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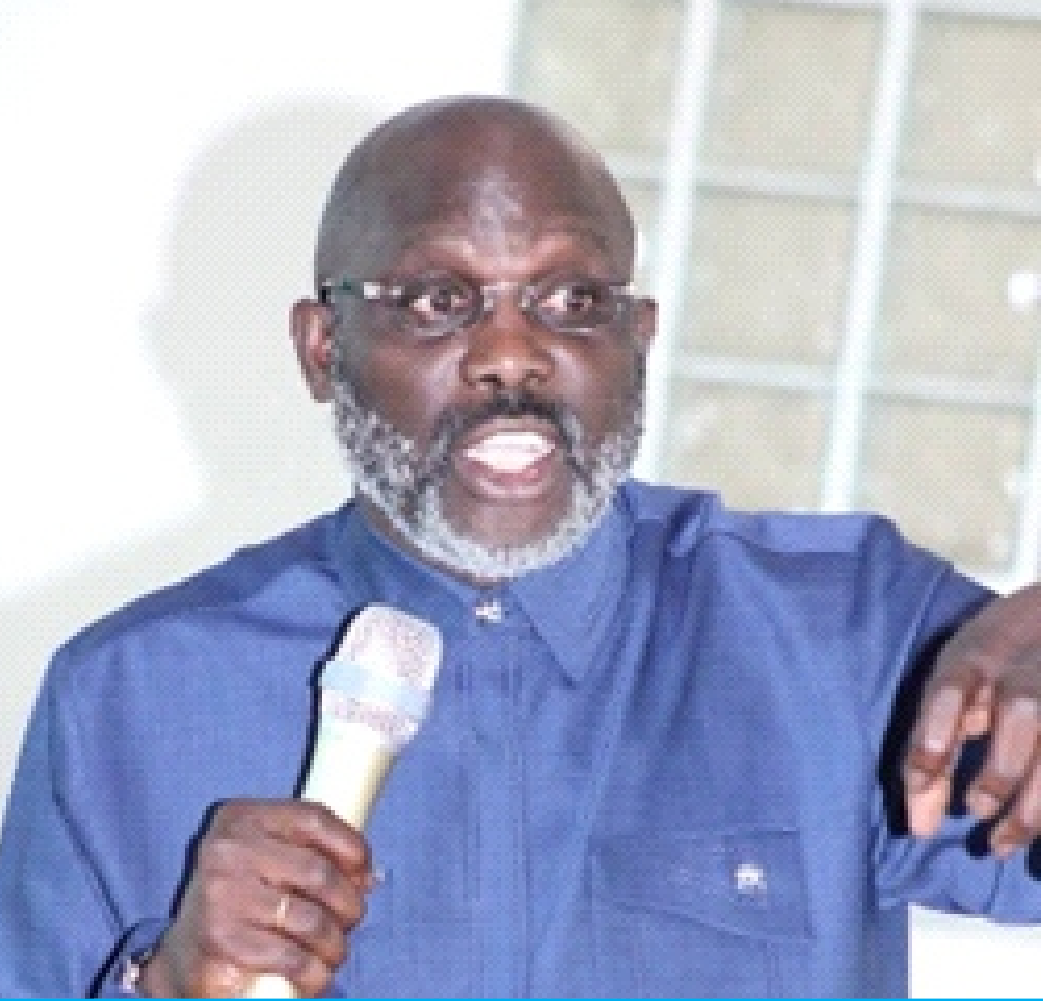
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Continental News

Ghanaian Nurse Naomi Ohene Oti wins 2025 Global Nursing Award for cancer care work

Naomi Oyoe Ohene Oti, an oncology nurse from Ghana, has been awarded the 2025 Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award in recognition of her pioneering work in cancer care and nurse training.

The award, which comes with a \$250,000 prize, was presented during a ceremony in Dubai by the UAE Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence, Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan.

Ohene Oti, who heads nursing at the National Radiotherapy Oncology and Nuclear Medicine

Centre at Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital in Accra, was selected from among 100,000 applicants representing 199 countries.

Her work has focused on addressing cancer care inequities in Ghana and across Africa, particularly through education and system reform.

"For over two decades, I have witnessed the inequities in cancer care firsthand and dedicated myself to closing these gaps through training, outreach, and system-level change," she said at the ceremony. "This recognition is not mine alone – it belongs to every nurse across Ghana, Africa,

and the world who leads with resilience, compassion, and courage."

Under her leadership, Ghana's oncology nursing sector has seen major developments. She helped launch training programs in collaboration with international institutions, including the Cross Cancer Institute in Canada.

She was also part of the team that developed Ghana's postgraduate oncology nursing curriculum in 2015, which has since trained over 60 oncology nurse specialists and 10 breast care nurses.

Beyond Ghana, Ohene Oti has influenced cancer nursing policy and education across Africa. She serves on the education and training committee of the African Organisation for Research and Training in Cancer (AORTIC), is a co-investigator on a Global Bridges Oncology grant, and works with international bodies like ASCO and ISNCC. Her advocacy focuses on culturally relevant and equitable cancer care.



Akora Naomi Oyoe Ohene Oti

South Africa offers to buy LNG in trade deal proposal to US

South Africa has offered to buy liquefied natural gas (LNG) from the United States in a trade deal proposal that would see the African nation become exempt from paying duties on vehicle exports to the United States in return.

The proposal was announced in a statement by Minister to the Presidency Khumbudzo Ntshavheni, which the government news agency published on Sunday

evening.

"SA will import 75 - 100 PJ (petajoules) per annum for 10 years of LNG gas from the US which will unlock approximately \$900 million to US\$1.2 billion in trade per annum and US\$9 billion - US\$12 billion for ten years based on applicable price," part of the statement read.

While the United States have so far not pronounced a decision on accepting or rejecting the deal, it could be a means for Pretoria to protect

its struggling economy and to some extent repair relations with Washington, which are at their worst point in years.

The automotive industry and vehicle exports are a particularly important sector in South Africa's economy, representing approximately 5% of its GDP.

US president Trump previously threatened South Africa with 30% tariffs on its exports to the US.



President Donald Trump meets South Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa in the Oval Office of the White House, Wednesday, May 21, 2025, in Washington. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

Nigeria scraps controversial bill making voting mandatory

Following a backlash from lawyers and rights groups, Nigeria has scrapped a controversial bill that would have made voting mandatory.

It had proposed a six-month jail term, or a \$63 fine, for eligible voters who failed to cast their ballots.

The bill sailed through its second reading 10 days but a government spokesperson said it decided to withdraw it follow consultations with a "broad spectrum of stakeholders".

In recent years, Nigerians have been increasingly reluctant to go vote.

Turnout in national elections has steadily declined, with the 2023 presidential poll recording a 27

per cent turnout, the lowest since the country's 1999 return to democratic rule.

The House of Representatives speaker who co-sponsored the bill said it was introduced with the best of intentions.

Abbas Tajudeen said he had hoped it would bolster civic engagement and strengthen Nigeria's democracy.

But some rights groups described the move as both draconian and unconstitutional.

They said the moment citizens are forced to vote, the concept of "free and fair elections" collapses.

Lawyers, for their part, said it would be logistically impossible to prosecute the millions of Nigerians who may decide to boycott local or nationals polls.

Around 20 countries worldwide enforce compulsory voting.



A Nigerian votes at a polling centre in Lagos, 9 March 2019

Senegal indicts fifth former minister amid intensifying anti-corruption campaign

Senegal's anti-corruption special court on Monday indicted Amadou Mansour Faye, a former minister of community development and brother-in-law of ex-president Macky Sall, on charges of embezzling more than \$4.6 million in public funds.

Faye is now the fifth official from the previous administration to be charged by the High Court of Justice, a special judicial body tasked with trying former government officials for crimes committed in office. The court denied him bail and ordered his detention, according to his lawyer, Amadou Sall.

This latest indictment is part of a broader crackdown on alleged corruption under the administration of newly elected President Bassirou Diomaye Faye, who campaigned on promises of transparency and accountability.

Just last week, the same court detained two other former ministers: Moustapha Diop, who served as industrial development minister, is

accused of embezzling around \$4 million from Senegal's Covid-19 relief fund, while former mines minister Aissatou Sophie Gladima faces charges of misappropriating \$330,000 from a fund meant for miners impacted by the pandemic.

