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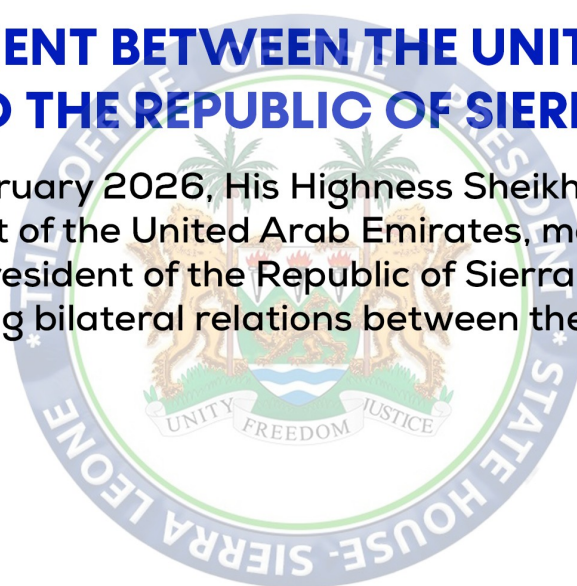
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On the margins of the World Governments Summit 2026, the two leaders witnessed the signing of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), marking a pivotal step toward unlocking new opportunities for trade, investment, and private-sector collaboration, and further enhancing economic cooperation.

The two leaders welcomed the constructive high-level engagement between the UAE and Sierra Leone and underscored the Summit's role as a global platform for advancing dialogue on governance, development, and international cooperation.

They emphasized the importance of expanding economic cooperation across priority sectors, including artificial intelligence, energy, agriculture, infrastructure, logistics, and healthcare. Discussions also covered prospects for enhanced defense and military cooperation.

The President of Sierra Leone welcomed the UAE's launch of the USD 1 billion "AI for Development" initiative, announced at the G20 Leaders' Summit in Johannesburg in November 2025, and both leaders affirmed its potential to support Africa's development priorities through innovation and digital transformation.

The two leaders exchanged views on significant regional and global issues, reaffirming their shared commitment to the principles of international law and the peaceful resolution of conflicts. The UAE praised Sierra Leone's constructive role within regional and international forums, including the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), and underscored their shared commitment to multilateral cooperation in addressing common challenges.

On Sudan, both condemned the atrocities against civilians by the warring parties, underlined that the primary responsibility for ending the civil war lies with both warring parties, and called for accountability for violations of international humanitarian law. The two leaders stressed the urgent need for an immediate, unconditional humanitarian truce, a permanent ceasefire, unhindered humanitarian access throughout Sudan, and the formation of a civilian-led government independent of the warring parties that reflects the aspirations of the Sudanese people.

Both sides stressed the importance of upholding international law, including the UN Charter, emphasizing respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity, non-interference, and the prohibition of the threat or use of force. They called for ending the occupation of the three UAE islands—Greater Tunb, Lesser Tunb, and Abu Musa.

They reiterated support for a peaceful settlement of the dispute over the three UAE

islands through bilateral negotiations or referral to the International Court of Justice in accordance with international law and the principles of the UN Charter.

Aligned with the 2026 African Union theme, Assuring Sustainable Water Availability and Safe Sanitation Systems to Achieve the Goals of Agenda 2063, Sierra Leone expressed its appreciation for the UAE's continued engagement with Africa and its support for sustainable development initiatives across the continent.

Both sides welcomed the 2026 United Nations Water Conference, co-hosted by the UAE and the Republic of Senegal, and held in the UAE at the end of 2026, as a key opportunity to accelerate the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 6. Sierra Leone commended the UAE's efforts to elevate the global water agenda through initiatives like the Mohamed bin Zayed Water Initiative and the Abu Dhabi Global Water Platform, agreeing to cooperate closely, toward tangible, action-oriented deliverables.

Both sides acknowledged the urgency of accelerating climate action and the energy transition. The UAE praised Sierra Leone for boosting resilience and expanding clean energy access, while Sierra Leone recognised the UAE's support for renewable energy, including its global leadership through initiatives like the Global Energy Efficiency Alliance. This leadership has been instrumental in advancing the UAE Consensus and supporting the implementation of the Global Renewables and Energy Efficiency Pledge adopted at COP28.

