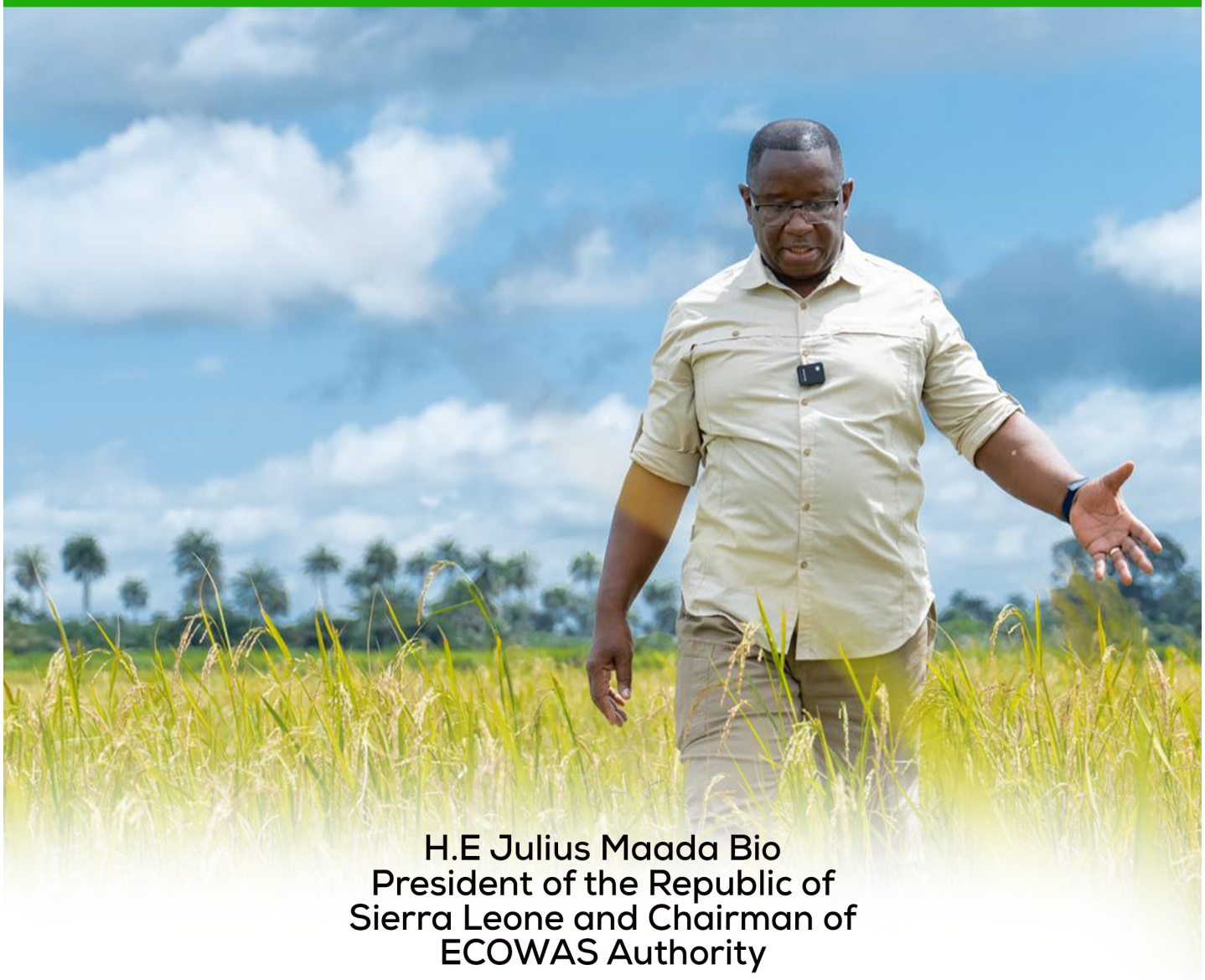
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SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO RECEIVES FEED SALONE YEAR-TWO REPORT AHEAD OF WORLD FOOD DAY

State House, Freetown, Tuesday, 7 October 2025– His Excellency President Dr. Julius Maada Bio formally received the Year-Two Report on the implementation of the Feed Salone initiative from the Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Dr. Henry Musa Kpaka, during a meeting with members of the Presidential Council on Feed Salone at the State House.