The charges stem from a parliamentary inquiry that revealed widespread misuse of state funds under the previous government. The detentions underscore the new government's commitment to rooting out corruption at the highest levels, even as critics raise concerns about political motivations.

President Faye's administration has so far remained firm in its stance, stating that no one is above the law and that public resources must be safeguarded in the interest of national development



Senegal's President Bassirou Diomaye Faye, poses for a photo, prior to the start of the ECOWAS meeting, in Abuja, Nigeria

OP-ED

By Moses Zangar, Jr.

Rising Tides: The Heartfelt Battle Against Coastal Erosion in Buchanan

In the heart of Liberia, the port city of Buchanan stands as a beacon of industrial progress and hope. Yet, beneath its burgeoning skyline, a silent menace lurks — the relentless advance of the Atlantic Ocean. Over the past 40 years, the sea has crept approximately 250 meters into the city, with the community of Badehwreh Town losing about 6.6 meters of land each year. This phenomenon, known as coastal erosion or coastline retreat, is not unique to Buchanan. Nine of Liberia's 15 coastal counties are at risk, including Monrovia's suburbs of Congo Town, New Kru Town, West Point, and Virginia, as well as Robertsport in Grand Cape Mount County. The impact on local communities is profound and heart-wrenching. Fishermen and petty traders, who once thrived on the bounties of the sea, now find their livelihoods slipping away with the tides. An increasing number of people are being displaced, their homes swallowed by the encroaching waves. Vital economic sectors such as fishing, farming, and trade are at risk. Without urgent action, the over 34,000 inhabitants of Buchanan City could awake one day to find their beloved city submerged.

Imagine the life of a fisherman named Kofi, who has spent his entire life casting nets into the ocean, providing for his family with the day's catch. The sea, once a source of sustenance and pride, now threatens to take away everything he holds dear. His home, built with his own hands, stands precariously close to the encroaching waves. Each night, Kofi lies awake, listening to the relentless roar of the ocean, fearing that the next storm surge might be the one that takes his home.

A glimmer of hope emerged with a project funded by the Global Environment Facility through UNDP, which constructed a sea defense wall along Buchanan's shoreline. However, this wall does not cover the entire coastline, leaving some areas vulnerable. Additionally, parts of the rock wall have been buried by sand due to constant sea level rise, and beach sand mining remains a significant challenge. A more aggressive approach is needed to mobilize resources and prevent further sea



encroachment. Until Buchanan gets the comprehensive sea defense walls it desperately needs, the Atlantic Ocean will continue to erode the port city, locally known as Gbehzohn. Bassa citizens and organizations in the diaspora should be deeply concerned about this issue. The sooner action is taken, the better it will be for those living in the affected areas.

According to scientists, Liberia's location on the Gulf of Guinea coastline exposes it to annual sea storm surges from the southern Atlantic. These surges cause average tidal rises of over two meters during a brief period in the dry season, a major driver of coastal erosion. Counties such as Grand Bassa, Montserrado, Grand Cape Mount, and Sinoe have experienced severe damage to coastal homes and streets due to storm surges. Climate change-induced sea level rise, combined with increasing storms and sea surges, is the leading cause of such erosion.

International attention and support are crucial in addressing this urgent issue. The future of Liberia's coastline and the livelihoods of its coastal communities depend on swift and decisive action. The time to act is now, and the world must come together to protect the cherished city of Buchanan and its resilient people from the rising tides.

Let us not forget the faces behind the statistics — the families, the children, and the elderly who call Buchanan home. Their stories, their dreams, and their futures are at stake. Together, we can make a difference and ensure that the city of Buchanan, with its rich history and vibrant community, continues to stand strong against the relentless forces of nature.

About the author: Moses Zangar, Jr. is a seasoned specialist in Communication for Development (C4D), public information, media, and advocacy, with over 30 years of regional and international experience with the United Nations and the mainstream Liberian media. He is former News Editor of The News Newspaper.

OPINION

By Stephen S. Roach

Trump's Unworkable Trade Formula

NEW HAVEN — There is an inherent flaw in US President Donald Trump's trade policy. While it is all but impossible to know where Trump will settle on most issues — from taxes to immigration — two key objectives of his trade strategy are now [coming into focus](#): setting a global minimum tariff, and imposing a special penalty on China. The flaw lies in the combination.

For argument's sake, consider the possibility that a blanket 10% tariff on all US trading partners is America's new norm. Trump has loudly proclaimed that such a baseline is minimal compensation for the “[rip-off](#)” the United States has long suffered from other countries' unfair trading practices.

Never mind that this rationale ignores the [many benefits](#) that the US has reaped from trade — not just cheaper goods and expanded consumer purchasing power, but also the foreign capital inflows that subsidize US interest rates and, in turn, help create financial wealth. Trump is fixated on the “[carnage](#)” of seemingly chronic trade deficits, especially the alleged hollowing out of America's once-great manufacturing sector.

Be that as it may, the significance of going from an [effective US tariff rate](#) that averaged just 1.8% between 1995 and 2024 to a new floor of 10% cannot be overstated. True, this 8.2 percentage-point hike is only slightly larger than the 6.3 percentage-point increase in effective tariffs that occurred from 1929 to 1933, following the enactment of the infamous [Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act](#) of 1930. But a 10% baseline tariff would represent a 445% increase from the low-tariff regime of the past three decades, whereas, under Smoot-Hawley, tariffs rose a mere 47% from 1929 to 1933.

Moreover, this new baseline would be applied at a time when goods imports account for [12.2% of US GDP](#), almost three times their [4.3% share in 1929](#). In other words, there is nothing minimal about a new 10% tariff floor — it would represent a major shock to the US economy.

The second key component of Trump's trade policy is the “China penalty.” Currently, Chinese imports are subject to a 30% tariff — triple the rate imposed on almost all other countries. Inasmuch as this premium is [fentanyl-related](#), it could decline significantly if the US and China come to an agreement on restricting [precursor chemicals](#).

But even in the event of a breakthrough on fentanyl, the Trump administration and Congress share strong agreement on the need to inflict a special penalty on China for what they see as its outsize contribution to America's gaping foreign-trade deficit. This reflects the standard allegations of [unfair trade practices](#), as well as heightened [national-security concerns](#). That many of these claims are based on [false narratives](#) seems of little concern to policymakers in Washington, where being tough on China is now a rare point of bipartisan consensus.

Significantly, the twin pillars of Trump's trade policy, a global minimum tariff and an additional China penalty, are likely to come as a package deal. The danger of this approach is greater than the sum of its parts.

The main risk to the US economy is increased [trade diversion](#) away from China — a low-cost producer — to higher-cost countries. While this occurred after Trump first imposed tariffs on China in 2018-19, it may have even more damaging effects now, as the president's so-called [One Big Beautiful Bill Act](#) will likely increase the federal budget deficit, depressing domestic savings even further. That would widen America's multilateral trade deficit, with the bulk of the increase comprising more expensive imports, all of which have been hit with a fivefold increase in effective tariffs. Fixated on continuing to blame China for its outsize trade imbalance, the US will be incurring an even greater global penalty.

An added complication is that Trump's trade policy will likely lead to America's decoupling from China-centric supply chains. The [de-globalization](#) caused by “friend-shoring” is likely to raise the costs of foreign production, assembly, and distribution, resulting in sharp price increases for US consumers. With growth under downward pressure and inflation risks shifting to the upside, the threat of [US stagflation](#) will only grow.

China's experience will be the mirror image of America's. Its export-led economy will take a direct hit from the tariffs imposed by its largest trading partner. Moreover, China faces the distinct possibility of renminbi appreciation, which would exacerbate its recent outbreak of deflation.

While the Chinese government will undoubtedly respond to these pressures by underscoring the need for [consumer-led rebalancing](#), the odds of an immediate shift in consumption patterns are low. That will leave the Chinese economy increasingly dependent on exports rather than domestic demand, which in turn implies more investment in technology-intensive “[new quality productive forces](#),” adding more fuel to a protectionist backlash in the US.

