highlighted sustainability of agriculture program as a means of promoting farming in his district, he provided US\$4,100 to purchasing agriculture tools, for small farmers as a means of

Economic Empowerment Plan.

Rep. Jones also detailed that he has spent one Million, three-hundred eighty-one, thousand, two hundred and fifty Liberian Dollars (LRD1, 381,250) on scholarships for 167 students as beneficiaries in his commitment to human resource development in the district, cutting across from 2016-2017 Academic year to 2022-2023 Academic year, respectively. He added that also appropriated during Fiscal Year 2023, an amount of Fifty - Five Thousand United States Dollars (\$55, 000.00USD) was allotted for the construction of the Cotton Tree Public School in Harbel, Margibi County to improve the learning environment in the district.

He mentioned that during the Fiscal Year 2023, about Five Hundred and Forty-one Thousands, Four-hundred and thirty-four (LRD541,434.00) Liberian dollars was spent on the Harbel College, 25,000 Liberian dollars on Dolo Town Health Center and 40,000.00 Liberian dollars on the Harbel Multilateral high school. Editing by Jonathan Browne

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## Nimba University places over 80 students on probation -for poor academic performance

One of Liberia's several community universities across the country, Nimba University in Sanniquellie, the provincial capital, has placed more than 80 senior and freshmen students on probation, for failure to attain minimum 2 points GPA or above.

By Thomas Domah, Nimba County

Nimba County, Liberia, March 5, 2024 - Over eighty (80) students attending the Nimba County University in

This paper gathered that most of the affected students are seniors and freshmen.

The administration has refused to respond to the sex for grade allegation that is said to be on the increase at

and Geoscience at the Nimba County University, attributed the massive failure of students to very poor academic foundation.

Dr. Donseah notes that most of the students are from various private and public schools that lack quantify teachers to impact the lives of people being referred to as future leaders of Liberia.

According to him, administration has constituted a team to engage students with such problems, noting that most of the students at the University complained of lack of food in their respective homes.

Commenting on students' involvement in social activities, he said administration doesn't have control over any student going to night clubs or found involved in social activities.

Meanwhile, the Nimba University is currently experiencing financial challenges with report that over 80 million Liberian Dollars was allegedly withdrawn from the University account at the Central Bank of Liberia.

But the President for the University Dr. Jesse Noah Mongrue says he has no knowledge of such report.

Report says the University president signed several blank checks prior to traveling abroad in early 2023. Editing by Jonathan Browne



Nimba have been placed on probation for poor academic performance, according to administration.

The University administration took the decision following results of the 2023 semester when huge number of the students were unable to obtain a Grade Point Average of 2.00 and above. Most of the students' GPA was 1.00 points. But some of the students have accused the administration and the teaching staff of demanding sex for grade while male students alleged that lecturers constantly ask for money.

the institution, after our correspondent visited the University for comment. Instead, members of the administration referred The NEW DAWN to one office and another. The Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Samuel Duo, refused to respond to the allegation made against the administration but rather referred our correspondent to the Head of Admission, Mr. Lee Yarzule, who phone rank without any response.

However, speaking to reporter in his office, Assistance Professor Emmanuel A. Donseah, Dean for the College of Engineering

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Government of Liberia and partners to improve the country's electoral system.

"USAID is committed to working with government and civil society partners to ensure that the valuable lessons learned, recommendations, and ideas discussed at this workshop are acted upon. The U.S. government stands ready to collaborate with partners and stakeholders to follow up and improve the electoral process", Mr. Wright added.

He said international and domestic partners, Government of Liberia and local leaders must not lose momentum and continue the important reform works in the months and years ahead.

He noted that Liberians celebrate the successful democratic elections held in 2023, and they also recognize there is a lot of room for

improvement, adding that collectively, there is a need to put in place necessary mechanisms and policies for the next election.

"The time is now to make the necessary changes and I urge quick action on all pending reform actions. In closing, I would like to thank EISA for their credible work during the elections. The program is ending in a few months and it will become the responsibility of local partners to act upon the lessons learned and recommendations to advance the cause of free, fair, and peaceful elections", the U.S. envoy added. The Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa-Liberia International Elections Observation Mission (EISA-LIEOM) with support from the United States Agency for International Development

(USAID) recently embarked on two days multi-stakeholders post-election review workshop, focusing on the 2023 Presidential and Legislative elections aimed at collectively reflecting on the strengths and weaknesses of the past electoral process.

## U.S. commits to improving

The program was graced by international and local stakeholders, including political parties and civil society organizations with topical issues of the 2023 elections.

The platform provided an invaluable opportunity for stakeholders, including government representatives, civil society organizations, political parties, the media, women and youth groups, academia, and the international community, to share their observations and discuss recommendations for the future.

