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Continental News

First malaria treatment for babies approved for use

The first malaria treatment suitable for babies and very young children has been approved for use. It's expected to be rolled out

old. Malaria treatments for children do exist but until now, there was none specifically for the very youngest babies and small children, who weigh less than 4.5kg or around 10lb. Instead they have been

introduce it on a largely not-for-profit basis. The smallest and most vulnerable The company's chief executive, Vas Narasimhan, says this is an important moment. "For more than three decades, we have stayed the course in the fight against malaria, working relentlessly to deliver scientific breakthroughs where they are needed most. "Together with our partners, we are proud to have gone further to develop the first clinically proven malaria treatment for newborns and young babies, ensuring even the smallest and most vulnerable can finally receive the care they deserve." The drug, known as Coartem Baby or Riamet Baby in some countries, was developed by Novartis in collaboration with the Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV), a Swiss-based not-for-profit organisation initially backed by the British, Swiss and Dutch Governments, as well as the World Bank and the Rockefeller Foundation. Eight African nations also took part in the assessment and trials of the drug and they are expected to be among the first to access it. Martin Fitchet, CEO of MMV, says this is another important step on the road towards ending the huge toll taken by malaria.



Malaria drugs for children do exist, but there are no treatments specifically for babies

in African countries within weeks. Until now there have been no approved malaria drugs specifically for babies. Instead they have been treated with versions formulated for older children which presents a risk of overdose. Half a million deaths in 2023 In 2023 - the year for which the most recent figures are available - malaria was linked to around 597,000 deaths. Almost all of the deaths were in Africa, and around three quarters of them were children under five years

treated with drugs designed for older children. But that presents risks, as doses for these older children may not be safe for babies, whose liver functions are still developing and whose bodies process medicines differently. Experts say this has led to what is described as a "treatment gap". Now a new medicine, developed by the drug company Novartis, has been approved by the Swiss authorities and is likely to be rolled out in regions and countries with the highest rates of malaria within weeks. Novartis is planning to

At least 11 dead in Kenya protests as central Nairobi sealed off

At least eleven people have been killed during anti-government protests in Kenya and 567 arrested, police said. Police opened fire on demonstrators, and earlier Dr Aron Sikuku, a medic at Eagle Nursing Home on the outskirts of Nairobi, told the BBC the bodies of two people who died of gunshot wounds had been brought to the facility. He said hundreds of protesters had gathered outside his hospital demanding to take away the bodies. The demonstrations mark the 35th anniversary of the historic Saba Saba - meaning "seven-seven" - protests of 7 July 1990, which launched Kenya's push for multi-party democracy. Police released a statement on Monday evening praising officers for "exceptional restraint and professionalism in the face of sustained violence and provocation". It said 52 police officers and 11 civilians had been wounded. The state-run Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KHRC) earlier said at least 10

people had been killed. In a scathing report, it accused police of using excessive force, as has frequently been the case during the current wave of protests. "Police operated in plainclothes and unmarked vehicles" on Monday and collaborated with "armed criminal gangs in Nairobi, Kajiado, Nakuru, Kiambu, and Eldoret", it said. The police have previously denied such accusations. It added that it had evidence that at least two people had been abducted, as well as reporting 29 injuries and 37 arrests in towns across the country.

From early in the morning, hundreds of commuters and overnight travellers were stranded at checkpoints, some more than 10km (six miles) from the city centre, with only a few vehicles allowed through. Roads leading to key government sites - including the president's official residence, State House, and the Kenyan parliament - were barricaded with razor wire. Some schools advised students to stay at home. But clashes broke out in parts of the capital as demonstrators lit fires and attempted to breach police cordons. Officers responded with tear gas and water cannon. BBC



Police fired tear gas to disperse protesters in Nairobi

Ramaphosa opposes Trump's 30% tariff on South Africa

South Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa has opposed what he calls the "unilateral" higher trade tariffs imposed on his country by the US. US President Donald Trump announced on Monday that he would subject imports from South Africa to a new 30% tariff from 1 August. It is the only country from sub-Saharan Africa that Trump singled out in his announcement, reflecting his strained relationship with Ramaphosa's government. In a letter to Ramaphosa, Trump said South Africa's trade relationship with the US "has been, unfortunately, far from reciprocal". In his response, Ramaphosa maintained the 30% tariff "is not an accurate representation of available trade data". Trump's decision is a huge blow to South Africa. The US is its second-biggest trading partner, and South Africa's automobile, farming and textile sectors had duty-free access to the US market under the African Growth and

must move away from these long-term, and very persistent, trade deficits engendered by South Africa's tariff, and non-tariff, policies and trade barriers," Trump said in his letter. "Starting on August 1, 2025, we will charge South Africa a tariff of only 30% on any and all South African products sent to the United States, separate from all sectoral tariffs," he added. Trump said that if South Africa were to increase its tariffs in response to his announcement, the amount it chooses to raise them by would be added on top of the existing 30%. "If you wish to open your heretofore closed trading markets to the United States, and eliminate your tariff and non-tariff policies and trade barriers, we will, perhaps, consider an adjustment to this letter." In response, Ramaphosa contested the new tariffs, saying the issue was still under consideration by



President Cyril Ramaphosa says South Africa will engage with the US to negotiate a better deal

Opportunity Act (Agoo). South Africa's Agriculture Minister John Steenhuisen said that while Trump was not explicit, his announcement suggested the end of Agoo. "More than ever, it highlights the need for urgent reform in South Africa so we can ensure our economy meets the requirements of our trading partners around the world," Steenhuisen said in parliament. Trump sent letters to South Africa and 13 other countries, informing them of his latest tariff plans. The US president said the rates could be modified "upward or downward, depending on our relationship with your country". "We have had years to discuss our trading relationship with South Africa, and have concluded that we

negotiating teams from South Africa and the US. "This 30% tariff is based on a particular interpretation of the balance of trade between South Africa and the United States," Ramaphosa said in a statement. He added that more than half of the goods South Africa imported from the US were not taxed, and the average tariff on the rest was 7.6%. He said South Africa would continue with its diplomatic efforts to ensure a "more balanced and mutually beneficial trade relationship" with the US. In April, Trump imposed a 30% tariff on South Africa, as part of his global "reciprocal" tariffs, before agreeing to suspend their implementation for 90 days. Higher tariffs had been set to

EDITORIAL

Questioning GoL's decision on HPX Rail Access amidst AML's ongoing MDA

The recent decision by the Government of Liberia (GoL) to grant HPX (High Power Exploration) access to the national railway, while ArcelorMittal Liberia (AML) continues to hold an active Mineral Development Agreement (MDA) with the government, raises several questions about national interest and strategic priorities.

At the heart of the matter is whether the GoL's actions serve Liberia's long-term goals, or whether they prioritize foreign interests over national interests or those of its own people.

Granting HPX access to the railway while AML MDA is still in effect creates a climate of uncertainty for current and potential investors.