Both sides reiterated the importance of enhancing cooperation in the renewable energy sector, highlighting ongoing engagement between Global South Utilities and Sierra Leone's authorities to improve grid reliability and foster the development of sustainable energy solutions.

The two sides pledged to maintain close coordination and expressed confidence that this engagement will further elevate UAE–Sierra Leone relations to new levels of cooperation.

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SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO ARRIVES IN UAE FOR THE WORLD GOVERNMENTS SUMMIT 2026



Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 31 January 2026 - His Excellency President Julius Maada Bio arrived in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, to participate in the just-concluded World Governments Summit scheduled from 3 to 5 February 2026. President Bio's attendance follows an invitation from His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE. During his stay, the President was slated to engage in multiple bilateral meetings and join a high-level session alongside fellow heads of state.

His participation underscores the growing international recognition of Sierra Leone's significant progress in governance under his leadership. President Bio was among numerous heads of state and global leaders attending the event.

GAVI CEO COMMENDS SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO FOR GLOBAL LEADERSHIP IN CHAMPIONING IMMUNIZATION

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Tuesday, 3 February 2026 – Dr. Sania Nishtar, Chief Executive Officer of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, lauded His Excellency President Julius Maada Bio for his outstanding global leadership in promoting immunization during a fruitful meeting on the sidelines of the World Governments Summit 2026 in Dubai. Dr. Nishtar expressed her gratitude to President Bio for his instrumental role at last year's replenishment summit, announcing that Gavi has successfully raised \$10 billion since the Brussels summit. She praised the President's unwavering commitment to vaccine equity, sustainable health financing, and the strengthening of immunization systems.

"Your country is a regional leader in immunization. We owe you a lot of gratitude for all that you have done for GAVI. Thank you for your partnership," stated the GAVI CEO. In his remarks, President Bio warmly thanked Dr. Nishtar and the GAVI Board for their steadfast collaboration, which has resulted in the investment of millions of dollars in Sierra Leone. He emphasized that Gavi's support has been crucial in maintaining high routine immunization coverage and effectively controlling vaccine-preventable diseases. Highlighting the achievements made possible through Gavi's partnership, President Bio noted improvements in routine immunization rates, the introduction of vaccines for children and adolescents, investments in health infrastructure, and a strong national response to COVID-19 and Mpox. "As you are aware, Sierra Leone has successfully maintained over 90% coverage for the DTP3 vaccine, a key benchmark for health system performance in the region," he proudly said.



NEW UN TOURISM SECRETARY-GENERAL SHAIKHA ALNUWAIS MEETS PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO, COMMITS TO SUPPORT SIERRA LEONE'S TOURISM SECTOR



Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Tuesday, 3 February 2026 - Shaikha Alnuwais, new Secretary-General of UN Tourism and first woman to assume the role, held a productive meeting with His Excellency President Julius Maada Bio on the sidelines of the World Governments Summit, where she pledged her support for the development of Sierra Leone's tourism sector. In their discussions, Shaikha Alnuwais outlined her five key strategic priorities: sustainable and responsible growth; digital transformation and data-driven tourism; economic inclusion and local empowerment; infrastructure, connectivity, and tourism enablers; and governance, transparency, and global trust.

She emphasized the immense potential Sierra Leone possesses in its tourism sector and expressed her commitment to working closely with the government to unlock these opportunities. Additionally, Shaikha Alnuwais updated the President on her recent engagement with Madam Nabeela F. Tunis, Sierra Leone's Minister of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, lauding the Minister's visionary approach toward advancing the sector.

President Bio extended his congratulations on her election and noted the strong bilateral ties between Sierra Leone and the UAE, which played a crucial role in supporting her candidacy. Highlighting both the opportunities and challenges facing the sector, President Bio stressed that intensified cooperation between UN Tourism and Sierra Leone would drive significant progress. He praised Minister Tunis for the remarkable strides made under her leadership and assured the Secretary-General of Sierra Leone's full backing during her tenure. He also reaffirmed his personal dedication to accelerating the sector's development.

PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO AND BADEA PRESIDENT ABDULLAH KH ALMUSAIBEEH PLEDGE TO DEEPEN PARTNERSHIP AT WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

Davos, Switzerland, 20 January 2026 - His Excellency Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, and Abdullah KH ALMUSAIBEEH, President of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA), reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing cooperation between the Sierra Leone government and BADEA.