Dr. Kpaka updated President Bio on Feed Salone achievements: increased exports of cocoa, cashew, and coffee; 175 trained tractor drivers; five new machinery service providers; 30 combined harvesters; 10 Sakata rice mills; and 5,000 hectares of irrigation in Tormabum and Gbondapi. He highlighted the new SLeSCA seed lab at Mile 91, upcoming improved seed varieties, WFP's procurement of 2,044 metric tons of rice from 12,000 farmers, and the $10 million agricultural credit facility to boost private-sector investment.



SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO LAUNCHES 30 NEW SEED VARIETIES AND OPENS NATIONAL SEED TESTING LABORATORY TO ACCELERATE FEED SALONE AGENDA

Rokupr & Mile 91, Thursday 9 October 2025 - His Excellency, Dr Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, reaffirmed his government's unwavering commitment to agricultural innovation, food security, and national self-sufficiency as he officially released 30 new high-performing seed varieties developed by the Sierra Leone Agricultural Research Institute (SLARI) in Rokupr and inaugurated the state-of-the-art National Seed Testing Laboratory at Mile 91.

The two landmark events, held on the same day, represent a major stride in delivering on the President's Feed Salone Strategy, the government's flagship programme.

PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO PERFORMS SYMBOLIC HARVEST ON 60-HECTARE PRIVATELY OWNED MAIZE FARM IN TAIAMA, MOYAMBA DISTRICT



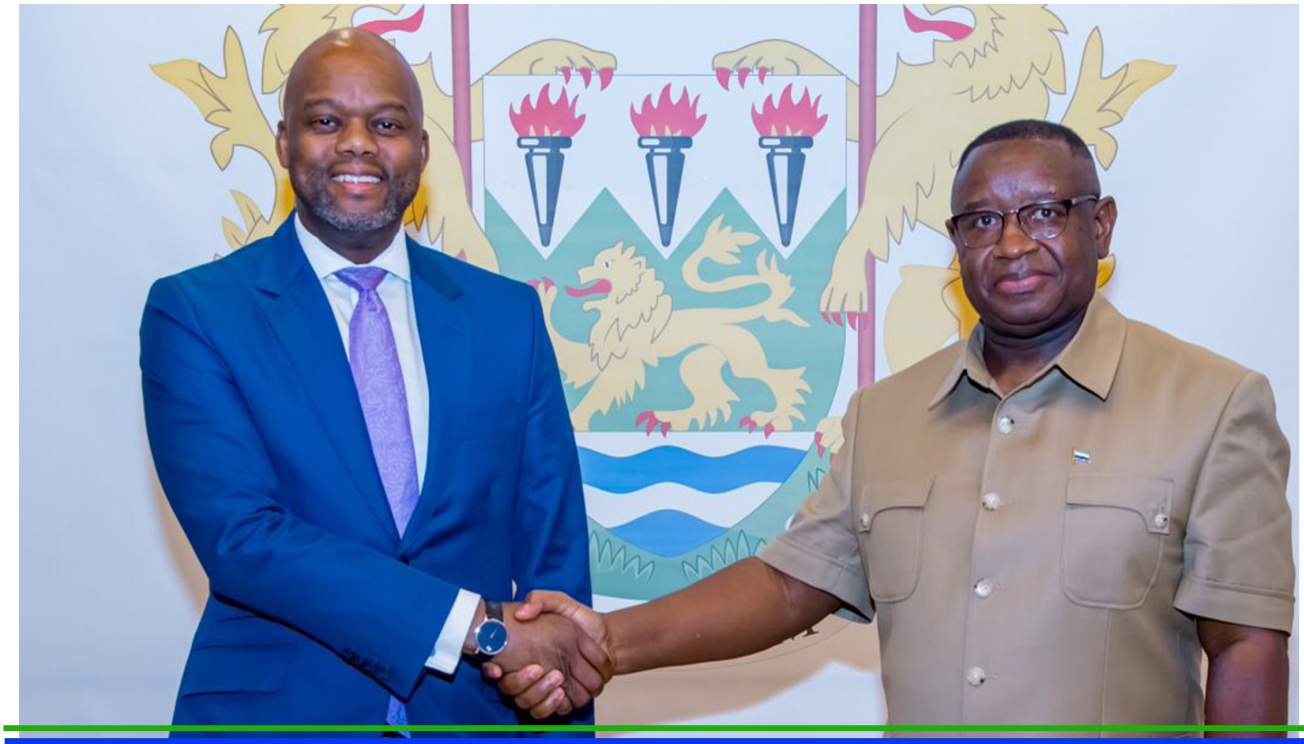
Taiama Town, Moyamba District, Friday, 10 October 2025 - His Excellency President Dr Julius Maada Bio joined young Sierra Leonean master farmer Sherilyn Cowan at Taiama Town for a symbolic harvest of her 60-hectare maize farm, owned by Sherilyn's Enterprise for National Change (SENC) and supported by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFS), reaffirming his personal commitment to agricultural transformation and showcasing leadership by example under the Feed Salone vision.