None of this is good news for a softening world economy that is already feeling the pressures of a tariff-induced slowdown in [global trade](#). With China and the US together accounting for a little more than [40% of global GDP growth](#) since 2010, the risk of a worldwide recession will only rise if Trump keeps pushing his unworkable trade formula.

Stephen S. Roach, a faculty member at Yale University and former chairman of Morgan Stanley Asia, is the author of [Unbalanced: The Codependency of America and China](#) (Yale University Press, 2014) and [Accidental Conflict: America, China, and the Clash of False Narratives](#) (Yale University Press, 2022).



Republic of Liberia
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
FOR

Development of an Electronic Supportive Supervision Platform (e-SS) with DHIS2 Integration

(IFB No: MOH/EPI/GAVI/QCBS/002/2025)

This Special Procurement Notice follows the General Procurement Notice published early January of 2025

Background

The Ministry of Health thought the Government of the Republic of Liberia has received finances from the Global Alliance on Vaccine and Immunization (GAVI) as support to the Liberia health system. The Ministry of Health (MOH) intends to apply portion of this fund for hiring a firm to develop an **Electronic Supportive Supervision Platform (e-SS)** with seamless integration into **DHIS2**. This project aims to develop an **Electronic Supportive Supervision Platform (e-SS)** with seamless integration into **DHIS2** to enhance monitoring, evaluation, and decision-making in health service supervision. The platform will streamline the collection, analysis, and reporting of supervision data, ensuring improved service delivery and compliance tracking. The system will facilitate **offline and online data synchronization** with **DHIS2**, ensuring continuous data flow and timely reporting.

Objectives

The key objectives of this project are:

- Develop an **Electronic Supervision Platform** with integration with **DHIS2**, leveraging its data management and reporting capabilities.
 - Set up a **frontend system** using web technologies such as **JavaScript, Java, or Ruby**.
 - Develop a **backend API** using **PostgreSQL** as the database for efficient data management.
- Implement **robust data synchronization mechanisms** for accurate and up-to-date supervision data.
- Ensure **real-time synchronization** of supervision data with **DHIS2** when internet access is restored.
- Provide **user training and documentation** to facilitate smooth system adoption and usage.

Scope of Work

Angeline Nuaah
May 27, 2025

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The Developer will be responsible for the following tasks:

A. Frontend and Backend Development

- Develop a **web-based frontend system** using **JavaScript, Java, or Ruby**.
- Implement a **backend API** with **PostgreSQL** as the database.
- Ensure seamless communication between the frontend, backend, and **DHIS2**.

B. DHIS2 Integration & System Configuration

- Configure **supervision data models** in **DHIS2**, including custom **dashboards and reports**.
- Customize **data collection modules** to align with supervision workflows.
- Develop **robust data synchronization mechanisms** within **DHIS2**.

C. Testing & Quality Assurance

- Conduct **system testing** for **DHIS2** integration, frontend, and backend functionalities.
- Perform **user acceptance testing (UAT)** with health supervisors and stakeholders to validate system usability.
- Optimize performance for **seamless data synchronization** under different network conditions.

D. Deployment & Training

- Deploy the **e-SS on DHIS2** in production environments.
- Conduct **training sessions** for system users, including supervisors and health officials.
- Provide **comprehensive documentation**, including system architecture, source code and user manuals.

E. Post-Launch Support & Maintenance

- Offer **one month of post-launch support** for troubleshooting and bug fixes.
- Provide a **long-term maintenance plan**, including updates and security enhancements.

Deliverables

- A user-friendly system developed using **JavaScript, Java, or Ruby** with a **A backend API** using **PostgreSQL** for **database management and offline support**.
- Integration with **DHIS2**.
- System documentation, user manuals, and training materials.
- Deployment of the system in production environments.
- Source code of the application.
- Post-launch support for one month to resolve any operational issues.
- Performance:** The platform must function effectively in both offline and online environments.
- Security:** Implementation of robust security measures to protect data.
- User Satisfaction:** The system should meet user needs and pass UAT.

Confidentiality and Ownership

The Developer agrees to maintain confidentiality regarding all project-related information. All intellectual property, including software, data models, and documentation, will remain the property of the **Ministry of Health**.

Application procedure Interested Firms to submit expression of interest (EOI) TO the Procurement Unit of the Ministry of Health. All applications should include the following:

- Cover letter including a brief overview of the assignment as understood by the consultant
- CV of lead consultant and other team members to be involved in the work order
- Reference letter from two previous assignments
- Current Business registration and Tax Certificate of the consulting firm
- Annexes: Any documents, such as work samples, past relevant projects, or other information

Firms will be selected in accordance with the Quality Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Public Procurement and Concession Commission of Liberia Consultant Guidelines.

Applications; clearly marked with the reference above, must be delivered in the tender box situated on the Ground floor opposite the elevator at the central office in Congo Town at the address below by 2PM Local Time, on 10th June 2025, only short-listed firms will be contacted.

The address referred to above is:

The Procurement Director
Ministry of Health
P.O Box 10-9009
1000 Monrovia, 10 Liberia
E-Mail: procurement24@gmail.com
IFB No: MOH/EPI/GAVI/QCBS/002/2025

Sign:

Director of Procurement

Specific Procurement Notice
Request for Bids
Goods

Country: Liberia

Name of Project: Governance Reform and Accountability Transformation Project

Contract Title: Procurement of Assorted ICT Equipment

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: P177478

RFB Reference No.: LR-GAC-478401-GO-RFB

1.The Republic of Liberia has received Financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Governance Reform and Accountability Transformation (GREAT) project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for procurement of assorted ICT equipment.

2.The Ministry of Finance and Development Planning for the General Auditing Commission (GAC) through the GREAT project now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the supply and delivery of the below listed goods:

Item No	Description	Quantity	Delivery
1.	Servers (Rack mount)	2	3 - 4 weeks
2.	Server Operating System (Windows Server 2022 Datacenter Volume License)	1	
3.	Servers Memory (128GB each)	3	
4.	Server Hard Drives (4TB each)	6	
5.	Hard drive (NAS 4TB each)	4	
6.	Network Attached Storage	2	
7.	External Backup drive (4TB)	4	
8.	Switch (Managed 48 port)	3	3 - 4 weeks
9.	Switch (POE 16 port)	3	
10.	Router/access point	3	
11.	CAT 6e Cables (box)	20	
12.	Connectors (RJ45 1000/pk)	13	
13.	Face Plate (double, cartoon)	15	
14.	Network data rack (16U)	2	
15.	Cable Channels (All sizes bundle)	20	
16.	Laptop Computers	44	

3. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers – February, 2025 ("Procurement Regulations"). and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from General Auditing Commission, Procurement Unit, Ground Floor, Old Executive Mansion Building, Ashmun Street, Monrovia, Liberia (Musa C. Kamara mckamara@gac.gov.lr); and inspect the bidding document during office hours 9:00 to 16:00 hours.

5. The bidding document in English may be purchased by interested Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **June 10, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.** 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 **June 10, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.**

7. All Bids must be accompanied by a "**Bid Securing Declaration**" as stated in the bidding documents.

8. The address referred to above is:

General Auditing Commission (GAC)

Attention: **Musa C. Kamara**, Procurement Manager

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Approved by:

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Director of Administration/GAC

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Request For Proposal (RFP) | May 28, 2025

Title: Media and Publicity Services

RFP Number: RFP NO. NPA/LCS/004/2025

Issue Date: May 28, 2025 | Closing Date: June 30, 2025

BACKGROUND

The National Port Authority of Liberia is the principal gateway of Liberia and plays a crucial and strategic role in boosting the nation's economy and development. The NPA facilitates the country's international trade and drives its economic development. The National Port Authority, as the largest and most active port, serves as a vital hub for imports and exports, supporting key sectors such as agriculture, mining, and industry. Alongside Monrovia, are the Ports of Buchanan which contributes to regional connectivity and trade facilitation. Each port has its unique role in enhancing Liberia's competitiveness and linking it to global supply chains.