In a discussion held on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum's annual meeting in Davos, President Bio provided BADEA's President with an update on the progress of the Bank's ongoing projects in Sierra Leone. He also sought additional support aimed at fostering economic and social stability, sustainable growth, and job creation.

Expressing gratitude for BADEA's approval of a US\$60 million Trade Credit Facility, which supports the importation of rice and other essential goods, President Bio requested further assistance to boost infrastructure development as well as a Medium-term Trade Credit Facility to support SMEs operating in productive sectors of the economy.

Abdullah KH ALMUSAIBEEH, President of BADEA, lauded President Bio for the detailed briefing on project statuses and reiterated his dedication to accelerating ongoing initiatives. He also extended an invitation to President Bio to visit BADEA's headquarters in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, to strengthen the longstanding partnership.





SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO URGES AFRICAN LEADERS TO SHIFT MINDSETS AND REMOVE OBSTACLES TO INTRA-AFRICAN TRADE

Davos, Switzerland, 20 January 2026 - His Excellency Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, called upon fellow African leaders to reconsider their approaches and actively work to eliminate the barriers impeding intra-African trade. He delivered this appeal during a panel discussion titled "How can Africa prosper in the new world economy?", held on the margins of the annual World Economic Forum meeting.

President Bio emphasized the necessity of breaking down political and structural hurdles that continue to restrict trade between African nations. He highlighted that overcoming these challenges is crucial to unlocking Africa's full economic potential and enhancing regional integration.

He also stressed the importance of investing in human capital, strengthening agriculture and food security, and promoting value addition in the mining sector. Furthermore, President Bio highlighted the key role of empowering Africa's youth through job creation as a cornerstone for sustainable development.

SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO CELEBRATES SIERRA LEONE'S HISTORIC AfCFTA ACHIEVEMENT, WOOS INVESTORS TO SIERRA LEONE

Davos, Switzerland, Wednesday, 21 January 2026- His Excellency, President Dr. Julius Maada Bio, highlighted Sierra Leone's emergence as a continental leader in trade reform, and announced the country's historic achievement as the first nation to complete and gazette its National AfCFTA Readiness Assessment and Schedule of Commitments, while making a strong case for investors to partner with Sierra Leone's growing digital and industrial economy.

Speaking as Co-Chair of the Forum Friends of the AfCFTA Breakfast Meeting on the margins of the World Economic Forum (WEF) Davos 2026 on Wednesday, 21 January 2026, President Bio described the milestone as a product of bold national leadership forged through years of recovery from civil war, the Ebola epidemic, and global economic shocks.

The President noted that while the achievement was historic, Sierra Leone did not seek to stand alone, but rather to demonstrate what is possible when African countries treat the AfCFTA not merely as a trade agreement, but as a blueprint for shared prosperity.

He emphasized that Sierra Leone's readiness process went beyond compliance, serving instead as a data-driven national strategy for growth that clearly identifies strengths, bottlenecks, and investment opportunities.



UNCTAD SECRETARY-GENERAL REBECCA GRYNSPAN COMMITTS TO EXPEDITING ASYCUDA SYSTEM UPGRADE AND E-COMMERCE READINESS ASSESSMENT SUPPORT



Davos, Switzerland, 21 January 2026 Rebecca Grynspan, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), committed to fast-tracking assistance to Sierra Leone in upgrading the ASYCUDA System and undertaking an E-Commerce readiness assessment. This promise was made during a bilateral meeting held on the sidelines of the annual World Economic Forum gathering. She emphasized the organization's mission to foster inclusive development and trade opportunities for developing nations. "We are very pragmatic. We build capacities and allow countries to run for themselves," she affirmed.

President Bio welcomed the UNCTAD leader's assurance of accelerated support for the ASYCUDA system upgrade, highlighting its significance in enhancing domestic revenue amid declining external aid. He further expressed gratitude for the commitment to carry out the E-Commerce readiness assessment, describing it as crucial for mapping out Sierra Leone's digital strengths, weaknesses, and gaps. "The E-Commerce Readiness Assessment is vital for us because we need to assess the ecosystem," President Bio remarked.

SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO LAUNCHES JOINT EDUCATION PROGRAMME AT FREETOWN POLYTECHNIC, COMMENDS CRSG FOR SKILLS TRANSFER

Freetown Polytechnic, Jui Campus, Tuesday, 27 January 2026- His Excellency President Dr Julius Maada Bio launched a Joint Education Programme at the Freetown Polytechnic, Jui Campus, commending the China Railway Seventh Group (CRSG) for its commitment to skills transfer and youth empowerment in Sierra Leone. The programme is a tripartite collaboration involving CRSG, Zhengzhou Railway Technician College, and Freetown Polytechnic, aimed at equipping young Sierra Leoneans with practical, industry-relevant skills.

President Bio described the initiative as timely and strategic, noting that it aligns with his Government's Human Capital Development agenda and the Big Five priorities, particularly the shift from theory-based learning to practical skills acquisition. "I have always seen education as a navigation tool for development. The skills acquired through this programme will enable trainees to secure employment, particularly with CRSG," the President stated. He emphasized that Sierra Leone's greatest asset is its people, stressing that national development depends on deliberate investment in skills, discipline, and innovation. "This programme speaks directly to employment. The pathway we are building is from learning to earning," President Bio said, adding that no country can develop without skilled professionals.



SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO CALLS FOR STRENGTHENING REGIONAL COOPERATION AND INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT TO ENHANCE PEACE AND SECURITY IN WEST AFRICA

Accra, Ghana, January 30, 2026. His Excellency, President Dr. Julius Maada Bio of Sierra Leone and Chairman of the ECOWAS Authority, called for renewed and strengthened regional cooperation, backed by sustained international support, to address the escalating peace and security challenges confronting West Africa.

Delivering a statement at the ECOWAS High-Level Consultative Conference on Regional Cooperation and Security in Accra, President Bio warned that insecurity in the region, particularly in the Central Sahel, has reached a critical point and can no longer be addressed through isolated national responses. He stressed that West Africa faces a shared security reality, where the safety of one state is inseparable from that of its neighbours.

"Terrorism and violent extremism have outpaced existing responses, with armed groups operating across borders with increasing coordination and brutality. He said fragmented and reactive approaches have weakened the region's collective capacity to respond effectively, underscoring the urgent need for a unified and coherent regional strategy anchored by ECOWAS," he noted.



PRESIDENT BIO COMMISSIONS NASSIT DISTRICT OFFICE IN MOYAMBA REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL SECURITY AND INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT

Moyamba Town, 16 January 2026 - His Excellency President Dr Julius Maada Bio officially commissioned the National Social Security and Insurance Trust (NASSIT) District Office Building in Moyamba, describing the facility as a critical step toward expanding social protection, decentralising public services, and strengthening inclusive development across Sierra Leone. Speaking at the commissioning ceremony, President Bio said the establishment of the NASSIT office in Moyamba reflects his government's determination to bring essential public services closer to the people, particularly workers in provincial and rural communities who form the backbone of the national economy.

"This building is not just about bricks and mortar," the President stated. "It is about dignity, security, and the assurance that the hardworking people of this district and surrounding areas can access their social security benefits with ease and confidence."

President Bio noted that social security remains a cornerstone of human capital development, stressing that a responsive and accessible pension system is essential for protecting workers during their productive years and in retirement. He reaffirmed his administration's commitment to strengthening institutions that safeguard workers' rights and welfare.



PRESIDENT BIO ENGAGES OIL MARKETING COMPANIES, REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO PRIVATE SECTOR GROWTH



State House, Freetown, 15 January 2026- His Excellency President Dr Julius Maada Bio engaged with Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) at State House, reaffirming the government's commitment to strengthening private sector growth through sustained dialogue and partnership.

President Bio emphasized the critical role oil marketing companies play in the national economy, noting that the sector directly impacts the daily lives of Sierra Leoneans and therefore requires deliberate government attention.

"This year, I am not only acting; I want to act with haste. If we are to work together, we must continue to engage in dialogue," the President stated.

Describing the oil marketers as key development partners, President Bio said the engagement was aimed at listening to stakeholders' concerns, reviewing the state of the partnership, and jointly identifying ways to strengthen collaboration.

"We are here to listen to you, to understand your concerns, assess our partnership, and explore how we can further strengthen it," he said.