## Captan vows to eradicate darkness across Liberia

-As LEC G-CEP Project lights-up over 23 communities

Under immense public criticism for poor electricity services, the Chief Executive Officer for the Liberia Electricity Corporation, Monie Ralph Captan, has connected over 23 communities, vowing to eradicate darkness out of Liberia. The electrification exercise is part of the GAP Community Electrification Project (G-CEP)

By Lincoln G. Peters

Monrovia, Liberia, March 5, 2024- The Chief Executive Officer of the Liberia Electricity Corporation, Monie R. Captan has vowed to eradicate darkness across Liberia. Making remark over the weekend during the official dedication and lighting up of the GAP Community Electrification Project (G-CEP) in Law's Island Community, Banjor, Brewerville, Mr. Captain, said he doesn't want to see a dark country. According to him, he is happy to light up the over 23 sub-communities within the Law's Island Community, describing it as a promised fulfilled. "That is our job; we want to see every home in this country with electricity. We don't want to see a dark country. I want to commit to the nearby community here [that] have engaged us that they want current. I want you to know that we will bring electricity to you", Mr. Captain assured. Disclosing President Joseph

the sector by connecting community through the GAP Community Electrification Project G-CEP, but much more needs to be done, as many homes and communities are still without power.

On Friday, March 1, 2024, the Liberia Electricity Corporation through its GAP Community Electrification funded project formally lit up Law's Island and Pinyokosa community which comprised of over twenty-three communities.

The project, which kicked-off from October 2023 to March 1, 2024, was implemented by a Liberian contractor, Eco-Civil Company and supervised by the LEC. During the dedication, women, traditional musical group of the Vai tribe, performed traditional renditions, singing "Welcome our son; thank you for giving us light." Because of his great work, the community also certificated Mr. Captan and the contractor for the successful implementation of the project.

Explaining the negative impact of darkness, the LEC Boss lamented



Monie R. Captan

Nyuma Boakai's readiness and vision for electricity across the country, he told residents that he had a meeting with President Boakai recently and the President is committed to supporting the LEC to ensure that every resident has electricity. "I met with President Boakai and we talked about electricity. He told me that he wants me to make sure that our people get electricity because it's very important to them. He also commits to supporting us. He told me that he will give us the help so we can have the hand to make sure everyone has current. We want to thank him for that commitment that he has made on behalf of his government", Mr. Captan added.

Under fire currently due to irregular power supply to the city, Mr. Captan assumed the role as Chairman of the Board and chief executive officer, of the Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC) in 2021 with a promise to restore Liberia's energy sector. Since then, he has done tremendously well in improving

that darkness leads to rise in crimes and other harmful activities, noting that residents of Law Island community were once in total darkness and people were afraid to walk along the street at night, but since their junction was lit up, businesses are returning and people are moving about freely.

For his part, Mr. Dele I. Shaboyo, Executive Director for Implementing Division, Planning, Engineering and Major Connections from the LEC, extolled the community for the welcome but cautioned them to take control of the project.

"We are committed to giving other communities close by current. But, we want you to ensure that there is no power theft because this project is funded by ourselves. The money you will recharge with is what's being used for meter, transformer, and connection of other communities", Mr. Shaboyo reminded. The chairman of the community, Mr. Karina Varney Kamara, expressed excitement about the project.

"We are now happy that we now have current.

# Français

## L'ancien président George Manneh Weah met en garde contre la violence policière

L'ancien président averti son successeur de ne pas permettre une répétition des violences du jeudi 29 février 2024 dans une mine du comté de Grand Cape Mount, qui auraient

reproduire.” L'ancien président George Manneh Weah met en garde le président Joseph Nyuma Boakai contre les tirs à balles réelles de la police sur des manifestants la semaine dernière dans une zone de concession, qui ont exprimé

Jeudi dernier, à Tarwon, dans le district de Kinjor, dans le comté de Grand Cape Mount, des agents de la police nationale du Liberia (LNP) ont tiré à balles réelles sur des travailleurs en colère qui manifestaient contre la société minière aurifère de



fait au moins trois morts. M. Weah, s'exprimant à l'église Forkly Klon Jlateh Family Fellowship Church de Paynesville, en dehors de Monrovia, le dimanche 3 mars 2024, a critiqué le président Boakai, en déclarant : "Cette situation à Kinjor doit être la dernière ; cela ne doit plus se

leur mécontentement à l'égard des procédures opérationnelles, faisant craindre la mort d'au moins trois personnes. Il qualifie cet incident d'injuste et d'injustice envers la lutte que lui et son ancien parti au pouvoir, le Congrès pour le changement démocratique (CDC), ont menée pour maintenir la paix.

Bea Mountain, exigeant la révocation immédiate du directeur de la société, Debar Allen, ainsi que le licenciement de son responsable des ressources humaines, Jackson Yulk, qu'ils tiennent pour responsable des maux dont ils souffrent dans le district. Le gouvernement du Liberia a

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## Retour de l'opération de nettoyage du premier samedi de la MCC