The National Port Authority is launching this RFP to solicit competitive proposal from an experienced Firm/Organization to develop and implement a comprehensive **Media & Publicity Service (s)** aimed at enhancing the Authority's brand visibility, stakeholder communication, crisis communication, media engagement, and public perception management

Purpose of this Request for Proposals (RFP)

The National Port Authority is launching this RFP to solicit competitive proposals and select a firm/organization (hereto referred to as "Service Provider" or "Consultant") to enter into a contract. The selection process aims to ensure that the final selected Service Provider or Consultant is of the highest caliber professionally, technically and ethically to implement and execute the necessary service.

The National Port Authority now invites qualified individuals, or consortia to submit proposals for the implementation of a **Media and Publicity Service** for the National Port Authority.

The objective of the assignment is to engage a firm/organization to develop a comprehensive media /Public relations engagement, and an actionable proposal for a **Media and Publicity Service** that will enhance the Authority's brand visibility, stakeholder communication, crisis communication, improved media engagement, and public perception management. The proposal should identify strategic media directions and mechanisms to engage the public within Liberia and beyond.

All interested eligible individuals may obtain copy of the **Request for Proposal (RFP) Document** from the Procurement Department of the National Port Authority, beginning **May 28, 2025, Mondays through**

Fridays at 9:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M, when a non-refundable fee of **USD 51.50** is paid to NPA's ECO Bank USD Account. The Account Title and Number are: **National Port Authority; 6100225392.**

Submission and Opening of Proposals

Submission of the Proposal

All interested individuals participating in this Request for Proposal are requested to submit their proposals to the address mentioned below no later than **30 June 2025, 14:00:00 hours (2:00 p.m. o'clock)** hereinafter referred to as "the closing date and time").

Proposals received after the closing date and time will be rejected. All proposals and supporting documents must be submitted in a hard copy and also accompanied by a soft copy placed on a USB drive (ensure that the document placed on the USB is in PDF format) on or before the closing date and time stipulated below.

The Executive Director for Procurement
The Procurement Department
National Port Authority- Bushrod Island

Email: info.procurement@npa.gov.lr : Contact Number:+231886501319/770777242

Please adhere to the following instructions, unless otherwise provided in the relevant Bid Documents. The Submission must be drafted in **English** and contain:

A **Technical Proposal** and supporting documentation, with clear and concise description of your proposed actions to execute the Scope of Work/Terms of Reference and Deliverables. The Technical Proposal **should include all supporting documentation (CVs, company profile, references and legal business documents) for successful delivery.**

- A **Financial Proposal**
- **All the supporting documentation** in relation to the evaluation criteria.
- Proposals must be submitted in **two separate Envelopes.**
- The Technical Proposal must be named **RFP NO. NPA/LCS/004/2025 - TECHNICAL Proposal.**
- The Financial Proposal must be named **RFP NO. NPA/LCS/004/2025 - FINANCIAL Proposal.**
- All financial information must **ONLY** be included in the Financial Proposal. No Financial proposals, quotes or any other related financial information should appear in the Technical Proposal.
- Proposals which do not comply with these requirements, e.g. combining the financial and technical proposals in one submission or submitted in any way, other than outlined above, will be rejected.

Late submissions shall be rejected. Non compliance with the above requirements regarding the presentation of the RFP may lead to the exclusion from the RFP process for this contract.

The proposal must be valid for the period of **120 days** from the deadline of proposals. The bidder shall provide a statement confirming the period of validity of its proposal when submitting the required documents for this RFP.

Signed: _____
MANAGEMENT

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U.S. Government Donates Lifesaving Endoscopic Medical Equipment to 14 Military Hospital

The On May 23, 2025, the United States Government, through the Department of Defense's Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster Assistance, and Civic Aid (OHDACA) program, has donated more than \$150,000 worth of lifesaving endoscopic medical equipment to the Armed Forces of Liberia's (AFL) 14 Military Hospital. The high-tech equipment will enable the hospital to screen, diagnose, and treat gastrointestinal illnesses, including cancer, using minimally invasive procedures. With this donation, 14 Military Hospital becomes one of the first medical facilities in Liberia to offer these advanced diagnostic and treatment capabilities, improving outcomes for patients and helping to build a more capable and self-reliant health system. U.S. military medical professionals are also providing training to AFL staff to ensure the equipment is used effectively. This hands-on engagement not only enhances Liberia's medical readiness but also strengthens coordination between U.S. and Liberian forces. Such cooperation promotes regional stability and preparedness, contributing to conditions that serve the long-term interests of both nations. The United States has made multiple, sustained investments in 14 Military Hospital. In November 2024, the U.S. funded the opening of a dedicated Tuberculosis Clinic at the facility. Continued collaboration through medical exchanges and professional development programs helps ensure that AFL medical staff are equipped to meet the needs of both military personnel and the wider public. The donation coincided with a week-long subject matter expert exchange at the hospital led by the Michigan National Guard, which has partnered with the AFL since 2009 through the U.S. Department of Defense's State Partnership Program. As a "Force for Good," the Michigan Guard has played a key role in strengthening the AFL's operational capacity, fostering institutional development, and promoting shared values of service and accountability. During the exchange, Guard personnel donated essential medical supplies, including personal protective equipment, bandages, syringes, and other items.



NEC receives notification for by-election

The National Elections Commission of Liberia (NEC - her legal and sufficient authority. Article 37 of the 1986 Constitution of Liberia states, 'In the event of a vacancy in the Legislature caused by death, resignation, expulsion or otherwise, the presiding officer shall within 30 days notify the Elections Commission thereof, the Elections Commission shall not later than 90 days thereafter cause a By - election to be held; provided that where such vacancy occurs within 90 days prior to the holding of general elections, the filling of the vacancy shall await the holding of such general elections'.

The House of Representatives letter dated 26 May 2025, and signed by its Chief Clerk, Mildred N. Sayon, requested the NEC Chairperson to proceed as



Lower Bong: Storm rips through school

-Over 250 students out of class

By: Edwin N Khakie

Fenutoli Town, Yellequellah District #5, Lower Bong County- Over 250 school-going children have been left without a place to learn following a violent storm that destroyed the roof of the Yowah Manah Public School, the only junior high educational facility serving Fenutoli Town and surrounding communities in Yellequellah District #5, Lower Bong County. The destructive storm struck on the evening of Sunday, May 11, 2025, leaving the school building in ruins and disrupting academic activities for students who rely on the institution for their primary and junior high education. The loss has devastated local residents who see education as a critical path to opportunity and development in one of Bong County's rural districts.

Speaking to The New Dawn newspaper on May 27, 2025, Mr. Kessee P. Gogbah, Principal of Yowah Manah Public School, detailed the extent of the destruction.

"The storm completely tore off the roof of our main building," Mr. Gogbah said. "Every classroom is exposed, and as a result, learning has stopped. Our students—more than 250 of them—have nowhere to sit, no shelter from the rain or sun, and no way to continue their education right now."

Mr. Gogbah emphasized the school's vital role in the community, serving children from multiple towns across the district. Prior to the storm, the school was already struggling with limited classroom space and insufficient resources. Now, the physical damage has brought learning to a complete halt.

Residents of Fenutoli and nearby communities say they are heartbroken by the destruction. For many, Yowah Manah Public School has been a symbol of hope—offering a rare chance at formal education in an underserved region.

"The school is all we have for our children," said one local elder. "Without it, we fear our children will be left behind."

Principal Gogbah is now appealing to humanitarian organizations, development partners, government agencies, and kind-hearted individuals to come to the school's aid. He specifically mentioned a need for zinc sheets, zinc nails, cement, and other essential building materials to help reconstruct the damaged building and restore a safe learning environment.

"We urgently need support to rebuild and resume classes. Our children's future depends on it," he pleaded.

As the rainy season continues, the community grows increasingly anxious about further deterioration of the structure and the potential long-term effects on the children's education.

This situation adds to ongoing concerns about the vulnerability of rural schools across Liberia to natural disasters and the lack of emergency response infrastructure. Community leaders are calling for more attention from the Ministry of Education and national authorities to improve school facilities and ensure students in remote areas are not forgotten.

The people of Fenutoli are holding on to hope that their cry for help will be heard—and that their children will soon return to the classroom.