PRESIDENT BIO ATTENDS INAUGURATION OF GUINEA'S PRESIDENT MAMADY DOUMBOUYA

Conakry, Guinea, 17 January 2026- His Excellency President Dr Julius Maada Bio joined other Heads of State and world leaders at the inauguration ceremony of the President-elect of the Republic of Guinea, H.E. President Mamady Doumbouya, held at the Stade Général Lansana Conté in Conakry. In his inaugural address, the President pledged to strengthen democratic institutions, uphold the rule of law, promote inclusion, particularly for women and youth and enhance Guinea's engagement within the international community.

The ceremony underscored regional aspirations for peace, stability, and cooperative political transitions, in line with ECOWAS Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance. Sierra Leone and Guinea continue to enjoy strong bilateral relations rooted in shared history, cultural ties, and cooperation in trade, digital connectivity, and regional integration. President Bio's attendance highlights Sierra Leone's support for regional solidarity and its commitment to strengthening democratic governance within the region.

SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT BIO RECEIVES LETTER OF CREDENCE FROM NEW CHINESE AMBASSADOR, REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO DEEPENING BILATERAL RELATIONS

State House, Freetown, Thursday 8 January 2026- His Excellency President Dr Julius Maada Bio formally received the Letter of Credence from the newly appointed Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Sierra Leone, His Excellency Zhao Yong, with both sides reaffirming their commitment to further strengthening bilateral relations. Leading the credential ceremony, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Alhaji Timothy Musa Kabba, informed the gathering that Ambassador Zhao Yong succeeds Ambassador Wang Qing, who successfully completed his three-year diplomatic tenure in Sierra Leone. He expressed confidence that the appointment of the new envoy would further deepen the long-standing and cordial relations between the two countries.

Presenting his credentials, Ambassador Zhao Yong conveyed warm greetings from His Excellency President Xi Jinping to President Bio, the Government, and the people of Sierra Leone. He commended President Bio's leadership, noting the significant progress achieved by Sierra Leone in social and economic governance under his administration. Welcoming the Ambassador on behalf of the Government and people of Sierra Leone, President Bio expressed gratitude to President Xi Jinping and the Chinese people for the enduring friendship between the two nations.





PRESIDENT BIO SWEARS IN JUDICIAL TRIBUNAL TO INVESTIGATE JUSTICE HALLOWAY

State House, Freetown, 8 January 2026- His Excellency President Dr Julius Maada Bio presided over the swearing-in of a Judicial Tribunal established to investigate the conduct of Hon. Justice Allan Baami Holloway, urging members to uphold fairness, impartiality, and due process.

President Bio described the process as vital to strengthening the justice sector, emphasizing that the tribunal's work must be guided strictly by the rule of law.