AML's existing agreement with the government represents not only a legal commitment but also an implicit promise to prioritize the company's expansion and its resultant contributions to Liberia's economy.

While it is true that the railway is a state asset, by signing an access agreement with HPX, GoL appears to compromise the spirit, if not the letter, of its ongoing agreement with AML. This raises critical questions:

How does GoL justify entering into a new, potentially conflicting arrangement while its prior commitments remain unresolved?

What assurances exist to prevent operational or legal clashes between AML's expansion plans and HPX's anticipated access?

The optics of this new agreement suggest that foreign iron ore shipments are being prioritized over Liberian developmental interests.

AML's expansion is not merely a matter of corporate growth; it represents an opportunity for increased employment, local procurement, tax revenue, and infrastructural development.

This move may set a concerning precedent for future negotiations, signaling to both domestic and international actors that Liberia's commitments are manipulable and that foreign pressure can yield preferential treatment, even at the expense of national development.

This perception could impede AML's ability to finance future expansions, as investors may question the reliability of GoL's assurances and the stability of their investments.

It is no secret that HPX has been mounting pressure, pushing GoL to sign this agreement, but not necessarily with Liberia's broader interests at heart.

Rather than develop, the company's strategy appears driven by the prospect of securing a lucrative deal, one that would enhance the value of the Guinean concession granted to HPX, thereby enabling it to “flip” the asset for significant profit.

In this regard, HPX's persistent lobbying can be seen less as a commitment to contributing to Liberia's long-term growth and more as a calculated move to maximize short-term gains, potentially at Liberia's expense.

These developments suggest a troubling narrative: Liberia, despite being the landlord and custodian of its own resources and infrastructure, is at risk of being the net victim in a zero-sum game orchestrated by external actors.

The benefits accrued by HPX, facilitated by GoL's acceptance, come at the cost of Liberia's own interests and the aim of AML to expand and deepen its economic impact.

In conclusion, the GoL's decision to sign a rail access agreement with HPX/Ivanhoe, while an existing agreement with a major investor remains unresolved, raises fundamental doubts.

Unless adjusted, this deal with HPX/Ivanhoe threatens to leave the nation at a disadvantage, undermining both sovereignty and future prosperity for the fleeting advantage of others.

COMMENTARY

By Jean Kaseya

A Plan to End Malaria in Africa

ADDIS ABABA - Despite being preventable and curable, malaria has continued to claim African lives. In 2023, the continent accounted for around 95% of the 597,000 deaths from malaria worldwide, 76% of which were children under the age of five.

But eliminating this scourge, which impedes development goals and realization of the African Union’s Agenda 2063, is within reach. Nine AU member countries - Algeria, Cabo Verde, Egypt, Lesotho, Libya, Mauritius, Morocco, the Seychelles, and Tunisia - have become malaria-free, owing to sustained political commitment and well-targeted public investment in primary health care and disease surveillance and case management. African countries with a higher malaria burden should heed their example.

Algeria, for example, invested in effective vector control through indoor residual spraying, universal health-care access for malaria diagnosis and treatment, and rapid outbreak-response mechanisms. Cabo Verde’s strategic malaria-elimination plan involved a multisectoral approach, whereby the government worked closely with local communities and international organizations. Egypt’s multipronged strategy included, among other things, robust training programs for primary health workers. Implementing these coordinated interventions required the political will and, crucially, increased domestic financing.

Overall, Africa’s efforts to control malaria - particularly through the use of insecticide-treated nets, indoor spraying, and seasonal chemoprevention (which involves giving children a monthly course of antimalarial medicines) - have driven a notable decline in malaria deaths on the continent, from 805,000 in 2000 to 569,000 in 2023. (The COVID-19 pandemic, coupled with the emergence of partial resistance to the well-established malaria medicine artemisinin, caused a brief uptick, to 598,000, in 2020.)

But these gains are fragile, particularly as new mosquito variants emerge, insecticide resistance grows, climate change worsens, humanitarian crises become more frequent, and, perhaps most importantly, the global malaria-funding gap widens. In 2023, only \$4 billion was mobilized for malaria elimination, far below the \$8.3 billion annual target, and a slight drop from the \$4.1 billion raised in 2022. The problem is even more acute in Africa, where external health aid has declined by a whopping 70% between 2021 and 2025. Moreover, most African countries devote

less than 10% of their national budgets to the health sector - well below the 15% target set by the 2001 Abuja Declaration.

Given the uncertain future of foreign aid, African governments must recognize malaria as a development priority and invest more in efforts to control and eliminate it. That means leveraging untapped resources, including the more than \$95 billion in annual remittances from the African diaspora. Innovative financing instruments such as diaspora bonds could support the continent’s public-health agenda. Solidarity levies on tobacco, alcohol, mobile transactions, and airline tickets could also generate billions of dollars for health services. And scaling up national health-insurance schemes will be required to expand access to malaria prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.

Blended finance can unlock private capital for malaria-related research and development, as well as local manufacturing of therapeutics. With Africa’s health-care market projected to be worth \$259 billion by 2030, policymakers should capitalize on this opportunity to create effective public-private partnerships, advance last-mile delivery solutions, and improve surveillance and vector control.

This would be an investment in Africa’s present and future, because every dollar spent on malaria control and elimination generates a remarkable return of \$36 in economic growth. A malaria-free population is more likely to access education and contribute to the continent’s socioeconomic development. And let me be clear: investing in the fight to end malaria is not only a health and economic imperative; it is an act of justice. The disease disproportionately affects the poorest and most vulnerable Africans, perpetuating cycles of poverty and inequality.

Last year, I joined health ministers from 11 AU member countries with high malaria burdens in committing to accelerate efforts to reduce deaths from the disease. As part of the declaration, we agreed that “no one should die from malaria given the tools and systems available.”

The task now is to take concrete action. The Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (of which I am Director-General) is ready to help develop a continental strategy for ending malaria in Africa by 2040. By making smart investments, implementing well-targeted policies, and deepening collaboration, we can ensure that all African countries become malaria-free within the coming generation.



Liberia Petroleum Regulatory Authority

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

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

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

The Consulting Services are outlined as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signed:
Rufus F. McCarthy
Procurement Director

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



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Invitation for Bid (IFB)

FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS & NON-CONSULTING SERVICES

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

4. Specification and Quantity of Contract Packages:

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

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

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

Signed:
Rufus F. McCarthy
Procurement Officer

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

Liberia: World Bank Group debars Dutch company for fraud

WASHINGTON, July 8, Borrowers. 2025—The World Bank Group The debarment makes GenKey has announced 18-month ineligible to participate in projects debarment with conditional release of and operations financed by Netherlands-based GenKey Solutions institutions of the Bank Group. It is B.V. ("GenKey"), in connection with a part of a settlement agreement under fraudulent practice as part of the which the company acknowledges Social Safety Nets Project in here that responsibility for the underlying became effective in 2017.



sanctionable practice and agrees to meet specified conditions as a condition for release from debarment.