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Français

George Weah impute sa défaite de 2023 aux électeurs libériens

Monrovia – L'ancien président du Liberia, George Weah, a exprimé pour la première fois son amertume à l'égard du peuple libérien, qu'il tient pour responsable de sa défaite à l'élection présidentielle de 2023. Bien que M. Weah ait reconnu sa défaite et félicité le

conciliante. S'exprimant dimanche à l'église familiale Forkly Klon Jlateh, située le long de l'autoroute Robertsfield, l'ex-chef d'État a déploré le choix des électeurs. « Quand je vois la manière brutale et arbitraire dont le président Boakai gouverne, sans respect pour l'État de droit, je ne peux que regretter ma défaite. Mais ceux qui ont voté

« Le président Boakai et ses partisans mènent ce pays vers le déclin. Chaque jour, des Libériens meurent inutilement. C'est malheureux que le peuple ait choisi de me remplacer, et beaucoup le regrettent déjà », a-t-il insisté. L'ancien président, leader du parti Congrès pour le Changement Démocratique (CDC), a rappelé son engagement durant les périodes difficiles du Liberia, se présentant comme un refuge pour les Libériens. « J'ai été l'un des fils de ce pays qui s'est levé quand le Liberia était dans le besoin. Même ceux qui nous combattent aujourd'hui, nous les avons aidés, parfois en les envoyant à l'école », a-t-il souligné. « Nos maisons ont été pillées et incendiées parce que nous avons parlé pour le peuple. Et lorsque nous avons commencé à redresser le pays, certains ont choisi de revenir en arrière. Ils le regrettent désormais. » Par ailleurs, M. Weah a pris la défense du sénateur du comté de



président Joseph Boakai avant même la publication officielle des résultats du second tour par la Commission électorale nationale, il semble désormais revenir sur cette posture

contre moi regrettent encore plus », a-t-il déclaré devant les fidèles. M. Weah a accusé l'administration Boakai de mauvaise gestion et de contribuer à la détérioration des conditions de vie dans le pays.

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Enquête : Ivanhoe chercherait à placer des opérateurs étrangers pour contrôler le rail libérien

Des entreprises américaines et sud-africaines en lice dans un processus discrètement piloté Monrovia, Liberia – Une enquête approfondie révèle des manœuvres discrètes menées par Ivanhoe Liberia (anciennement High Power Exploration – HPX) visant à influencer la gouvernance ferroviaire du Liberia de manière à compromettre les intérêts nationaux et la transparence des investissements. Selon plusieurs sources proches des discussions internes au sein du gouvernement, Ivanhoe exercerait des pressions sur des hauts responsables – notamment au sein du cercle rapproché du Président, y compris le Ministre d'État Sylvester Grisby – pour obtenir un contrôle indirect de la ligne ferroviaire stratégique reliant Yekepa à Buchanan. Plutôt que d'exploiter directement cette infrastructure, la société chercherait à faire nommer, sous couvert d'un appel d'offres international, des entreprises étrangères de son choix pour en assurer la gestion. Cette démarche

s'inscrit dans le cadre d'une réforme de gouvernance pilotée par l'Autorité nationale des chemins de fer (NRA), qui doit garantir un accès équitable à l'infrastructure et percevoir les frais d'utilisation pour le compte de l'État. Officiellement, Ivanhoe soutient la mise en place d'un système « multi-utilisateurs ». Toutefois, des documents et témoignages recueillis indiquent que son objectif réel serait de confier l'exploitation ferroviaire à l'une des deux entreprises suivantes : Thelo DB, basée en Afrique du Sud, et Railroad Development Corporation (RDC), société américaine. Ces deux firmes, selon des sources concordantes, bénéficient du

soutien actif du réseau dirigeant d'Ivanhoe. En cas d'attribution du marché, Ivanhoe pourrait ainsi bénéficier d'un accès préférentiel à la voie ferrée sans avoir investi un seul dollar dans sa construction ou sa modernisation. Ce projet survient alors que la Guinée n'a pas encore donné son accord formel au transport de minerai via le territoire libérien. Si cette stratégie aboutit, le principal atout logistique du Liberia pourrait se retrouver sous le contrôle effectif d'une entité étrangère, sans engagement financier ni obligation de développement

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Éditorial

L'inconstance du gouvernement libérien sur la gestion du chemin de fer soulève de vives inquiétudes

La décision du gouvernement du Libéria de revenir sur la communication du Comité interministériel des concessions (IMCC), qui réaffirmait ArcelorMittal Liberia (AML) comme opérateur-utilisateur du chemin de fer Yekepa-Buchanan, est non seulement préoccupante, mais soulève également de sérieuses interrogations quant à l'engagement du pays à respecter ses contrats et à protéger les investissements légitimes.

La décision initiale de l'IMCC reposait sur des principes de logique, de légalité et sur les intérêts à long terme du développement du Libéria. Après plus de sept années de négociations entre le gouvernement libérien et AML, un cadre solide – les Principes d'exploitation du système ferroviaire (RSOP) – a été intégré dans la Troisième modification de l'Accord de développement minier (MDA) d'AML.

Ce cadre établit un système ferroviaire à accès partagé, régulé par l'État, tout en maintenant AML dans son rôle d'opérateur-utilisateur selon un modèle sans profit ni perte. Il prévoit également la création d'un comité de gestion conjoint, un droit de regard étatique à travers des audits, ainsi que le pouvoir de révoquer AML en cas de manquement à ses obligations.

Cette structure est parfaitement conforme à l'esprit du Décret exécutif n°136, qui vise à instaurer un système ferroviaire à usage multiple au Libéria. Ce même décret reconnaît explicitement la validité des engagements préexistants, tel que le MDA d'AML, sans chercher à les annuler.

La ligne ferroviaire Yekepa-Buchanan dépasse le simple rôle d'infrastructure : elle constitue l'épine dorsale de l'industrie du minerai de fer du Libéria. ArcelorMittal Liberia y a investi plus de 800 millions de dollars pour sa réhabilitation et son expansion. L'entreprise est présente dans le pays depuis près de vingt ans, emploie plus de 7 000 Libériens, participe activement au développement communautaire, et contribue régulièrement aux recettes publiques.

Revenir aujourd'hui sur la décision qui reconnaissait le rôle historique et contractuel d'AML, au profit d'une entreprise étrangère encore peu éprouvée, Ivanhoe Atlantic, serait une grave erreur. Ce choix envoie un mauvais signal aux investisseurs actuels et potentiels. Il accorde un avantage indu à Ivanhoe et donne l'image d'un Libéria prêt à renier ses engagements pour satisfaire des intérêts politiques ou des pressions extérieures.

Même la Guinée voisine, dans son accord avec SMFG, reconnaît que l'accès à travers le Libéria demeure temporaire et incertain. Pourtant, le Libéria semble disposé à sacrifier ses propres intérêts et sa crédibilité pour soutenir l'agenda minier d'un autre pays.

Ce revirement n'est pas qu'une simple erreur de politique publique. Il ébranle l'état de droit et sape la confiance des investisseurs. Or, la Constitution du Libéria oblige l'État à honorer ses contrats, et le MDA avec AML reste juridiquement contraignant. Si le gouvernement ne plus pouvoir accepter AML comme opérateur ferroviaire, la voie légitime et honorable serait de renégocier l'accord de manière consensuelle – non de l'annuler unilatéralement.

d'AML comme opérateur-utilisateur n'empêche en rien l'accès d'autres entreprises à la voie ferrée. Les RSOP garantissent justement accès équitable, basé sur les coûts, sous supervision étatique rigoureuse – la définition même d'un modèle multi-utilisateur.

Au lieu de pénaliser AML, le Libéria devrait valoriser et renforcer son partenariat avec une entreprise qui a démontré un engagement durable envers la croissance du pays. Privilégier un acteur étranger sans antécédents solides au détriment d'un investisseur éprouvé risque de compromettre les opérations actuelles et de dissuader tout investissement futur.

Si le Libéria souhaite construire un climat d'investissement prospère et respecté, il doit commencer par honorer ses propres engagements. Le gouvernement doit reconsidérer sa décision et soutenir la position avisée et bénéfique de l'IMCC en maintenant AML comme opérateur-utilisateur dans le cadre légal, éprouvé et transparent de la Troisième modification de l'accord et des RSOP.