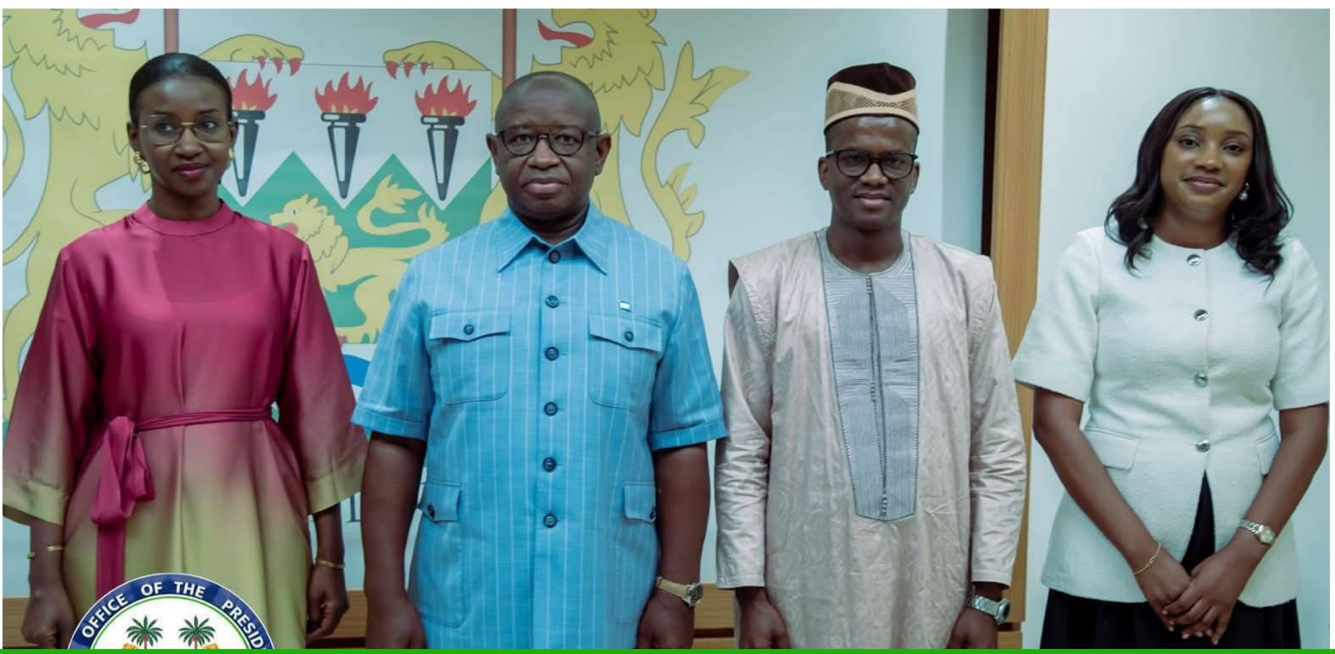
"The task is weighty, but I am confident in your ability to conduct this investigation with fairness and respect for due process," the President stated.

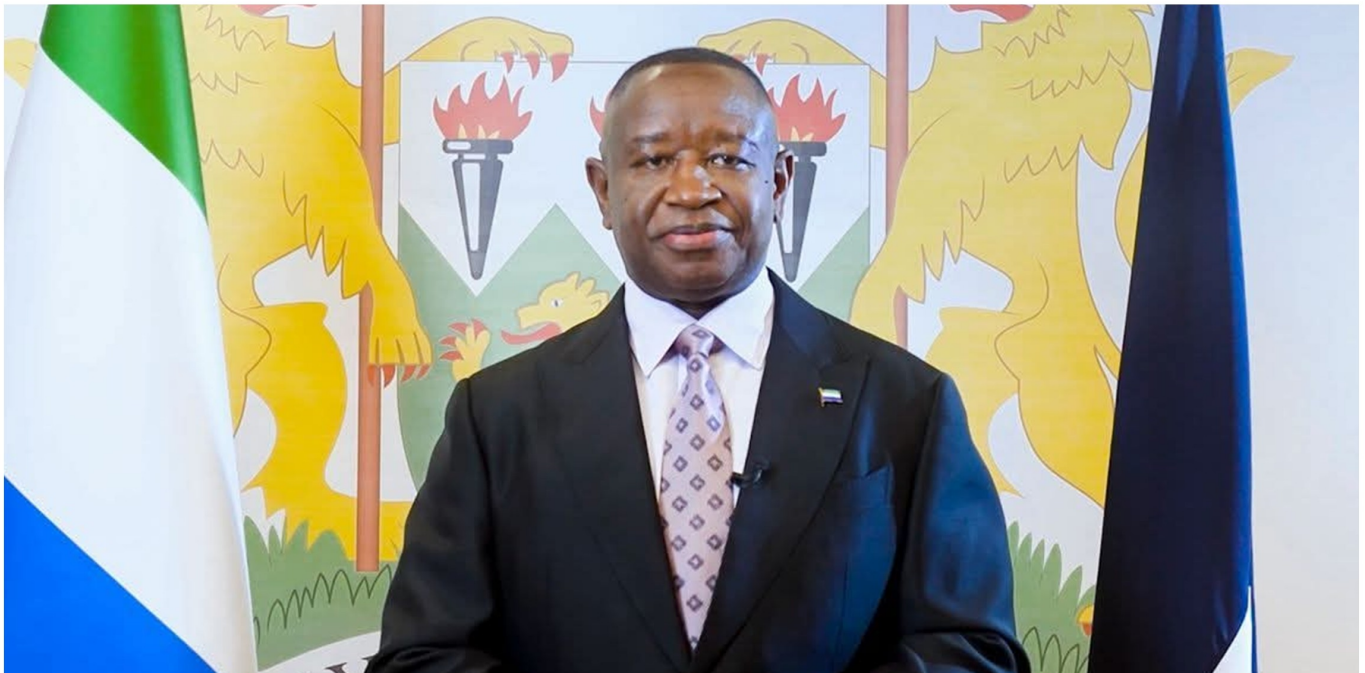
The three-member tribunal is chaired by Justice Abdulai Masiyambay Bangura, JSC, with Francis Gabbidon, Esq. and Oladipo Robin-Mason as members. The tribunal was constituted pursuant to Sections 137 (5)(a) of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone.