The settlement agreement provides for a reduced period of debarment in light of GenKey's compliance program, cooperation, acceptance of responsibility, and commitment to restrain from seeking additional Bank Group-financed contracts. As a condition for release from sanction under the terms of the settlement agreement, the company commits to developing and implementing integrity compliance measures that reflect the relevant principles set out in the World Bank Group Integrity Compliance Guidelines. The company also commits to continue to fully cooperate with the World Bank Group Integrity Vice Presidency.

The project was designed to establish the key building blocks of a basic national safety net delivery system and provide income support to Liberian households who are both extremely poor and food insecure. According to the facts of the case, GenKey failed to disclose commissions paid or to be paid to an agent in connection with a contract under the project. GenKey did so recklessly due to the inadequacy of its internal controls and supervision. This amounts to a fraudulent practice under the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank

The debarment of GenKey qualifies for cross-debarment by other multilateral development banks (MDBs) under the Agreement for Mutual Enforcement of Debarment Decisions that was signed on April 9, 2010.



DATE: TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)**TITLE: CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO DEVELOP AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FRAMEWORK AND CREATE AWARENESS**

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

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

To address these challenges, the **Government of Liberia**, acting through the **Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA)** and with financing from its **approved FY2025 budget**, is **seeking Expressions of Interest (EOIs)** from qualified consultancy firms to provide services for the development of a comprehensive Artificial Intelligence (AI) Regulatory Framework document.

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST:

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

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS:

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

1. Cover Letter clearly expressing interest in undertaking the assignment

Menetamba Road, Cooper's Beach Community, 1001 Paynesville, 10 Liberia
www.lta.gov.lr // infor@lta.gov.lr

2. Company Profile detailing relevant experience and expertise in ICT/software development

3. Evidence of similar assignments successfully completed (with references)

5. Valid Business Registration Certificate (Liberia Business Registry-LBR)

6. Valid Tax Clearance (Liberia Revenue Authority-LRA)

7. Valid Public Procurement and Concessions Commission (PPCC) registered vendor certificate

8. Provide evidence of extensive experience of the firm with a minimum of 2 years of successfully supervising or completing at least two (2) similar assignments (Attach Contract Copies)

9. Submit updated Curriculum Vitae of key personnel to be assigned to the project, along with proof/evidence of credentials (Certificates, Diploma, and school information for verification)

10. Ensure that all submissions are well organized

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

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

Expression of interest shall be clearly marked, signed, and sealed in an envelope, including other requested information. For Example, **IFB No: LTA/SBA/QCBS/REOI/002/2025 CONFIDENTIAL EOI** - invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from qualified consultancy firms to **provide services for the development of a comprehensive Artificial Intelligence (AI) Regulatory Framework document for the Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA) for Fiscal Year 2025**

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

Signed:
 T. Franniel Powell
 Acting Procurement & Logistics Manager

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



DATE: TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)**TITLE: CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO DESIGN AND DEVELOP AUTOMATED PROCESS FLOW (DIGITAL LICENSING PLATFORM)**

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

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

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

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST:

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

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS:

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

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7. Valid Public Procurement and Concessions Commission (PPCC) registered vendor certificate

8. Provide evidence of extensive experience of the firm with a minimum of 2 years of successfully supervising or completing at least two (2) similar assignments (Attach Contract Copies)

9. Submit updated Curriculum Vitae of key personnel to be assigned to the project, along with proof/evidence of credentials (Certificates, Diploma, and school information for verification)

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 Email Address: procurement@lta.gov.lr

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

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

Signed:
 T. Franniel Powell
 Acting Procurement & Logistics Manager

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



DATE: TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

TITLE: CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF LIBERIA'S COUNTRY CODE TOP LEVEL DOMAIN (ccTLD).LR.)

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

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

To address these challenges, the Government of Liberia, acting through the Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA) and with financing from its approved FY2025 budget, is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from qualified and experienced ICT firms for the management and development of Liberia's Country Code top level domain (ccTLD).LR.).

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST:

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

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS:

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

1. Cover Letter clearly expressing interest in undertaking the assignment

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

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

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Expression of interest shall be clearly marked, signed, and sealed in an envelope, including other requested information. For Example, IFB No: LTA/SBA/REOI/001/2025
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The LTA reserves the right to reject or accept EOIs submitted and to annul the entire process at any time for reasons to be communicated to firms without incurring any liability thereof.

Signed: P.P. Frannie Powell
Acting Procurement & Logistics Manager

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

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Sen. Taylor raises red flag

-Against Grand Cape Mount officials

Local officials in Grand Cape Mount County are to be arbitrarily awarded salaries to themselves, Senator Simeon B. Taylor discloses.

By Stephen G. Fellajuah

Monrovia, Liberia; July 9, 2025 - Grand Cape Mount County Senator, Simeon B. Taylor, has formally complained to members of the County Administration and the County Council for allegedly breaching Section 2.9 of the Local Government Act, which governs the allocation of honorariums for local officials.

In a strongly worded communication dated July 2, 2025, addressed to Senate President Pro-Tempore Nyonblee Karnga-Lawrence and members of the Liberian Senate, Sen. Taylor called for immediate legislative intervention.

"Please accept my compliments and herewith consider this letter as a formal complaint against the County Administration (Superintendents) and the County Council of Grand Cape Mount County for gross breach of

Resolution dated November 16, 2024, specifically Count Six, which authorized the use of L\$3,645,806.94, or 10% of the county's total budget, to be equally distributed between members of the County Administration and the County Council as administrative costs.

"This act... not only amounts to a flagrant violation of our laws, but also constitutes total disrespect for the Legislature," Taylor said. "It is a dangerous and harmful practice to see people designated to perform tasks on behalf of the county engage in the wrongful use of the people's money."

He further called on the Senate to summon the Minister of Local Government or Internal Affairs, Francis S. Nyumalin, along with the accused County officials, to explain why such a breach occurred under



Sen. Simeon B. Taylor

Section 2.9 of the Local Government Act," the letter stated.

According to Sen. Taylor, the Local Government Act explicitly states that the Legislature must set the ceiling for honorarium payments to County Council members every four years. He cited the relevant portion of Section 2.9 under the heading "Remuneration":

"County Council Members shall be paid an honorarium from the county budget. The Legislature shall set the ceiling for such honorarium every four (4) years."

However, Sen. Taylor alleges that officials in Grand Cape Mount County unilaterally determined and approved their own honorarium payment scheme without consulting or receiving approval from the Legislature, which he described as a "flagrant violation of the law."

He referenced a County Council

his watch.

The Senator urged the Senate Plenary to consider referring the matter to the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) for further investigation and potential legal action.

"I implore the Senate Plenary to forward members of the County Administration and the County Council of Grand Cape Mount County to the LACC for further investigation into this gross misconduct," he concluded.