Le Libéria doit choisir le principe avant la politique, car l'avenir de son économie et la crédibilité de la nation en dépendent.

Français

Starts from page 8 George Weah impute sa défaite

Bomi, Edwin Snowe, qui a récemment critiqué l'administration Boakai et a été accusé de menaces de subversion.

« Dans toute compétition, il est normal que l'on ne souhaite pas le succès de son adversaire. Il ne faut pas diaboliser l'honorable Snowe pour ses propos. Lorsque Boakai, en tant qu'opposant, affirmait qu'il "finirait le Liberia" s'il ne gagnait pas, personne n'a protesté. C'est cela la démocratie », a

déclaré l'ex-président.

« Restons calmes. Nous sommes tous Libériens et avons le droit d'exprimer nos opinions. »

M. Weah a conclu en rappelant que la démocratie implique la coexistence d'opinions divergentes, surtout en contexte politique.

« Soyons conscients qu'en politique, souhaiter l'échec de son adversaire n'est pas un crime, c'est une réalité logique », a-t-il conclu.

Starts from page 8 Enquête : Ivanhoe chercherait à placer des

local.

Cette stratégie remet également en cause le rôle d'ArcelorMittal Liberia (AML), opérateur actuel du corridor ferroviaire, qui a investi plus de 800 millions de dollars dans les infrastructures minières et de transport du pays. En vertu de son accord de développement minier (MDA), AML gère et modernise le rail et le port sans coût pour l'État libérien. Pourtant, Ivanhoe conteste continuellement le rôle de Mittal, qu'il qualifie de « monopolistique », tout en promouvant un modèle soi-disant plus équitable, mais aux visées dominantes déguisées.

Céder l'exploitation ferroviaire à une société étrangère choisie sur la base d'un favoritisme politique plutôt que de l'intérêt public présente des risques majeurs. La réputation du Liberia comme destination d'investissement repose sur le respect des contrats et l'équité entre les parties. Remplacer un opérateur éprouvé par un partenaire sans antécédents locaux compromettrait cette crédibilité. Ni Thelo DB ni RDC n'ont jamais investi dans le rail libérien. Leur capacité à assurer la maintenance et l'expansion de l'infrastructure demeure donc hautement incertaine.

Thelo DB, basé à Johannesburg, est une entreprise de logistique ferroviaire impliquée dans des projets de conseil comme la rénovation du chemin de fer de l'ouest au Ghana (estimée à 3,2 milliards de dollars). L'entreprise est une coentreprise avec la branche d'ingénierie de Deutsche Bahn, mais n'a aucune présence d'investissement au Liberia. RDC, dont le siège est à Pittsburgh (États-Unis), gère des lignes ferroviaires locales en Amérique du Nord et du Sud et a opéré ponctuellement en Europe. Bien qu'elle exprime un intérêt pour l'Afrique, elle ne détient aucun historique opérationnel ou financier en Afrique de l'Ouest.

Ivanhoe, de son côté, mène actuellement des projets ferroviaires en République démocratique du Congo, où sa maison mère a conclu un accord

pour reconstruire une ligne de 34 km reliant la mine de Kipushi au réseau national. Elle a également signé un protocole d'accord en Angola pour exporter du cuivre via le corridor de Lobito. Ces engagements illustrent sa volonté d'investir dans les rails – mais pas au Liberia.

Autre élément préoccupant : le projet Liberty Corridor, très médiatisé mais aujourd'hui au point mort. Dévoilé début 2024 par HPX en partenariat avec le gouvernement libérien et le groupe Guma Africa, ce projet de 5 milliards de dollars promettait une infrastructure révolutionnaire reliant la région guinéenne de Nimba à un nouveau port en eau profonde à Didia, au Liberia. Il comprenait une voie ferrée lourde, un port moderne, des routes améliorées, un réseau hydroélectrique transfrontalier et des fibres optiques pour stimuler l'industrialisation de l'Afrique de l'Ouest.

Mais depuis cette annonce ambitieuse, aucune étude de faisabilité, aucune évaluation environnementale ni aucun début de construction n'a été enregistré. Le silence de Guma Africa renforce les doutes quant à la crédibilité du projet, que certains analystes considèrent désormais comme un outil de communication destiné à faire pression sur le gouvernement afin qu'il cède le contrôle des infrastructures à Ivanhoe.

Face à cette situation, une question cruciale se pose : le gouvernement libérien défendra-t-il la souveraineté économique et l'intérêt national, ou permettra-t-il à des acteurs étrangers de détourner les ressources stratégiques du pays sous couvert de réforme équitable ?

Si le lobbying d'Ivanhoe aboutit, le Liberia risquerait de céder l'épine dorsale de son économie à un opérateur de façade, sans engagement financier, sans obligation de développement, et sans garantie de servir les intérêts du peuple libérien.

Le NPP soutient le sénateur Snowe face aux accusations de déstabilisation

Le Parti National Patriotique (NPP) a vigoureusement apporté son soutien à son cadre et candidat à l'investiture présidentielle, le sénateur Edwin Melvin Snowe Jr., en réaction aux récentes accusations du gouvernement libérien l'impliquant dans une supposée tentative de déstabilisation de l'État. Dans un communiqué publié lundi, le NPP a rejeté en bloc ces allégations qu'il qualifie de non fondées et a exigé du gouvernement la présentation de preuves tangibles, crédibles et suffisantes pour justifier une telle accusation d'une gravité exceptionnelle.

« Le NPP exige fermement que le Gouvernement du Libéria rende publiques des preuves crédibles et substantielles, satisfaisant aux exigences de preuve, afin de convaincre le peuple libérien de l'implication présumée du sénateur Snowe dans des activités subversives, que ce soit sur le territoire national ou à l'étranger », peut-on lire dans le communiqué.

Le Parti a défendu l'intégrité du sénateur de Bomi, le décrivant comme un homme public responsable, attaché aux principes démocratiques, et jouissant d'une réputation honorable tant sur le plan national qu'international. Il a également souligné que le sénateur, à l'instar de tout citoyen libérien, jouit du droit constitutionnel d'exprimer ses opinions et de participer activement au débat national.

Évoquant les dérives du passé, le NPP a mis en garde contre un retour aux pratiques autoritaires, où les accusations sans fondement étaient utilisées pour faire taire les voix dissidentes. « En l'absence de preuves claires et irréfutables, le Parti estime que cette accusation rappelle les heures sombres de notre histoire, où l'intimidation politique prévalait sur l'État de droit », poursuit le communiqué.



Le NPP a également exprimé sa vive inquiétude quant à la sécurité du sénateur Snowe et de sa famille, estimant que la nature publique de l'accusation pourrait les exposer à des menaces réelles. À cet effet, il a exhorté la Police nationale libérienne à prendre sans délai toutes les mesures nécessaires pour assurer leur protection.

« Le traitement réservé à cette affaire par le gouvernement place le sénateur Snowe et ses proches dans une situation de risque élevé », a conclu le parti. Alors que l'affaire continue de faire couler beaucoup d'encre, le NPP a réaffirmé son soutien total à son sénateur et a appelé à un traitement transparent, respectueux du droit et conforme aux principes fondamentaux de la justice.

Des protestations secouent l'Université Luthérienne à Suakoko, dans le comté de Bong

Les activités académiques étudiants. Ces derniers sont paralysées depuis mardi sur le campus de Phebe de l'Université Luthérienne, situé à Suakoko, à la suite d'un mouvement de protestation initié par les direction de l'université.



La manifestation, bien que pacifique, s'est révélée déterminée. Les étudiants brandissaient des pancartes et scandaient des slogans accusant l'administration de mauvaise gestion, notamment la publication tardive des résultats, un manque de transparence financière, un personnel enseignant insuffisant, des conditions d'apprentissage dégradées et une absence générale de redevabilité.

Dans une pétition lue au nom de l'ensemble des étudiants, Seima S. Walker a énuméré plusieurs revendications adressées au Conseil d'administration de l'université ainsi qu'au gouvernement libérien. « Le corps estudiantin exige que ces résolutions soient prises en compte sans délai. Nous

appelons le Conseil d'administration de l'Université Luthérienne et le Gouvernement du Libéria à agir rapidement dans notre intérêt », a déclaré M. Walker.