Le maire nouvellement nommé de Monrovia, John-Charuk Siafa, mène une révolution, non pas avec des armes, mais avec des balais, des tricycles et des brouettes, pour redonner un visage propre à la capitale et ses environs. Dans le cadre de la campagne actuelle qui a lieu tous les premiers samedis du mois, le maire Siafa cherche à maintenir Monrovia, l'une des plus anciennes villes d'Afrique, baptisée du nom du cinquième président des États-Unis, James Monroe, propre, verte et sûre pour les résidents et les visiteurs. Après une période de pause de l'opération de nettoyage du premier samedi, initiée par la maire précédente Mary T. Broh, le gouvernement du Libéria, par l'intermédiaire de la Monrovia City Corporation (MCC), a relancé cette opération dans tout Montserrado et ses environs. Lors de la reprise de l'opération le 2 mars 2024 à Monrovia, le maire nouvellement nommé, John-Charuk Siafa, a déclaré que l'un des moyens les plus

faciles de garder Monrovia propre, verte et sûre est que les résidents s'impliquent plus activement pour donner à la ville l'attention dont elle a tant besoin. Le maire Siafa a demandé aux habitants de Monrovia et de ses environs de soutenir l'initiative de la ville propre et de prendre la responsabilité de créer un environnement plus hygiénique. Le maire a rassuré les résidents que l'opération, exigée par l'administration municipale, se déroulera tous les premiers samedis du mois. En collaboration avec le maire

John-Charuk Siafa, les membres du personnel du gouvernement municipal de Monrovia ont veillé à ce que la ville soit nettoyée de manière réaliste, dans le cadre du redémarrage de l'opération de nettoyage du premier samedi. En nettoyant les rues le premier samedi, on a pu voir des travailleurs de la MCC avec des gilets et des gants réfléchissants sensibiliser la population dans différents quartiers. Le redémarrage de

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## Éditorial

### Ministre du commerce du Liberia : Joueur et arbitre – Un nouveau cas ?

Il est difficilement compréhensible que le président Joseph Nyuma Boakai ait choisi Amin Modad, président émérite du parti au pouvoir, l'Unity Party, comme ministre du Commerce et de l'Industrie. M. Modad est propriétaire et exploitant d'une chaîne d'entreprises au Liberia, y compris des hôtels. Ce choix du Président soulève de sérieuses questions concernant la transparence et la responsabilité de son gouvernement, en particulier son engagement à rompre avec les pratiques habituelles.

Comment un homme qui est un acteur actif du secteur commercial peut-il être chargé de superviser et de réglementer à la fois lui-même et ses concurrents ? Il ne s'agit pas seulement d'un conflit d'intérêts, mais d'un pur népotisme, que le président Boakai et l'Unity Party affirmaient pourtant vouloir éradiquer.

Nous pensons que le Président ferait bien, non seulement pour lui-même, mais aussi pour le pays, de revoir cette nomination afin de garantir l'équité, la responsabilité et la transparence.

Il est très décevant pour le peuple libérien qu'un parti qui a siégé dans l'opposition et prêché l'équité pendant six ans arrive au pouvoir et commence à faire exactement ce qu'il dénonçait auparavant. Ce n'est pas le style de leadership que les Libériens attendent de la "mission de sauvetage".

Prenons l'exemple du secteur de la sécurité, qui a contraint le nouveau ministre de la Défense, le major général à la retraite Prince C. Johnson III, à démissionner. Le non-respect des droits des hommes et des femmes en armes est un grave préjudice à l'État, comme nous l'avons vu dans le cas de l'ancien ministre Brownie Samukai.

Le ministre Johnson III a fait ce qu'il fallait en démissionnant immédiatement, car c'est la première fois dans l'histoire récente que la célébration de la Journée des forces armées a été annulée de force en raison du mécontentement des soldats, exprimé par leurs épouses.

Nous ne savons pas ce qui attend le commerce de notre nation avec la nomination d'un acteur pour arbitrer entre les différents acteurs et concurrents du secteur. Y aura-t-il fair-play et transparence ? Ce ne sont là que quelques-unes des questions qui taraudent l'opinion publique alors que le ministre Modad se rend quotidiennement au travail.

Il est important que le gouvernement cultive et maintienne un environnement commercial équitable, mais aussi très concurrentiel, afin d'attirer les investissements étrangers directs qui ont échappé à l'économie au cours des six dernières années.

Cela ne sera possible qu'avec la mise en place de politiques propres à stimuler l'économie et à attirer davantage d'investisseurs pour une concurrence et une croissance saines.

Nous soulevons ces préoccupations, non pas que nous ayons quelque chose de spécifique contre le ministre Amin Modad, mais pour que les compromis et les intérêts personnels soient mis de côté afin que les bonnes choses soient faites pour le bien général du pays, qui a un urgent besoin de viabilité économique.

# Français

## L'OMS fait don de médicaments au Liberia

**Starts from page 8 L'ancien président George Manneh Weah**

ouvert une enquête approfondie sur la situation qui a entraîné des pertes de vie et des blessures parmi les policiers. Mais s'adressant à sa congrégation, à ses partisans et à ses supporters dimanche, de retour de l'étranger, M. Weah a semblé robuste en qualifiant de triste la nouvelle de la mort de manifestants pacifiques par balles.

Selon l'ancien président Weah, le Liberia est un symbole de liberté, d'unité et de paix. C'est pourquoi il ne devrait pas y avoir de victimes, alors que la police, formée pour protéger les vies et les biens, est "celle qui tire maintenant avec des fusils pour tuer des innocents".