This latest development highlights growing concerns over transparency and accountability in local governance, as Liberia advances with its decentralization efforts and the full implementation of the Local Government Act. Editing by Jonathan Browne

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FAO extols Liberia's newly inaugurated office in Italy

- Describes it as science-driven hub

By Lincoln G. Peters

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Director General, QU Dongyu, says the newly

advanced functionality, will enable collaborative analysis and strategic planning to increase resilience and facilitate anticipatory action,



inaugurated Liberia Situation Room in Italy is a cutting-edge facility designed to serve as a science-driven decision hub.

According to Mr. Dongyu, the facility, designed with

thereby improving food production in Liberia.

The FAO Director General disclosed that the hub will also finance the Shock-Driven Food Crises initiative, under the Food and Agriculture Organization's financial

mechanism, to shift responses to food crises from reactive to proactive. He maintained that the Situation Room will monitor 12 critical risks, offering up-to-date insights at both national and sub-regional levels while allowing users to access, visualize, and interpret real-time data on food security risks.

The Food and Agriculture Organization Director General spoke recently in Rome, Italy on the margins of the 44th Session of FAO Ministerial Conference, when he inaugurated two new technical rooms at the Organization's headquarters in Rome.

The two state-of-the-art facilities, inaugurated by the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization, include the Liberia Situation Room and the Netherlands Acceleration Zone, setting

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FAWUL wants amendments to Decent Work Act passed

The Firestone Agricultural Workers Union of Liberia (FAWUL) criticizes delay in passing key amendments to the Decent Work Act of Liberia.

By Stephen G. Fellajuah

Monrovia, Liberia; July 9, 2025 - The President of the Firestone Agricultural Workers Union of Liberia (FAWUL), Mr. Rodennick M. Bongorlee, has strongly criticized the delay in passing key amendments to the Decent Work Act of Liberia, calling on the 55th Legislature to act swiftly in the interest of Liberian workers.

Mr. Bongorlee emphasized the need for urgent legislative action to address retirement-related issues under the Decent Work Act. He noted that while some progress has been made for Firestone employees through recent negotiations, many other workers across the country continue to retire without receiving the benefits they are entitled to.

"We recently petitioned the House of Representatives and hope they take our concerns seriously. What is happening

benefit our members," he said.

Following years of advocacy, FAWUL successfully negotiated retirement benefits amounting to 50% of an employee's salary, multiplied by the number of months served—a significant improvement after more than seven years, during which retirees received nothing.

In addition to securing retirement benefits, Bongorlee revealed that FAWUL has introduced new initiatives, including plans for night school classes aimed at empowering union members through education.

He also praised the government, particularly President Joseph Nyuma Boakai, for enabling the union to push for these changes. "The government gave us the strength to exercise our rights. That's how we made these gains," Bongorlee said.

On Tuesday, July 8, 2025, Bongorlee was honored by

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Constitutional provisions and the PCC Act and is simply the exercise of the authority vested in the Executive, specifically the President of the Republic of Liberia. "Who, in exercising this power constituted by the constitution, appointed an Inter-Ministerial Concession Committee consistent with the PPCC Act. That committee is headed and chaired by the National Investment Commission. For the past eighteen months, it has been negotiating with the company HPX for access to our infrastructure, specifically our railway. So, what you saw is an expression of interest and not a binding contract," he stated. But Information Minister Piah disagrees. He confirmed during the ministry's regular press briefing that the GoL signed the agreement and was awaiting President Boakai's return from the United States to forward the secret agreement to the Legislature. Minister Piah further indicated that the US\$1.8 billion secret agreement is set to boost Jobs and Economy growth. According to Minister Piah, the agreement signed over the weekend—represents a major step forward in Liberia's economic development and will be submitted to the Legislature for ratification.

"Yes, over the weekend, we signed an agreement with HPX. However, the agreement has not been presented to President Joseph N. Boakai yet. So, when the President comes, we will send the agreement to the legislature. However, as we speak, the agreement is not binding because we have only signed it, and the President has not reviewed it, nor has the legislature. This was done before the President's travel. Once finalized, the deal is expected to create thousands of jobs for Liberians and significantly boost the national economy," he concluded. Similarly, the United States

government, through its Embassy in Monrovia, on Monday, July 8, 2025, expressed appreciation and welcomed the signing of the controversial railway agreement between the government of Liberia and Ivanhoe Atlantic.

The United States Embassy, in a brief appreciation statement posted on its official Facebook page, extended appreciation to the government of Liberia for the signing ceremony, while terming the decision a crucial step towards President Joseph N. Boakai's objective of developing Liberia. "The U.S. Embassy welcomes the signing of a concession and access agreement between U.S.-owned Ivanhoe Atlantic and the Government of Liberia. This estimated \$1.8 billion deal is a crucial step towards President Boakai's objectives of developing Liberia's multi-user rail policy and securing new international investment. By increasing U.S. investment in Africa, we drive mutual prosperity and support Liberia's move from aid to trade."

Consequently, Liberians have expressed disappointment and frustration over the Liberian government's handling of the signing ceremony, describing it as unclear and sinister. "How can the United States Embassy post and appreciate the deal and term it as a signing ceremony, while the Liberian government is referring to it as an expression of interest. This deal has something hidden beneath it, which is why our government is not transparent about this. We want them to be transparent and tell us the truth. We believe that the United States is about to influence us again," they concluded.



now is one-sided; only Firestone workers are benefiting, while others are being retired without any benefits," he said.

The Decent Work Act, originally passed in 2015, was designed to overhaul outdated labor practices and align them with international standards. The concept of "Decent Work" was introduced by the International Labour Organization (ILO) in 1999 and refers to employment that contributes to both social and economic stability for workers.

Bongorlee highlighted the critical role played by the Ministry of Labor, especially Minister Cooper Kruah, in supporting labor advocacy efforts.

"The Ministry has played a balanced and instrumental role, particularly during our negotiations with Firestone management. Their neutrality helped us achieve results that

Excellent Media Incorporated during a ceremony at the Boulevard Palace Hotel in Monrovia. The event recognized his contributions to labor advocacy and the promotion of workers' rights in Liberia. He expressed gratitude for the recognition and reaffirmed his commitment to advocating for the rights and welfare of Liberian workers.

"This honor is not just mine," he said. "It represents the struggle, resilience, and hope of all workers across Liberia. We will continue to push for fairness, dignity, and justice in the workplace."

The award highlights his leadership in strengthening organized labor and promoting constructive dialogue between workers, employers, and the government, a critical step in building a fairer labor environment in Liberia. Editing by Jonathan Browne

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Le gouvernement et l'ambassade des États-Unis livrent des versions contradictoires sur un contrat ferroviaire de 1,8 milliard USD

Un flou persiste autour de la nature réelle de l'accord ferroviaire signé à huis clos entre le gouvernement libérien (GoL) et la société Ivanhoe Atlantic, propriété américaine.

américains ; de l'autre, les autorités libériennes peinent à s'accorder sur la portée juridique de la cérémonie. Une annonce qui soulève des questions Lundi 8 juillet, l'ambassade des États-Unis a publié un communiqué sur sa page

président Boakai. Selon l'ambassade, le contrat, qui permet à Ivanhoe Atlantic d'accéder au réseau ferroviaire libérien, représente un jalon important vers le développement économique du pays.