Parmi les principales revendications figure la démission immédiate de Mme Ida A. C. Brown, doyenne adjointe, accusée de ne pas avoir apporté d'améliorations significatives à l'université depuis sa nomination. Les étudiants exigent également : Une révision immédiate et le respect strict du calendrier académique 2025 ;

Une ventilation détaillée des frais d'inscription, précisant chaque rubrique ;

La publication d'une date officielle pour l'accréditation du département de laboratoire ;

Un calendrier clair pour l'agrandissement de la zone de travaux pratiques du laboratoire médical ;

La fixation d'une date pour la

cérémonie de remise des diplômes, accompagnée de la grille tarifaire correspondante ;

Le recrutement d'enseignants qualifiés, notamment pour les départements de laboratoire et autres filières essentielles.

Les manifestants réclament en outre une amélioration significative du service à la clientèle, en particulier au niveau du bureau des admissions, ainsi qu'une résolution rapide des problèmes liés aux dortoirs et à la restauration. Actuellement, selon eux, les étudiants paient 325 dollars américains mais ne reçoivent qu'un seul repas par jour, accompagné d'un simple sachet d'eau.

« Nous en avons assez d'être traités comme si notre éducation ne comptait pas », a martelé Walker. « Si nos voix ne sont pas entendues et si des mesures concrètes ne sont pas prises, nous envisagerons d'appeler à la fermeture définitive du campus. Trop, c'est trop. »

FEATUREARTICLE

Why Senator Edwin Snowe Should Resign from the ECOWAS Security Committee

By Contributing writer

Senator Edwin Melvin Snowe Jr., a seasoned Liberian lawmaker, holds a prestigious and sensitive position as a member of the Security Committee of the ECOWAS Parliament. This role affords him access to classified intelligence across West African states and makes him a key player in diplomatic negotiations, especially in countries undergoing political turmoil. His participation in conflict resolution and election monitoring throughout the sub-region has positioned him not just as a national political figure but also as a regional statesman.

However, his recent public statements, reportedly expressing support for the downfall of the current Liberian government, have sparked serious concerns. Given the weight of his ECOWAS duties, these remarks are not only diplomatically inappropriate but potentially destabilizing for Liberia and the broader ECOWAS community. This situation demands critical evaluation, and it is within this context that Senator Snowe should consider stepping down from his ECOWAS role.

Breach of Diplomatic Protocol

ECOWAS, as a regional bloc, is anchored in principles of peace, democracy, and non-interference. Members of its Parliament, especially those serving on sensitive committees like security, are expected to conduct themselves with the utmost neutrality and professionalism. Senator Snowe's statement, perceived by many as advocating for regime change in a fellow member state, runs counter to these principles. Such rhetoric from a high-ranking ECOWAS official undermines the very values the organization seeks to uphold.

Compromised Neutrality in Conflict Resolution

Senator Snowe has been a part of crucial ECOWAS-led peace initiatives in Mali, Guinea, and Burkina Faso, countries that have experienced military takeovers in recent years. His credibility in future negotiations could be jeopardized by public comments that appear politically motivated. Once neutrality is lost, the ability to mediate is irreparably damaged. This not only diminishes his role but also compromises ECOWAS's effectiveness in addressing regional crises.

Regional Security Risks

Given Snowe's access to sensitive security information, any public incitement, intentional or not, can escalate tensions. In fragile states, inflammatory remarks from influential figures can embolden opposition elements or be misinterpreted by foreign actors. Liberia, still emerging from a complex post-war era, remains vulnerable to instability. Comments such as those reportedly made by Senator Snowe may not only destabilize the domestic political climate but could have ripple effects across the sub-region.



Violation of ECOWAS Conduct Standards

The ECOWAS Parliament operates under a code of conduct that emphasizes impartiality, confidentiality, and ethical responsibility. As a senior member of the Security Committee, Snowe is expected to set a standard of conduct. His recent remarks violate these expectations and warrant disciplinary review. If found culpable, ECOWAS may be compelled to either sanction him or recommend his resignation to preserve the integrity of its operations.

Conflict of Interest and Dual Roles

Senator Snowe's simultaneous role as a Liberian senator and an ECOWAS diplomat places him in a dual position that demands careful separation of responsibilities. By making statements with clear domestic political implications while serving in a regional capacity, he has created a conflict of interest. His ability to serve ECOWAS

impartially has been called into question, further strengthening the case for resignation or at least temporary recusal from his ECOWAS duties.

Historical Parallels: Words That Preceded Coups

There are precedents in West Africa where similar rhetoric from political elites contributed to regime instability:

Mali (2020): Opposition leaders made repeated public attacks against President Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta. These statements fueled mass protests, creating an environment conducive to a military coup.

Burkina Faso (2015 & 2022): Influential political figures criticized transitional authorities and called for change. These sentiments were later cited by coup leaders as justification for military intervention.

Guinea (2021): Persistent public opposition to President Alpha Condé's third term, including criticism from regional actors, was used by the military to validate the unconstitutional seizure of power.

These examples demonstrate how public statements by prominent individuals, especially those with regional influence, can escalate political unrest and inadvertently invite unconstitutional changes in government.

Hence, Senator Edwin M. Snowe Jr. is not merely a Liberian politician; he is a key ECOWAS diplomat with considerable influence. His recent remarks are incompatible with the responsibilities and ethical standards of his position. In the interest of regional stability, institutional credibility, and diplomatic integrity, he should seriously consider resigning from the ECOWAS Security Committee.

At the very least, the ECOWAS Parliament investigation into the matter is key, during which Senator Snowe could be asked to temporarily step aside. This is essential not just for internal accountability but also to signal that the organization remains committed to upholding the highest standards of diplomatic conduct.

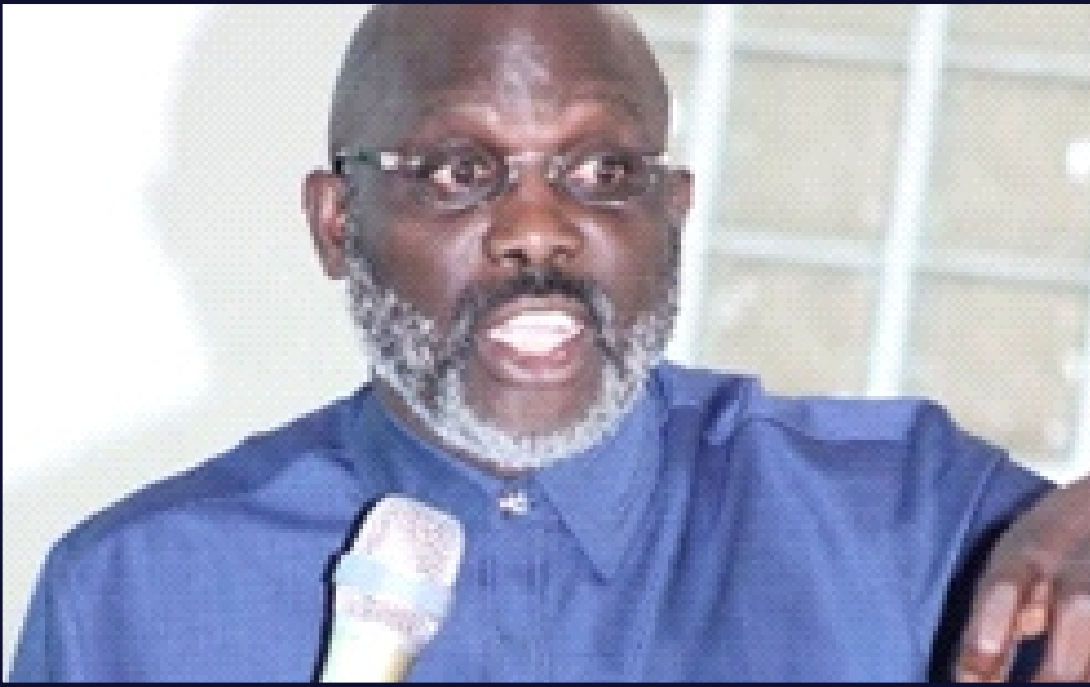
West Africa's peace and stability depend on its leaders' ability to rise above national politics in service to the region. It is time for ECOWAS to act accordingly.