"C'est triste que nos concitoyens meurent lors de manifestations ordinaires ; la police tire maintenant sur les gens, ce n'était pas le consentement de notre lutte et nous ne pouvons pas rester assis ici et permettre cela. Nous devons le dénoncer. Comme ils l'avaient dit en faisant notre administration, ils allaient nous tenir "le feu aux pieds". Nous devons maintenant leur tenir les pieds au double feu", poursuit l'ancien président.

Il s'engage également à

défendre la nation et son peuple, affirmant qu'il est prêt et disposé à faire en sorte que leurs droits soient entendus, que ce soit par la protestation ou par tout autre moyen d'expression, et que la police ne tire pas sur les gens.

"Monsieur Boakai, ne laissez pas votre police tirer sur des innocents ; cette affaire de Kinjor doit être la dernière, et cela ne doit plus se reproduire, et si cela se produit, nous irons là-bas et traînerons le directeur de la police devant les tribunaux ; il doit payer pour les vies innocentes." "Nous sommes prêts à cela, et à faire en sorte que nos citoyens aient le droit de manifester, de parler à qui ils veulent, d'exprimer leurs griefs et leurs préoccupations en toute harmonie, sans craindre que la police ne tire sur eux."

M. Weah : "Alors, M. Boakai, assurez-vous que votre police ne descende pas dans la rue pour tirer, et si vous autorisez votre police, nous nous rebellerons à la lettre, et ce n'est pas une menace, mais c'est notre liberté civile et nous devons l'exercer."

Il appelle la communauté internationale à enquêter sur la situation au Liberia qui a conduit à la perte de vies innocentes, ce qui, selon lui, est toxique pour la démocratie de l'État.



L'Organisation mondiale de la santé (OMS) a fait don d'un lot de médicaments essentiels au ministère de la Santé à Monrovia afin de renforcer la surveillance de la trypanosomiase humaine africaine au Liberia, d'améliorer la prévention des infections et les services de laboratoire, d'augmenter la couverture vaccinale par la vaccination systématique et de gérer les urgences sanitaires critiques.

Le représentant de l'OMS dans le pays, le Dr Clement Peter, a exprimé son engagement à soutenir le gouvernement libérien dans l'amélioration de la qualité des soins de santé dans le pays.

Ces fournitures sont destinées à soutenir diverses interventions sanitaires. Le Dr Clement a ajouté que l'OMS contribuera également au renforcement de la surveillance de la trypanosomiase humaine africaine, à l'amélioration de la prévention des infections et des services de laboratoire, ainsi qu'à l'augmentation de la couverture vaccinale par la vaccination systématique et à la gestion des urgences sanitaires critiques.

"En tant qu'OMS, nous continuerons à soutenir le gouvernement libérien dans sa quête pour atteindre la

couverture sanitaire universelle pour tous ses citoyens et atteindre les objectifs mondiaux d'ici 2030", a-t-il promis.

Le représentant de l'OMS dans le pays a ajouté que le don vise à renforcer les systèmes de prestation de soins de santé et à répondre aux besoins critiques dans divers domaines, notamment la prévention et le contrôle des infections (IPC), les diagnostics de laboratoire, la gestion des maladies transmissibles et non transmissibles, l'amélioration de la couverture vaccinale par la vaccination systématique, la gestion des urgences médicales et la surveillance améliorée de la trypanosomiase humaine africaine.

Il a qualifié le don d'opportun, car le Liberia continue à relever divers défis sanitaires, ajoutant que les fournitures joueront un rôle crucial dans le renforcement du système de santé du pays et en garantissant un accès équitable à des soins de santé de qualité pour tous les citoyens.

En recevant le don, la ministre de la Santé, la Dre Louise Kpoto, a exprimé sa gratitude pour le généreux soutien au nom du peuple libérien.

"Nous sommes reconnaissants à l'Organisation mondiale de la Santé (OMS) pour son soutien continu au peuple libérien", a déclaré la ministre Kpoto, ajoutant: "Soyez assurés que ces articles contribueront certainement à la réalisation des objectifs de 100 jours du gouvernement."

**Starts from page 8 Retour de l'opération de nettoyage**

L'opération de nettoyage urbain du premier samedi a été lancée sous le slogan "Adoptez votre rue, adoptez votre ville, gardez-la propre".

L'objectif de la campagne de sensibilisation du samedi était de raviver l'essence du "premier samedi" et de promouvoir une culture de civisme et de gestion de l'environnement.

L'opération de nettoyage s'est déroulée simultanément dans tout Monrovia, avec une participation enthousiaste de la communauté.

Parmi les institutions et entités présentes lors de l'opération figuraient le ministère des travaux publics, les volontaires JNB/JKK et le Lions Club de Monrovia, incluant des jeunes, entre autres.

Parallèlement, dans le but de faire de Monrovia une ville plus propre et plus verte, Center Street, un important point chaud des déchets à Monrovia, a été ciblée.

Le cimetière de Center Street est un endroit malheureusement tristement célèbre du centre de Monrovia où les gens jettent illégalement des déchets.

Des milliers de jeunes défavorisés, dont la plupart seraient des toxicomanes, vivent dans le cimetière.

Le maire Siafa a déclaré qu'il continuerait à fournir un

leadership solide sous sa direction pour s'assurer que la MCC respecte ses valeurs fondamentales.