Pourtant, dès le lendemain, le ministre libérien des Mines et de l'Énergie, Wilmot Paye, a minimisé la portée de la cérémonie, la qualifiant de simple « manifestation d'intérêt » non contraignante, en attente de futures approbations pour devenir juridiquement valable.

Contradictions au sein du gouvernement

Quelques heures plus tard, le ministre de l'Information, Jerolinmek Piah, a tenu une conférence de presse dans laquelle il a affirmé que l'accord avait bel et bien été sign

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D'un côté, l'ambassade des États-Unis à Monrovia salue un contrat « signé » d'une valeur de 1,8 milliard de dollars

Facebook officielle qualifiant l'accord d'« étape cruciale » dans la politique de développement des infrastructures ferroviaires du

Libéria : Le Sénat face à un dilemme concernant l'application de la Loi sur la Gouvernance Locale

À l'approche de l'échéance fixée pour la dissolution des districts statutaires et la possible reclassification de certaines villes, le Sénat libérien se trouve à un tournant crucial dans la mise en œuvre de la Loi sur la Gouvernance Locale (Local Government Act - LGA) adoptée en 2018.

Le sénateur du Maryland, J. Gbleh-bo Brown, président de la Commission sénatoriale des Règles, de l'Ordre et de l'Administration, a exprimé de vives inquiétudes concernant les articles 2.15a et 2.16c de cette loi. Ces dispositions exigent la dissolution des districts statutaires ainsi que la réévaluation des villes ne disposant pas du statut de capitale de comté ou de capitale nationale.

Dans une communication officielle adressée le 30 juin 2025 à la présidente du Sénat, Pro-Tempore Nyonblee Karnga-Lawrence, le sénateur

Brown a rappelé que la date limite du 19 novembre 2025 marquera les sept ans depuis l'adoption de la loi, période transitoire prévue pour la mise en conformité.

« La période de grâce accordée à tous les districts statutaires expirera le 19 novembre 2025. Au-delà de cette date, ils seront automatiquement dissous », a-t-il prévenu, soulignant que cette mesure affectera des milliers d'employés actuellement en poste dans ces districts.

Les articles en question :

- Article 2.15a : Tous les districts statutaires

continueront d'exister pendant sept ans après l'adoption de la loi. À l'issue de cette période, ils seront dissous. Le ministère des Affaires intérieures est chargé de superviser la mise à la retraite des employés concernés.

- Article 2.16c : Les villes qui ne sont ni des capitales nationales ni des capitales de comté doivent être réévaluées selon les critères définis par la loi. Celles qui ne satisfont pas aux exigences seront rétr

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Éditorial

La doctrine Trump

NEW YORK – En à peine quatre mois de deuxième administration du président américain Donald Trump, les premiers signes d'une doctrine en matière de politique étrangère apparaissent d'ores et déjà. Comme bien d'autres aspects de la présidence Trump 2.0, cette doctrine marque une rupture majeure par rapport au passé.

Les doctrines jouent un rôle de premier plan dans la politique étrangère américaine. À travers la doctrine Monroe formulée en 1823, les États-Unis ont affirmé qu'ils s'imposeraient comme la puissance prééminente sur le continent américain, et qu'ils empêcheraient tout autre pays d'établir des positions stratégiques concurrentes dans la région. De même, au début de la guerre froide, la doctrine Truman a promis un soutien des États-Unis à tous les pays qui lutteraient contre le communisme et la stratégie de subversion soviétique. Plus récemment, la doctrine Carter a énoncé que les États-Unis ne resteraient pas spectateurs si une force extérieure cherchait à prendre le contrôle de la région du golfe Persique, riche en pétrole. La doctrine Reagan a promis assistance aux mouvements et pays opposés au communisme. Celle de George W. Bush, axée sur la liberté, a notamment adressé le message selon lequel ni les terroristes, ni ceux qui les protégeraient ne seraient à l'abri d'une intervention armée.

Point comme entre ces doctrines, elles font toutes savoir à différents destinataires quels sont les intérêts fondamentaux des États-Unis, et ce que le pays est prêt à faire pour les promouvoir. Les doctrines visent à rassurer amis et alliés, à dissuader ennemis réels ou potentiels, à galvaniser les agences en charge des questions de sécurité nationale, ainsi qu'à informer les citoyens.

Non formulée explicitement pas Trump, une nouvelle doctrine américaine émerge pourtant actuellement, que l'on pourrait qualifier de doctrine des « yeux fermés », du « rien vu, rien entendu », ou du « cela ne nous regarde pas ».

Quelle qu'en soit l'appellation, cette doctrine semble énoncer que les États-Unis ne chercheront plus à influencer ni à réagir à la manière dont les autres pays se comporteront à l'intérieur de leurs propres frontières. C'est ainsi que l'administration américaine s'est abstenue de condamner l'arrestation arbitraire d'un opposant politique de premier plan par le président turc Recep Tayyip Erdogan, les manœuvres répétées du Premier ministre israélien Benjamin Netanyahu pour affaiblir le pouvoir judiciaire dans son pays, ou encore la manière dont le Premier ministre hongrois de longue date, Viktor Orbán, ne cesse de malmenier les institutions démocratiques en Hongrie.

De même, Trump dénonce certes la politique étrangère du président russe Vladimir Poutine, ainsi que la politique économique du dirigeant chinois Xi Jinping, mais ne s'indigne en aucun cas de la répression que mènent l'un et l'autre contre leur propre population. L'administration Trump a par ailleurs décidé d'affaiblir voire de démanteler bon nombre des instruments – Voice of America, Agence des États-Unis pour le développement international, ou encore Dotation nationale pour la démocratie – employés depuis longtemps pour promouvoir la société civile et les mouvements démocratiques à travers le monde.

Ce qui se rapproche le plus d'une [formulation](#) publique de cette nouvelle doctrine a eu lieu en Arabie saoudite, le 13 mai dernier. Trump a en effet exprimé son admiration pour ce qu'il décrit comme une formidable transformation du Royaume, ajoutant que cette évolution n'était pas le fruit des efforts « d'interventionnistes occidentaux [...] qui vous donnent des leçons sur la manière de vivre et de gouverner vos propres affaires [...] Ces dernières années, trop de présidents américains ont considéré à tort qu'il était de notre devoir de sonder les âmes des dirigeants étrangers, et d'user de la politique américaine pour absoudre ou non leurs péchés ».

Les agissements de Trump, notamment sa recherche d'accords commerciaux avec plusieurs gouvernements autoritaires du Golfe et d'ailleurs, soulignent le poids de cette déclaration. À la différence de Reagan, de Carter, de Bush, de Barack Obama et de [Joe Biden](#), Trump adresse ici clairement le message selon lequel les États-Unis n'ont plus l'intention de défendre les droits de l'homme et la démocratie, de condamner les méfaits de dirigeants étrangers autoritaires, ni de faire pression pour la libération d'opposants politiques.