Weah blames Liberians for defeat

Ex-president Weah frowns at Liberians for voting him out of office despite standing with them during difficult times.


By: Emmanuel Wise Jipoh
aynesville, Liberia, May 28, 2025
- Former President George Weah blames Liberians for his defeat in the 2023 Presidential election. Mr. Weah conceded defeat and congratulated President Joseph Boakai even before the National Elections Commission announced final results in the runoff. However, he has for the first time

regretting, the most”, Mr. Weah, told congregants at his Forkly Klon Jlateh Family Church along the Robertsfield Highway on Sunday. “Mr. Boakai and his surrogates are mismanaging this country, and everyday our people are dying, but it is history and disappointing that Liberians voted me out and they are regretting now”, he laments. The former president and leader of the ex-ruling Congress for Democratic Change said he stood for Liberians during their difficult times and came to the Presidency as a safe haven, but Liberian voters chose to return to




expressed his disappointment in Liberians for voting him out. “When I see the way Boakai is ruling, gruesomely, without rule of law, and I'm disappointed in losing the election. But the people who voted against me are

their worse condition by electing the current administration. “I am one of the sons that stood up for Liberia, when Liberia and Liberians were desperately in need. Even some of the people who are against us today, we sent them to



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The National Investment Commission (NIC) has received budgetary allotment from the Government of Liberia and intends to apply part of the funding towards the procurement of 80 KVA Generator for use by the Commission. The procurement process will be done through a National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method of the Public Procurement and Concession Act of 2010 (PPCA) of Liberia.

No.	Description	Type	Quantity	Unit	Delivery Schedule	Delivery site
1.	80 KVA Generator	Silencer	1	Unit	Four weeks (4) after Contract signing	NIC SAPZ Project Unit

1.

The **National Investment Commission** now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Procurement of 80 KVA Generator.

2.

Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in **Section 48(P. 52)** of the 2010 amended PPCA.

3.

All interested eligible bidders may obtain copy of the bidding document for a non-refundable fee of **US \$ 50.00**(One Hundred United States Dollars) and for any further information, please contact the Procurement Unit of the National Investment Commission (NIC) beginning **Friday, May 27, 2025 from 9:00am to 3:00pm daily (Monday-Friday)**.

4.

Sealed Bid (**One Original and Four Copies**) must be delivered to the address below. Absolutely Electronic bid will not be permitted.

5.

Deadline for the submission bids is **Friday, June 27, 2025 at 1:30 PM**. All Bids will be opened at **2:00 PM** in the Conference room of NIC the same day in the presence of Bidders’ representatives who choose to attend. Late Tenders will be rejected and returned unopened.

6.

Tenders shall be valid for a period of 90 days after the deadline of Tender submission.

7.

Bid Securing Declaration

8.

Details on Technical Specification are captured in the Bid Document.

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school. I'm not hateful; we are not looking for nobody to talk our story. We were chased here, our houses were looted, burnt, because we talked for the Liberian people and when we redeemed this country at the time of progress, some people decided to push us backward and they are regretting now.” Mr. Weah was quick to jump in defense of Bomi County Senator Edwin Snowe, who has criticized the Boakai Administration for poor governance with alleged subversion threat. “In any competition, nobody wishes for his opponent to succeed, therefore, nobody should bullet Hon. Snowe for his

Protest rocks Lutheran University in Bong

Normal academic activities at the Lutheran University in Suakoko Bong County has come to a stand still amidst student protest over poor administration.

By Edwin N. Khakie
Suakoko, Bong County –A wave of student unrest has swept through the Phebe Campus of the Lutheran University in Suakoko, Bong County, as students on Tuesday launched a go-slow protest, citing alleged administrative lapses and demanding swift intervention from the university's leadership. The protest, described as peaceful but firm, has disrupted normal academic activities. Students were seen carrying placards and chanting slogans, accusing the administration of widespread mismanagement, including delayed release of grades, financial opacity, inadequate teaching staff, poor learning conditions, and a general lack of accountability. Reading a petition on behalf of the student body, Seima S. Walker outlined a series of demands directed at the university's Board of Trustees and the national government. “The student body declares that these resolutions must be met. We urge the Lutheran University Board of Trustees and the Government of Liberia to act swiftly in our interest,” Walker said. The students are calling for the immediate resignation of Assistant Dean Mrs. Ida A. C. Brown, stating that her tenure has not positively impacted the institution or student body. The petition also includes the following demands: Immediate adjustment and adherence to the 2025 academic calendar. A breakdown of registration fees, clearly indicating each component: Official date for the accreditation of the Laboratory Department, Timeline for the expansion of the Medical Laboratory practicum area, Date and fee disclosure for the upcoming graduation ceremony, Employment of qualified instructors, especially in the Laboratory and other departments. The students also demanded significant improvement in customer service, particularly at the Admissions Office,

statement, simply because when Boakai threatened to end Liberia nobody said anything.”, he said. Former President Weah: “This is Democracy at its best. Calm down folks; we are all Liberians, and we have the right to our opinions. Boakai had his right to his opinion as an opposition then, when he stated that he will finish Liberia, if he doesn't win the elections. He was never questioned because we live in a democratic society. Why are we questioning Hon. Snowe, who is an opposition that wishes Boakai fail. Let us be mindful that in any competition, nobody wishes for his opponent to succeed, simple logic.” Editing by Jonathan Browne

Resolution of all dormitory-related issues and enhance student feeding services, as students currently pay USD 325 but are served only one meal per day with a single sachet of water. “We're tired of being treated as if our education doesn't matter,” Walker emphasized. “If our voices are not heard and corrective measures are not taken immediately, we will advocate for the permanent closure of this campus. Enough is enough.” Students have described conditions on campus as deteriorating. Complaints range from broken furniture and unreliable internet to a lack of essential laboratory tools and unsanitary restrooms. “This is not a learning environment. It's a struggle,” said one student, who preferred anonymity. Another student, Grace G Kollie, a second-year nursing major, expressed frustration over the persistent delay in academic results. “We have completed semesters and still have no idea how we performed. How are we supposed to plan our academic futures?” she asked. The school administrators had not made any comment. However, a source within the administration, speaking on condition of anonymity, admitted to some of the challenges and indicated a willingness to engage in dialogue. “There have been setbacks, but we are working to address them. We urge the students to remain calm and participate in constructive engagement,” the source said. Meanwhile, parents and residents have expressed concern about the ongoing protest. Many fear that prolonged instability could damage the university's reputation and negatively affect student enrollment. Some are now calling for the Ministry of Education and the National Commission on Higher Education to intervene and mediate between the university administration and protesting students. As the go-slow enters its second day, the students remain resolute in their demands. Whether the administration will respond with concrete action or allow tensions to escalate remains to be seen.



Protest in Bong County

Liberia: Immigration opens registration for Burkinabé Nationals

By: Kruah Thompson

Monrovia, Liberia: The Liberia Immigration Service (LIS) has launched a nationwide registration exercise aimed at identifying and documenting Burkinabé nationals residing within Liberia's borders.

regular press briefing.

Speaking on the occasion the minister Sanoe disclosed that the move comes amid growing concerns over the increasing number of Burkinabé citizens living in Liberia without proper immigration documentation.

"This exercise is not aimed at deporting anyone," Minister

residents."

According to Sanoe, the registration effort is a proactive step to ensure the government can account for the presence of foreign nationals, particularly in cases of emergency or conflict.

"LIS authority has initiated a comprehensive registration to determine how they got here and how many of them are living here, so that just in case something happens, the government can be able to account for who is involved," he explained.

Accordingly, he reveal that The first phase of the registration will target the southeastern region of Liberia, where a significant number of Burkinabé nationals are reportedly residing.

In closing the Deputy information Minister added "They will be documented so they can be accounted for while on Liberian soil."



The initiative was announced Tuesday, May 27, by Deputy Information Minister Daniel Sanoe during the Ministry of Information, Cultural Affairs, and Tourism's

Sanoe emphasized. "Rather, it is intended to bring order and accountability to our immigration system while fostering peaceful coexistence between nationals and foreign

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