Il a révélé la proposition de la MCC de développer une approche de gestion des déchets à long terme qui permettrait de maintenir la ville propre et sûre de manière fiable.

Dans ses conclusions, le maire Siafa a reconnu les défis auxquels la ville de Monrovia est confrontée et a appelé le gouvernement national et ses partenaires à fournir à la MCC un soutien financier et matériel supplémentaire.

Dans un développement connexe, le maire a également promis de dépolitiser la corporation municipale, ce qui, selon lui, créera un environnement de travail harmonieux pour les employés de l'entité.

Pour atteindre l'objectif institutionnel global, le maire Siafa souhaite que les employés de la MCC soient plus orientés vers les résultats et dépolitisent les opérations de l'institution.

Il a salué le niveau de collaboration du personnel jusqu'à présent et a exprimé son souhait que cette cardinalité soit basée sur les principes d'honnêteté, de travail acharné et de respect mutuel, ainsi que sur un objectif commun d'amélioration de l'institution.

## La police enquête sur 2 employés d'ArcelorMittal

Une enquête sur des allégations de sollicitation de pots-de-vin en échange d'emplois chez ArcelorMittal Liberia est alarmante et mérite une attention sérieuse.

La police de Sanniquellie, dans le comté de Nimba, interroge deux employés supérieurs de la société minière ArcelorMittal Liberia, pour leur implication présumée dans des affaires de corruption et de fraude.

Les suspects travaillent au bureau des ressources humaines (RH) de l'entreprise.

Ils auraient sollicité d'importantes sommes d'argent auprès de demandeurs d'emploi en leur promettant de les faire embaucher.

Les suspects sont identifiés comme Cyrus Yini de Yekepa, comté de Nimba, et Johnny Ndorbor de Buchanan, comté de Grand Bassa, respectivement.

Certaines de leurs victimes ont déclaré au correspondant de Nimba du NEW DAWN que les suspects leur avaient demandé de transférer des paiements pour des emplois via leurs comptes d'argent mobile. Elles ont affirmé avoir été escroquées de 500 dollars américains chacune pour obtenir un emploi.

Selon elles, il est actuellement difficile d'être embauché par l'entreprise, car les primes en espèces ont pris le pas sur les qualifications au sein de l'entité, des personnes non qualifiées étant embauchées, tandis que les candidats qualifiés, qui manquent d'argent, sont laissés pour compte dans la frustration. Elles ont également révélé que, sur la base de cette pratique présumée, le



bureau des ressources humaines privilégie les Guinéens et autres ressortissants étrangers pour l'emploi, tandis que les Libériens en souffrent.

Ce journal a recueilli des informations selon lesquelles la plupart des chauffeurs embauchés sont des Guinéens, qui auraient payé d'importantes sommes d'argent pour obtenir leur emploi, principalement à Yekepa.

Dans l'intervalle, la police a écrit à la huitième cour de circuit judiciaire de Sanniquellie, par l'intermédiaire du procureur du comté, pour demander officiellement aux directions des sociétés de téléphonie mobile GSM opérant ici, Orange Liberia et Lonestar Cell MTN, de fournir les journaux d'appels des deux suspects afin de contribuer à l'enquête en cours en déterminant s'ils ont effectivement reçu des transactions d'argent mobile de leurs victimes, comme allégué. Cependant, le service de communication d'AML nie que la société, en tant que politique, demande ou accepte des pots-de-vin en échange d'un emploi.

Tout candidat à un poste est tenu de suivre strictement les procédures de recrutement de l'entreprise, a expliqué la direction, qui note qu'il existe une tolérance zéro pour la corruption et la fraude.



**Job Position Title: Director, Geo-Information Services (GIS) Section**

**Institution: National Elections Commission**

**Opening date: March 1, 2024**

**Closing date: March 8, 2024**

The National Elections Commission has a vacancy for the position of a Geo-Information Services (GIS).

Under the supervision of the Deputy Executive Director for Operations, the duties of the GIS Director are as follow:

As the Administrative Head of the Geo-Information Services (GIS) Section;

- Manages the NEC Delimitation Geo-Spatial Information System and infrastructure;
- Manages the collection, processes and analysis of spatial datasets (administrative boundaries, localities, census population, infrastructure and points of interests, road accessibility, baseline, thematic, etc.) required by the NEC;
- Manages the determination, placement, assessment and mapping of voter registration centers;
- Manages the technical activities for the delimitation of electoral boundaries during the reapportionment of constituencies;
- Manages field mapping for the delineation of wards for municipalities (cities, townships and boroughs) that are consistent with the Local Government Act of 2018;
- Manages spatial analysis for efficient determination of the following: voter registration centers placement, logistics movement plans for deployment (mobilization and demobilization) for various electoral activities, civic and voter education (CVE) cells catchment area, the reapportionment of constituencies; etc.;
- Manages the system of electoral boundaries and ensures their harmonization and alignment with the most updated local government subdivisions and population census enumeration area boundaries;
- Coordinates all Geo-Spatial data activities on behalf of NEC with government institutions, national and international partners and stakeholders, civil society, etc.;
- Technical liaison to the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA), the Liberian Land Authority (LLA), the Liberia Institute of Statistics and Geo-Information Services (LISGIS) and other relevant stakeholders on matters concerning the administrative units (local government subdivisions) inventory and their boundaries;
- Technical liaison to LISGIS to ensure that the NEC has the most accurate and updated census population and other baseline datasets;
- Manages the designing and development of information products (maps, listings, charts, analyses, etc.) to inform decision making, support operations sensitization and civic education, etc. for the NEC and stakeholders;
- Implement spatial management capacity development within NEC at the headquarters and field levels;
- Train staff in the use and collection of Geo-Spatial data both internal and external; and
- Perform all other duties that may be assigned by the Chairperson, Executive Director, and the Deputy Executive Director for Operations;