Cette doctrine du « rien vu, rien entendu » évite certes aux États-Unis une dérive caractéristique de la présidence Bush, durant laquelle le zèle dans la propagation de la démocratie avait conduit à une invasion irréfléchie et coûteuse de l'Irak. Elle facilite par ailleurs pour les États-Unis un travail constructif auprès de gouvernements appliquant chez eux des politiques qui, en temps normal, constitueraient un obstacle aux relations commerciales ou à la coopération sur des questions bilatérales, régionales ou mondiales essentielles.

Ce sont néanmoins les retombées négatives de cette approche qui l'emportent. La doctrine Trump accroît la probabilité que les gouvernements engagés sur cette voie redoublent d'efforts de répression intérieure et de subversion de la démocratie – régime politique caractérisé par davantage de liberté pour les individus, mais également par des marchés libres, soutenus par l'État de droit, et par une politique étrangère généralement moins agressive. La promotion de la démocratie est par conséquent bénéfique pour les investisseurs américains, et limite le risque que l'Amérique s'enlise à l'étranger dans des conflits coûteux ou prolongés.

Richard Haass, président émérite du Conseil des relations étrangères, conseiller principal chez Centerview Partners, et chercheur universitaire émérite à l'Université de New York, est l'auteur de la newsletter hebdomadaire Substack [Home & Away](#).

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Le gouvernement et l'ambassade des États-Unis livrent des versions

é par le gouvernement. Selon lui, le document attendrait désormais l'examen du président Boakai, actuellement en déplacement aux États-Unis, avant d'être transmis à la Législature pour ratification.

« Oui, un accord a été signé avec HPX ce week-end. Il n'a pas encore été remis au président Boakai ni soumis à la Législature. Tant que cela n'est pas fait, l'accord n'est pas encore exécutoire », a déclaré le ministre Piah. Il a toutefois ajouté que, une fois ratifié, l'accord pourrait générer des milliers d'emplois et stimuler considérablement l'économie nationale.

Indignation des parlementaires

Ces déclarations contradictoires interviennent alors que plusieurs députés libériens dénoncent le caractère secret de la signature. Parmi eux, le représentant de la circonscription #3 du comté de Grand Bassa, Matthew F. Joe, s'est insurgé sur les réseaux sociaux :

« Je ne parle pas de ratification. Je parle de la cérémonie de signature, qui aurait dû être publique et en présence des commissions parlementaires compétentes. Pour un accord de cette ampleur, l'opacité est inacceptable », a-t-il écrit, avant de conclure : « Nous attendons de voir ce que contient réellement cet accord. »

Face à ces critiques, le ministre Wilmot Paye a tenté de clarifier la situation par téléphone. Il a réaffirmé que ce qui avait été signé n'était qu'un engagement non contraignant relatif à l'usage des infrastructures ferroviaires, et non un contrat définitif.

« À ce stade des négociations, la Législature n'a aucun rôle à jouer. Ce que

nous avons signé n'est pas un accord juridiquement contraignant. Notre Constitution et la Loi sur la Commission des marchés publics (PPCC) définissent clairement les procédures de contractualisation », a-t-il insisté.

Le ministre a également précisé que les discussions étaient conduites par un Comité interministériel des concessions, dirigé par la Commission nationale d'investissement, qui négocie avec HPX depuis plus de 18 mois.

Réactions de la société civile

Du côté de la population, les Libériens expriment leur méfiance et leur frustration. Nombreux sont ceux qui remettent en question la transparence du gouvernement dans la gestion de ce dossier. Le flou autour de la nature exacte de l'accord renforce les soupçons.

« Comment se fait-il que l'ambassade des États-Unis parle d'un accord signé, alors que notre propre gouvernement évoque une simple manifestation d'intérêt ? Il y a quelque chose de caché derrière ce contrat, et nous exigeons de la transparence », a déclaré un citoyen lors d'un micro-trottoir à Monrovia.

Conclusion

Alors que les versions divergent entre ministères, diplomates et élus, l'accord avec Ivanhoe Atlantic reste enveloppé de confusion. La question cruciale demeure : s'agit-il d'un véritable contrat contraignant ou d'un simple pas vers une négociation plus large ? Une chose est certaine : la pression publique et parlementaire pour plus de clarté ne fait que commencer.

Samuel Tweah annonce le retour de George Weah

L'ancien ministre libérien des Finances, Samuel D. Tweah Jr., s'est exprimé ce lundi à Monrovia sur l'état de la gouvernance nationale, critiquant vivement l'administration du président Joseph Boakai, tout en affichant son espoir dans un retour au pouvoir de l'ex-président George Weah.

S'exprimant lors d'une conférence de presse, M. Tweah – actuellement poursuivi dans une affaire de corruption présumée – a déclaré que la situation du pays se détériorait sous la direction de l'actuel gouvernement. Il a exhorté les Libériens à « garder espoir » en George Weah, qu'il voit comme une alternative crédible pour résoudre les problèmes du pays.

« Les Libériens méritent mieux. Nous reviendrons – mais pas avec le même programme. Nous reviendrons pour servir le peuple libérien et le libérer du mal. Nous allons corriger les injustices et répondre aux souffrances de notre peuple avec une nouvelle vision », a-t-il affirmé.

Attaques contre l'administration Boakai-Koung

M. Tweah s'est montré particulièrement virulent à l'encontre de l'administration en place, qualifiant la



gouvernance de « frauduleuse et destructrice ». Il accuse l'équipe Boakai-Koung d'avoir, en quelques mois, causé des dégâts considérables au pays.

« Ce sont des imposteurs. Ce dont ils se vantent aujourd'hui – routes, électricité, accords financiers – ce sont des projets que nous avons négociés et signés sous la présidence de George Weah. Ils récoltent les fruits de notre travail », a-t-il lancé.

Il cite notamment un accord historique de dix ans avec la Banque mondiale pour le développement de l'électricité, conclu, selon lui, sous le régime de M. Weah. Il revendique également des accords majeurs pour les infrastructures routières à travers le pays.

Une riposte contre les accusations

Face aux accusations de mauvaise gestion et de corruption visant d'anciens membres du gouvernement, Samuel Tweah dénonce ce qu'il qualifie de « manipulation malveillante de l'information » orchestrée contre les ex-responsables du régime CDC (Coalition for Democratic Change).

« L'administration Boakai s'adonne à une campagne délibérée de déformation des faits. Ils utilisent la désinformation comme une arme politique contre ceux d'entre nous qui avons servi sous George Weah », a-t-il déploré.

« Ceux qui sont devenus les cibles de ces manœuvres doivent résister. Nous allons nous défendre par tous les moyens à notre disposition : intellectuellement, politiquement, et bien sûr, juridiquement », a-t-il ajouté avec détermination.