The President used this visit to underscore his government's determination to make agriculture a viable business that creates jobs, boosts food security, and drives national self-sufficiency. Speaking during the exercise, he noted that farming remains one of the most sustainable pathways to empower communities and strengthen Sierra Leone's economy.

PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO RECEIVES AFCFTA SECRETARY-GENERAL, COMMENDS COMPLETION OF THE AFCFTA READINESS ASSESSMENT REPORT

State House, Freetown, Monday, 13 October 2025 - His Excellency President Dr. Julius Maada Bio received the Secretary-General of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), His Excellency Wamkele Mene, who is in Sierra Leone to grace the official launch of the country's AfCFTA Readiness Assessment Report and the Updated National Trade Strategy (2024–2030).

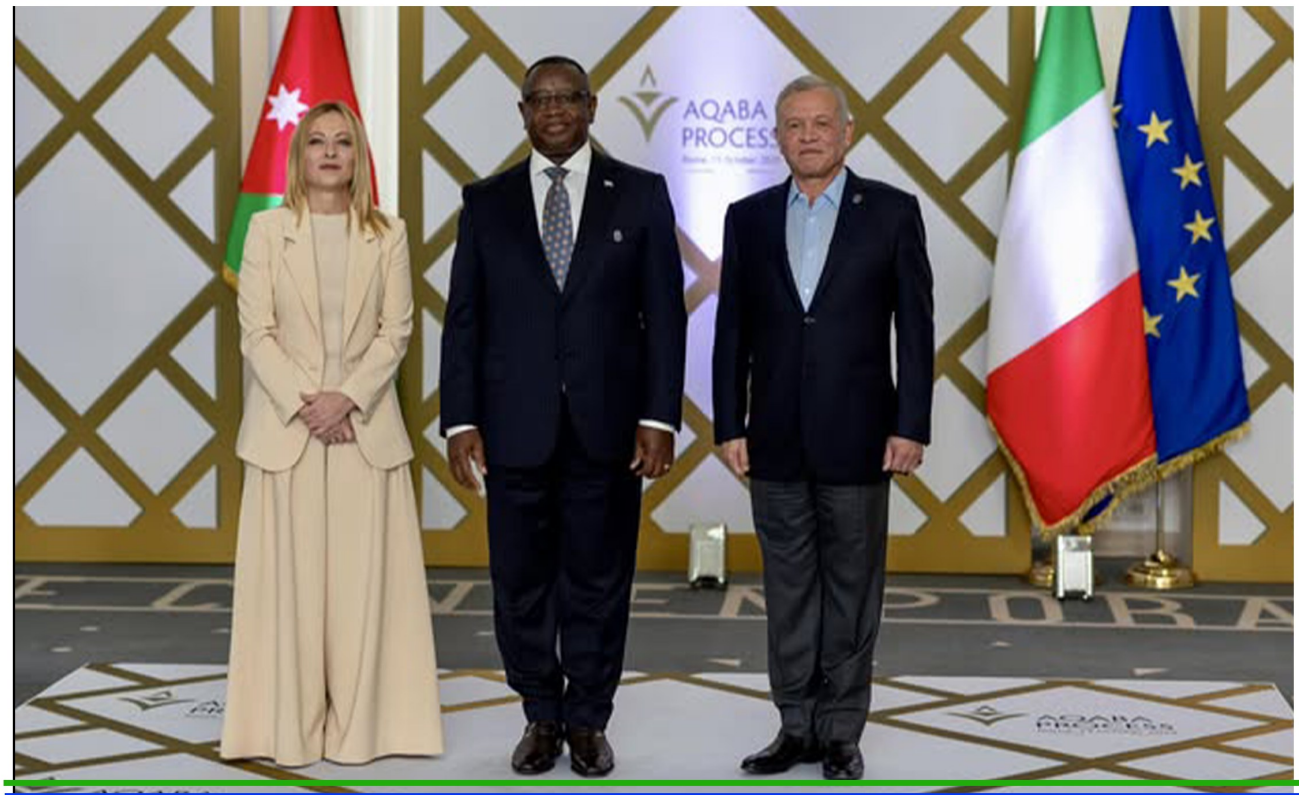
The Minister of Trade and Industry, Alpha Sesay, noted that under President Bio's leadership, Sierra Leone has completed and gazetted its schedule of commitments on trade in goods and finalized its AfCFTA Readiness Assessment, making it the first country in Africa to do so. The visit, he explained, would deepen collaboration with the AfCFTA Secretariat, support Sierra Leone's participation in the Guided Trade Initiative (GTI), and promote awareness among private sector actors about opportunities for cross-border trade and investment.



SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO ARRIVES IN ROME FOR HIGH-LEVEL AQABA PROCESS SUMMIT ON WEST AFRICAN SECURITY

Rome, Italy, October 14, 2025 - His Excellency President Dr. Julius Maada Bio arrived in Rome, Italy, to attend the Aqaba Process Heads of State and Government-Level Summit, a high-level gathering focused on addressing the pressing security challenges confronting West Africa. The summit brings together world leaders, senior officials, military commanders, intelligence chiefs, and counterterrorism experts. Their discussions were centered on tackling terrorism, organized crime, and maritime insecurity spanning the Sahel to the Gulf of Guinea.

President Bio's participation reaffirmed Sierra Leone's steadfast commitment to multilateral cooperation and ECOWAS's ongoing efforts to address transnational threats, safeguard peace, and foster sustainable security across West Africa.



LEADING BY EXAMPLE: PRESIDENT BIO WORKS HIS FARM, URGES SIERRA LEONEANS TO TAKE UP FARMING

President Julius Maada Bio is leading by example in Sierra Leone's agricultural transformation. In an inspiring visit to his farm, the President shared stories about his other farms across the country and reaffirmed his belief that every Sierra Leonean can play a part in achieving food self-sufficiency.

Through the Feed Salone vision, he's calling on citizens to get involved. to grow what we eat and eat what we grow, while investing in innovation, youth, and modern farming practices.



PHOTO GALLERY



President Bio and Agric.
Minister Musa Kpaka on his farm



President Bio inspects his
rice field before harvest

PHOTO GALLERY



President Bio inspects new rice variety at SLARI, Rokupr station.



President Bio inspects SLeSCA seed lab at Mile 91



President Bio officially opens SLeSCA seed lab at Mile 91



President Bio displays new Cassava variety at Rokupr



President Bio declares new seed varieties in Rokupr



President Bio on crop inspection in Rokupr

KEY QUOTATIONS

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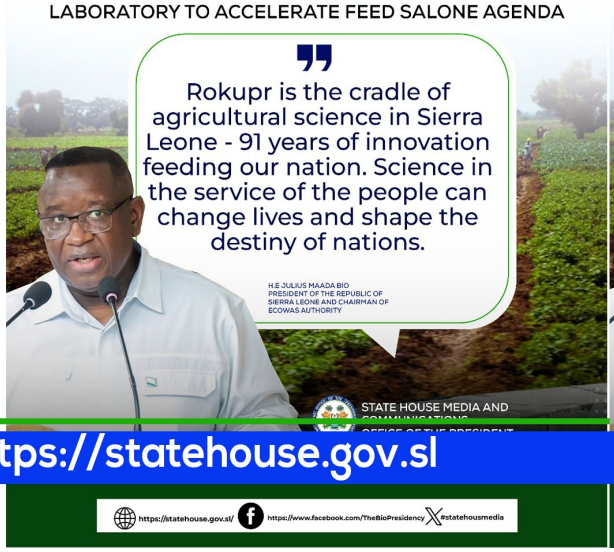
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