**1. Qualifications and Experience**

**Education**

- A Master Degree is preferred. A Bachelor Degree together with a minimum of six years of working experience is acceptable

**Experience**

- A minimum of four (4) years of work experience is required as either a principal, deputy or assistant GIS Director, Manager, Coordinator or similar position in a national institution with professional-level experience in the design, development, implementation and administration of geographic information systems;
- Proven expertise in the design and development of relational databases and geodatabases;
- Advanced knowledge of geographic information systems (GIS) and working with Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) GIS products;
- Proven expertise in administrative boundaries and population census focused information management for a minimum of 5 years;
- Extensive understanding of the technical complexities associated with spatial and data management of administrative boundaries and census population datasets in post-conflict countries, especially in the West African sub-regional context;
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of administrative units (local government subdivisions);
- Experience managing data collection, entry and maintenance;
- Proven expertise in field Global Positioning System (GPS) mapping of boundaries and places of interest;
- Proven expertise in working with administrative boundaries and census population at the national level in the National Statistical System (NSS) and its corresponding Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) of Liberia within the contextual challenges

**Competences**

- Integrity and professionalism
- Promotes knowledge sharing and learning
  - Display cultural, gender, religious, racial, nationality and age sensitivity adaptability
  - Demonstrate good oral and written skills
  - Strong analytical and problem-solving skills: Very strong qualitative and quantitative skills; keen attention to detail and data accuracy.
  - Demonstrate openness to change and ability to manage complexities

**Language Requirements**

- Fluency in written and spoken English is required

All applications should be addressed to:  
 The Director of Human Resources  
 National Elections Commission  
 Tubman Boulevard, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Streets, Sinkor-P. O Box 2044  
 Monrovia, Liberia

Deadline for submission of application is March 8, 2024



**Job Specialization: Legal**  
**Job Position: Junior Legal Counsel**

**Institution: National Elections Commission**

**Opening date: March 1, 2024**

**Closing date: March 8, 2024**

The National Elections Commission has a vacancy for the position of a Junior Legal Counsel.

**Job Profile:**

This position is a non-management position responsible for ensuring optimum service delivery to internal/external customers/stakeholders; and serve as the principal assistant to the Senior Legal Counsel.

**Minimum Qualifications and Knowledge Required:**

- Must be a Counselor at Law;
- Effective organizational skills and ability to handle large volume of work in an efficient and timely manner would be an advantage;
- Fluency in English and excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Must be able to work well under pressure;
- Must have the ability to work harmoniously with people of different backgrounds;

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

Under the direct supervision of the Senior Legal Counsel, the Junior Legal Counsel shall perform the following duties:

- Writing of pleadings, briefs, and presenting oral arguments before the Honorable Supreme Court;
- Advise the Commission on matters in which constitutional and statutory provisions and other laws are applicable or have legal implement relating to elections administration;
- Submit to the Commission written legal opinion on any question with legal implementation when so required;
- Perform such other legal duties relating to the administration of the Elections Law as may be required by the Commission.

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**Job Specialization: Field Coordination**

**Job Position: Assistant Elections Magistrate /Lower Lofa County**

**Institution: National Elections Commission**

**Opening date: March 1, 2024**

**Closing date: March 8, 2024**

The National Elections Commission is seeking applications for the position of an **Assistant Elections Magistrate** for Lower Lofa County. Successful applicant will be assigned to NEC Magisterial Office in Lower Lofa County.

Applicant must be able to work with others as team player, as well as being able to work alone and under strenuous condition, with courtesy and professionalism. Must be willing to travel across the county when required.

**Duties and Responsibilities**

Under the supervision of the NEC Senior Elections Magistrate, the Logistics Officer shall perform the following duties.

- Shall implement civic and voters education program as directed by the Board of Commissioners through the Magistrate;
- Ensure the implementation of cascaded training programs for all phases of the electoral process including voter registration, polling and counting ;
- Assist in the recruitment of temporary personnel and ensure that recruitment procedures are followed;
- Identify effective local personalities and organizations in disseminating voter education messages ;
- Ensure the compilation with procedures, and monitor progress of implementation and effective dissemination of voter education materials ;
- Provide regular support to the training and voter education activities being conducted by the NEC temporary staff and
- Perform other tasks as assigned by the NEC County Magistrate or Training/ Voter Education Unit of the NEC;

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- The post holder must possess a Bachelor's Degree in any of the Social Sciences or its equivalent;
- Previous experience in planning and implementing cascade training programs;
- Previous experience in conducting training on electoral processes;
- Excellent leadership skills and ability to manage large team of trainers;
- Fluency in English and excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Ability to work harmoniously with people of different cultural backgrounds and
- Ability to work well under pressure and flexibility and willingness to live and work in hazardous conditions involving physical hardship and little comfort;
- Perform all other duties as may be required by the Commission.