Un regard tourné vers 2029

L'ex-ministre n'a pas caché son optimisme quant à une nouvelle candidature de George Weah à l'élection

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Libéria : Le Sénat face à un dilemme concernant

dées au rang de bourg (town), ce qui pourrait entraîner la suppression de nombreux postes liés à l'administration municipale.

Le sénateur Brown a rappelé que la philosophie de la LGA repose sur la décentralisation administrative, politique et fiscale, en vue de réduire les divisions arbitraires et d'instaurer une gouvernance locale plus efficace.

« L'objectif fondamental de cette loi est de renforcer l'unité nationale en garantissant à chaque citoyen une pleine participation à la gouvernance à travers la dévolution du pouvoir », a-t-il déclaré.

Afin d'éviter des pertes d'emplois massives et un désordre administratif à l'échelle nationale, le sénateur Brown a recommandé que le Sénat charge son

Secrétariat d'engager un dialogue formel avec le ministre des Affaires intérieures, Francis S. Nyumalin. L'objectif : définir un plan de retraite pour les employés des districts ainsi qu'une méthodologie claire pour la réévaluation des villes, conformément aux dispositions des articles 2.15a et 2.16c.

« Il est vivement souhaité que le Sénat agisse sans délai pour atténuer les impacts négatifs que pourrait entraîner l'application tardive ou maladroite de cette loi », a-t-il conclu.

Le dossier est désormais entre les mains de la plénière du Sénat, qui doit se prononcer rapidement. Des observateurs mettent en garde contre les risques de perturbations administratives et de vives protestations populaires dans les localités concernées,



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FEATUREARTICLE

A Call for Swift Confirmation of Justice Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay as Liberia's Next Chief Justice:

*BY: Austin S Fallah-
A True Son of the Planet Earth Soil:*

In a moment of significant importance for the future of the Liberian judiciary, President Joseph Nyumah Boakai has nominated the esteemed Justice Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay as the next Chief Justice of Liberia. This nomination has been met with overwhelming support from his fellow legal minds and the meaningful community. The Senate must act quickly and positively in response to this nomination, reflecting the will of the well-meaning Liberian people. Justice Gbeisay's confirmation embodies the hope for a reformed justice system in Liberia. It represents a critical step toward protecting the rule of law, human rights, and democratic principles within our nation. To better appreciate the urgency and necessity of confirming Justice Gbeisay, one must first recognize

His commitment to promoting fair trial rights and upholding human rights is particularly noteworthy in a society striving to heal from its tumultuous past. The Need for an Effective Judiciary: The need for a skilled Chief Justice is related to the judiciary's effectiveness in Liberia. The country has long endured the consequences of legal ineffectiveness mixed with corruption and abuse, leading to widespread distrust among the public toward judicial institutions. Now, more than ever, the people of Liberia yearn for a judiciary that is transparent, accountable, and dedicated to protecting the fundamental rights of all individuals. President Boakai's nomination of Justice Gbeisay is a significant stride in this direction. His experience and vision for reform can lead to groundbreaking changes in a justice system that has

Public Will and Civic Responsibility: The Senate's role in the confirmation process is vital to upholding the principles of democracy in Liberia. Since Justice Gbeisay has been endorsed by various legal experts and recognized by well-meaning public members as a qualified candidate, the Senate must heed the people's support for his nomination. The Senate must urgently act to hold confirmation hearings and provide the necessary approval for Justice Gbeisay. Citizens across Liberia have expressed their desire for a competent and fair judiciary. The public's trust in the judicial system is foundational to the functioning of a democratic society. By swiftly confirming Justice Gbeisay, the Senate would fulfill its constitutional duty and embrace its role as the guardian of the people's interests. Such action would demonstrate to the citizens that



his qualifications, the need for an effective and trustworthy judiciary, and the historical context that underpins Liberia's struggle for justice and democracy. A Distinguished Legal Career: Although I have not met or seen Justice Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay, his resume shows him as a figure of utmost integrity and accomplishment within the legal community. Reseached as done thus far, with years of experience as a judge, he has consistently showcased his profound understanding of the law and his commitment to justice. His background is not merely a checklist of academic qualifications and professional titles. It is a testament to his mastery of the complexities of the Liberian legal system through hard work and determination. The significance of a capable Chief Justice can not be overemphasized. For a nation recovering from decades of civil conflict and hooliganism through unwarranted, baseless, ill-advised, undemocratic, and unconstitutional demonstrations, turmoil, the judiciary must function as a bastion of fairness and equity. Through his previous rulings and engagements, Justice Gbeisay has demonstrated an understanding of the law and an empathetic approach to justice that prioritizes the rights of all citizens.

often failed to safeguard the rights of the vulnerable. Justice Gbeisay's confirmation would represent a shift towards a genuine commitment to upholding the rule of law and respecting human rights, thereby enhancing public confidence in the judiciary. Historical Context of Liberia's Judicial System: To understand the importance of this nomination and the necessity for confirmation, we must look back at Liberia's history. Liberia has faced numerous challenges, including civil wars, political instability, and public distrust in governmental institutions. The judicial system has often been controversial, with political interference, corruption, and inefficiency allegations. The consequences of this systemic failure have been dire, leading to an environment where impunity prevails. Justice Gbeisay's nomination is not merely a chance for the Senate to confirm a candidate. Still, it is an opportunity for the country to demonstrate its commitment to overcoming a troubled past. A swift confirmation of Justice Gbeisay would send a strong message to the citizenry that the Senate is aligned with the people's democratic aspirations, values an independent judiciary, and is willing to support necessary reforms to ensure justice for all.

their voices resonate within the halls of power. A Collective Step Towards Justice: Justice Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay's nomination represents a defining moment in Liberia's commitment to justice, accountability, and the rule of law. The combined factors of his distinguished legal career, the urgent need for judicial reform, and Liberia's historical context necessitate a prompt confirmation by the Senate. Justice Gbeisay stands ready to lead a judiciary that can restore faith in Liberia's legal systems and uphold the rights of all Liberians. The Senate has a moral and civic obligation to act swiftly in confirming Justice Gbeisay. This decision is not merely an administrative formality but a critical juncture for Liberia's pursuit of justice. In confirming Justice Gbeisay as the next Chief Justice, the Senate would honor the Liberian people's wishes and reinforce its commitment to democracy, justice, and human rights in our beloved country. As a collective society, let every well-meaning Liberian push for Justice Gbeisay's confirmation and pave the way for a brighter future where justice prevails and the rule of law is upheld. The time to act is now, and Liberia's judiciary deserves a Chief Justice who embodies integrity, competence, and the unwavering belief in justice for all.

Senate faces dilemma"Done deal or expression of interest?"

The Liberian Senate seems to be worried implementation of Local Government Act, as deadline for dissolution of districts and potential reclassification of cities approaches.

By Stephen G. Fellajuah "The grace period given for the existence of all existing statutory districts expires November 19, 2025. Thereafter, all statutory districts will be dissolved," he warned, while cautioning that "The adverse impact will be on the several thousands of



dissolving districts and statutory district potentially reclassifying cities employees." approaches.

Key provisions at stake include Section 2.15a: All existing statutory districts shall continue to exist for a period of seven years after the passage of the Act, after which they shall be dissolved. The Minister of Internal Affairs is responsible for overseeing the retirement of statutory district employees within that timeframe. Section 2.16c: Existing cities that are not national or county capitals must be reviewed for reaffirmation, based on criteria outlined in the Act. Those that failed to meet the standards shall be relegated to town status, potentially leading to the loss of city-related government jobs.

In a communication dated June 30, 2025, addressed to Senate President Pro-Tempore Nyonblee Karnga-Lawrence, Sen. Brown reminded the Senate Plenary of the upcoming November 19, 2025, deadline, marking seven years since the passage of the LGA.

Sen. Brown emphasized the decentralization goals of the LGA, which include reducing arbitrary administrative divisions, creating more efficient governance structures, and enhancing citizens' participation at the local level.

"The intent of the LGA is to strengthen national unity by providing equal opportunity for all citizens to participate in governance through the devolution of administrative, fiscal, and political powers," he stated.

He further emphasized that to avoid massive job losses and administrative confusion, the Senate should instruct its Secretariat to formally engage the Minister of Internal Affairs, Francis S. Nyumalin on a retirement plan for statutory district employees in line with Section 2.15a; as well as a reaffirmation plan and methodology for evaluating cities under Section 2.16c.

"It is hoped that the Senate will act swiftly on these matters, so that the expected impacts on our people will be alleviated," Sen. Brown concluded.

The matter now rests with the Plenary of the Liberian Senate, which faces a tight window to act on the looming transition. Stakeholders warn that any inaction or delay could trigger administrative disruptions and public backlash in affected communities across the country. Editing by Jonathan Browne

Days following the closed-door signing of the controversial railway multi-user agreement between the Government of Liberia (GoL) and Ivanhoe Atlantic, there appears to be conflicting statements coming from the US Embassy in Monrovia and GoL regarding the secret deal.

By Lincoln G. Peters On Monday, the US Embassy here released a statement hailing the signing of the secret US\$1.8 billion deal, describing it as an agreement that would boost the Liberian economy.

But on Tuesday July 8, Liberia's Mines and Energy Minister Wilmot Paye described the secret signing ceremony as a mere expression of interest awaiting further approval to be binding.

However, his cabinet colleague, Information Minister Jerolinmek Piah would confirm hours later during a regular press briefing that the Government had officially agreed to the deal by stamping its signature on paper.

Legislative concern These contradicting comments are coming at a time some lawmakers are voicing their concerns and disappointments over the secret nature of the Ivanhoe deal.

One of such lawmakers is Grand Bassa County District #3 Representative Matthew F. Joe.

However, responding to the lawmaker and providing clarification regarding the secret signing ceremony on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, Minister Paye denied that the government had signed an agreement, but again described the ceremony as an expression of interest rather than a full agreement.

Providing brief telephone clarification regarding the deal, Mr. Paye said that he is constrained to phone in because he is hearing something that resembles misrepresentation of the agreement of interest.

According to him, a reference was made to a lawmaker who probably said that the government signed an agreement with the company without their knowledge.

Minister Paye also warned and urged legislature who have begun raising concern regarding the transparency and accountability of the signing to desist on grounds that at this stage, the legislature has no



Rep. Joe took to social media on Tuesday, expressing his disappointment and frustration over the secret signing, while raising concerns regarding transparency and accountability of the agreement.

"Hahaha. I'm not talking about ratification; I'm talking about the signing ceremony, which is usually held for landmark agreements such as these 1.8 billion deals. The legislature is invited and represented by the committees responsible for such concessions to witness the signing ceremony. But for this deal, no. Even the entire country becomes aware through the U.S. Embassy publication. Anyway, we await the agreement to see what is in it for our people," he concluded.

part to play in the agreement.

"So, at this early stage of negotiations, the legislature has no say in it. Ask the lawmaker, I am sure he didn't have the information. We will come and provide more clarification. However, what was signed was merely an expression of interest or a commitment to utilize our railway, not a legally binding agreement. Our constitution and PPCC law provide regulations and directions as to how our country goes into agreement and contract," he disclosed.

Minister Paye further indicated that what has been happening is consistent with the

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the stage to enhance the Organization's efficiency and effectiveness in delivering its mandate.

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Mr. Dongyu, at the same time, disclosed that the Liberia Situation Room will generate risk profiles tailored for re-insurance companies, thereby supporting the development of

anticipatory insurance mechanisms in high-vulnerability contexts.

"The Liberia Situation Room embodies FAO's commitment to harnessing technology and partnerships to protect the most vulnerable populations," Qu said. The Director-General expressed his deep appreciation to the Government of Liberia and Minister for Agriculture of Liberia, J. Alexander Nuetah, who participated in the room's inauguration, for the generous contribution towards establishing this new facility.

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SUP rejects UL Administration's "Vacation Semester"

-Demands accountability

By: Naneka Hoffman

The Vanguard Student Unification Party (SUP) at the University of Liberia has strongly condemned the administration's decision to classify the ongoing vacation school as a full academic

staff. Chairman Wheeler warned that SUP can no longer guarantee a "peaceful space" on campus if their demands are not swiftly met. "We reject the administration's decision to label vacation school as a second semester," Wheeler stated. "Vacation school is

grades. He demanded the public release of an investigative report related to the suspension and dismissal of several UL staff members, including the Vice President for Fiscal Affairs. He argued that the continued withholding of the report undermines transparency and contradicts President Maparyan's stated commitment to integrity.

The SUP Chairman further criticized the recent hiring of over 15 new staff members, some allegedly connected to USAID, while existing underpaid employees continue to be neglected. He labeled the hiring practices as "questionable" and lacking merit-based transparency.

He also condemned the deteriorating condition of the university's infrastructure, pointing to a shortage of buses, inadequate seating, unsanitary restrooms, and dilapidated buildings as evidence of administrative negligence.

Also speaking at the event, SUP Secretary-General Odecious Mulbah called on President Maparyan to act decisively.

"If these issues are not addressed immediately, the administration should expect more robust actions from the student body," Mulbah warned.



semester. The party described the move as an "affront" to the student body.

Speaking at a press conference held on July 8, 2025, at the Capitol Hill main campus, SUP Chairman Sylvester Wheeler expressed deep disappointment in the University's President, Dr. Layli Maparyan, citing her failure to address pressing issues affecting students and

intended to allow students to take a limited number of courses, up to three for undergraduates and two for graduate and professional students. It should never serve as a substitute for a full semester." Wheeler also called for a quick resolution to ongoing problems with the university's add-and-drop process, which has left many students uncertain about their academic standing and at risk of missing

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