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# Drama at NASSCORP

The head of the agency who is serving a tenure position, Mr. Dewitt vonBalmoos, is said to be out of Liberia on reported medical issues.

Monrovia, Liberia, March 5, 2024: A drama ensued at the National Social Security and President Joseph Nyumah Boakai recently appointed Molfie to NASSCORP while the current Director General Mr.

charge as Director General of NASSCORP.

According to her, Mr. vonBalmoos had told her that Cllr. Kanneh has to make contact with the Executive Mansion.

She informed Cllr. Kanneh that Mr. vonBalmoos said the Executive Mansion had informed him that he (vonBalmoos) was still the head of NASSCORP.

Additionally, the head of the senior management team disclosed that vonBalmoos had told her that as head of NASSCORP, he has not received any official communication from the Executive Mansion, and there is nothing on the Mansion's website regarding this development. She therefore asked Cllr. Kanneh to hear from the Executive Mansion so that they can move forward.

However, Cllr. Kanneh said he did not want to go back and forth on the matter as he took his letter and put it back in his envelope.

It is not clear how some of the presidential nominations, especially those affecting tenured positions, are becoming a problem for President Boakai's administration.



Welfare Corporation (NASSCORP) on Monday, 4 March 2024 when senior management team told a presidential nominee that the entity still has an official serving a tenure.

Accompanied by ruling Unity Party officials and other top government officials, newly appointed NASSCORP Officer-in-Charge Cllr. Molfie Kanneh had gone to meet with the entity's senior management and presented his appointment letter from the Executive Mansion.

Dewitt vonBalmoos still has about three years ahead of the expiry of his tenure.

At the start of their meeting, Cllr. Molfie greeted the NASSCORP senior management team, introduced himself, and then presented a letter from the President.

Upon receipt of his letter, the head of the NASSCORP senior management team informed the nominee that she had been informed by Mr. vonBalmoos that he (vonBalmoos) was still in

# War Crimes Court requires lawmakers' approval

Liberians have remained divided on whether to establish a war and economic crimes court, as some of those connected to the nation's ugly past often get agitated by the call to give justice to victims of war and economic crimes.

By Kruah Thompson

Liberia's Information Minister Jerolinmek Matthew Piah says President Joseph Nyumah Boakai is committed to having a war and economic crimes court established but argues that lawmakers must first pass a bill.

In a live interview with journalists on Monday, 4 March 2024, Mr. Piah said after lawmakers passed a bill to establish the court, President Boakai would be left with no option but to sign the instrument.

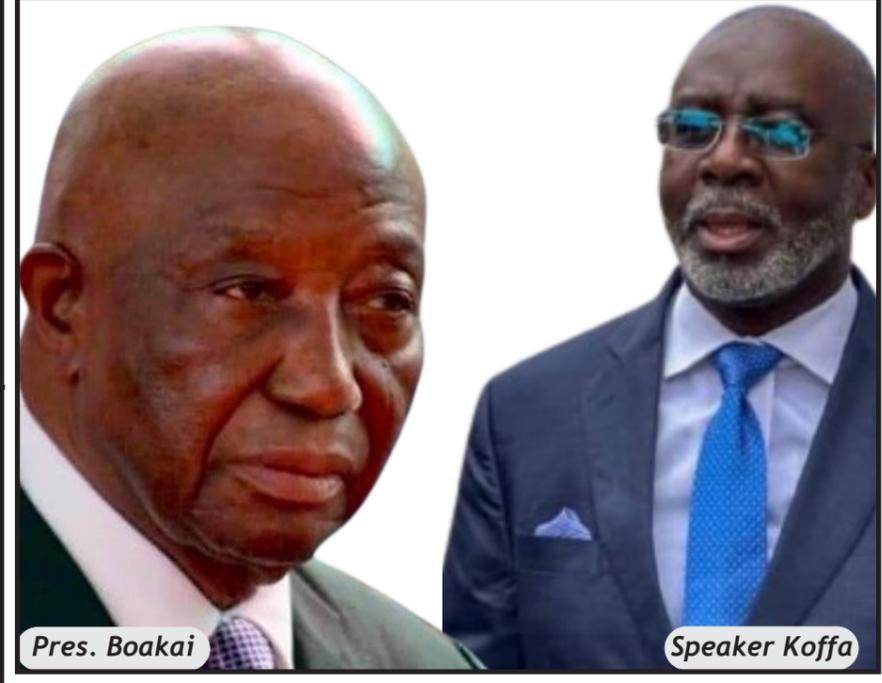
Mr. Piah said the government has not forgotten its commitment to establishing the court, but Liberians should mainly focus on the Legislature and not the president.

He warned that once the Legislature continues to turn deaf ears, no matter what the president does, the case will remain the same. He said there are a lot of things to consider in the establishment of the war and economic crimes court, including the Legislature passing bills, and ensuring that the international community is committed to supporting the process.

He indicated that these things are necessary because the upkeep of the court will be a serious challenge.

Right now, he said, the government's focus is on solving major issues facing the country until the legislation can be passed.

In addition, Mr. Piah said the Boakai-led administration is committed to ensuring accountability generally, including the quest for a war crimes court.



Pres. Boakai

Speaker Koffa

The newly confirmed Information Minister pointed out that it is laid out clearly in the Constitution for lawmakers to table the issues and debate them. Piah stated that the House of Representatives has to debate on the issue and pass it into a bill before the president puts his signature on

Notwithstanding all of the processes required to reach the country, he said there will be allowances to work towards that.

"The President remains totally committed to accountability, and accountability goes beyond the question of the World Crimes Court," he said.

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## GOL, AfDB sign US\$40M

include rehabilitating cross-border infrastructure between Liberia and Sierra Leone, development of social economic infrastructure, and provide support to the development agenda of the two countries", the Minister says. The Country Manager of the AfDB, Benedict Kanu, who signed on behalf of the Bank, underscores the timeliness, and relevance of the agreement. Mr. Kanu notes that the program will upgrade the ongoing phase that is aimed at boosting regional integration and trade within the MRU basing. He further indicates that 67 percent of the financial assistance under which the agreements are signed, covers the total cost of

the Mano River Union and the transport facility program. According to the AfDB Country Manager, Phase Four of the program is estimated at US\$60 million, and the program will be implemented from 2024 to 2027 when the facility will be ready for use. Accordingly, he noted that the sustainability of the transport project is key, so the Bank looks forward to Liberia's sector reforms initiative that ends in 2030. Mr. Kanu further reveals that the program is intended to help improve roads connecting Beudu to Koindu in Sierra Leone, linking Liberia and Guinea and the John Davies Town to Zwedru section on the Fish Town-Zwedru axis inside Liberia. The ADB says the project will empower women in program coverage area through stimulation of agricultural production and marketing, income-generating activities. Mr. Kanu also points to indirect outcome, including creation of more than 2,000 jobs during the construction phase, of which 30 percent will be women. The signing ceremony brought together scores of government officials from line ministries and agencies, including the Minister of Public Works Roland Giddings, Deputy Finance Minister for Economic Management Dekpue Zao and senior management from the ministry, and a high-power delegation from the ADB, among others. Editing by Jonathan Browne

### SURVEY NOTICE

March 2, 2024

The general public is hereby notified that the undersigned Land Surveyor had been duly authorized based upon the request of Madam Gbani N. Collee to conduct a resurvey of Two (2) Lots of land in favor of the Felecia Dia Mitchell.

The parcel of land to be resurveyed is lying and situated on the Garyah Town, Schefflin Township, Margibi County.

The resurvey exercise will commence on Saturday, the 9th day of March, 2024 at the hour of 3:00PM.

Therefore, all those concerned and all adjoining property owners are asked to be present on the date of the survey with their deeds, diagrams and all legal title documents along with their Technical Representatives/Surveyors to verify their claims as to avoid future land disputes.

Those concerned are:

1. Mr. Murphy Jomah
2. Mohammed to be identified
3. Office of the Township Commissioner of Schefflin Town
4. The Community Leader
5. The Nearest Police Station
6. All Adjoining Property Owners

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## GOL, AfDB sign US\$40M loan agreements

Monrovia, Liberia, March 5, 2024 - The Government of Liberia and the African Development Bank have signed two loan agreements here, totaling US\$40 million for road construction in Liberia and Sierra Leone, respectively. The agreements, according to officials, are aimed at enhancing road infrastructure and boosting inter-community trading within the Mano River Union Basing.

By Lewis S. Teh & Naneka A. Hoffman

Monrovia, Liberia, March 5, 2024 - The Government of Liberia and the African Development Bank (AfDB) have signed two loan agreements, totaling US\$40

inter-community trading within the Mano River Union Basing. The loans specifically seek to support upgrading of 48.5 kilometers road in Liberia and 39 kilometers road in neighboring Sierra Leone, along with feasibility studies for an additional 97 kilometers stretch

promote much needed private enterprise. The signing ceremony was held over the weekend on the 10th Floor of the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning in Monrovia.

Liberia's Minister of Finance and Development Planning Boimah Kamara, who signed on behalf of the government, describes the ceremony as a landmark endeavor to extend infrastructure support that Liberia urgently needs to have an enabling environment for the expansion of growth and betterment of lives. According to the Minister Kamara, Phase Four of the project is a very important step beyond what one could see with intent to upgrade standard roads in the two MRU countries.

"We think that this is an expression of support from the MRU between the two nations; this will also finance feasibility studies for building 97 kilometers of roads in Liberia and other projects components



million for Phase Four of the Mano River Union Road development and the transport facilitating project. The agreements, according to officials, are aimed at enhancing road infrastructure and boosting

of roads here. Other project components include cross-border infrastructures between Liberia and Sierra Leone, developing socio-economic infrastructure and providing support to women and youth associations to

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