OUTGOING ORANGE SIERRA LEONE CEO BIDS FAREWELL TO PRESIDENT BIO, ASSURES CONTINUED STRONG PARTNERSHIP WITH GOVERNMENT

State House, Freetown, 12 January 2026 - His Excellency President Dr Julius Maada Bio received the outgoing Chief Executive Officer of Orange Sierra Leone, Mr Sekou Amadou Bah, at State House, where he paid a farewell courtesy call after completing his four-year tenure in the country. During the meeting, Mr Bah formally introduced the new Chief Executive Officer of Orange Sierra Leone, Madam Aicha Toure, assuring the President that the company's partnership with the Government of Sierra Leone would be further strengthened under her leadership.

Reflecting on his time in the country, the outgoing CEO highlighted the strong collaboration between Orange Sierra Leone and the government, which yielded significant achievements in education, digital inclusion, infrastructure, and health, among other sectors. Responding, President Julius Maada Bio thanked Mr Bah for his service and acknowledged the positive impact of Orange Sierra Leone during his tenure. He noted that the company's investments, particularly in education and digital development, were aligned with the government's Human Capital Development and Digital Inclusion priorities.





SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT BIO DECLARES 2026 A "YEAR OF ACTION," PLEDGES STEADY LEADERSHIP AND TANGIBLE RESULTS FOR SIERRA LEONEANS

State Lodge, Freetown, January 1, 2026 - His Excellency, President Dr. Julius Maada Bio described 2026 as a decisive "Year of Action," assuring Sierra Leoneans that his government will focus on delivering visible, everyday improvements in livelihoods, public services, food security, and economic stability. In his New Year's Day National Address, the President acknowledged the economic pressures facing families but expressed confidence that the country has entered the new year more stable, more realistic, and better positioned to convert reforms into results.

President Bio noted that while global challenges such as high living costs, climate pressures, and fiscal constraints continue to affect countries worldwide, Sierra Leone has taken difficult but necessary decisions in recent years to stabilise the economy and rebuild institutional confidence. He emphasised that 2026 would not be a year of empty promises but one of careful decision-making, honesty in governance, and responsible use of public resources, stressing that national progress depends not only on government action but also on citizenship, integrity, and collective responsibility.



SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT BIO ATTENDS NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS IN TIHUN, CALLS FOR UNITY AND LOVE

Tihun Town, Sogbini Chiefdom, Thursday, 1 January 2026 - His Excellency President Dr Julius Maada Bio and his family joined worshippers at St Joseph Catholic Church in Tihun for the New Year's Day Mass, where he called on Sierra Leoneans to embrace empathy, unity, and love for one another. The Mass coincided with the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrated under the theme "The Motherhood of Mary," and was offered for President Bio and his government, the First Lady, and for peace and development in Sierra Leone.

Delivering his New Year's message, President Bio thanked God for the gift of life and the opportunity to enter a new year with faith and optimism. He urged Sierra Leoneans to remain grateful, compassionate, and united, noting that despite global challenges, faith continues to bring people together in hope and thanksgiving.

The President described the celebration as significant, marking both the beginning of a new year and the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. He called on citizens to show empathy for one another, strengthen national unity, and consolidate the peace and progress achieved over the years, expressing optimism for a more prosperous future.

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President Julius Maada Bio Celebrates Sierra Leone's Historic AfCFTA Achievement, Woos Investors to Sierra Leone



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President Bio Pays Tribute to the Late Hon. Dr. Bu-Buakei Jabbe Esq. Reflects on a life of service



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KEY QUOTATIONS



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“As Political Parties begin preparations for the 2028 General Elections, including the selection of their flagbearers, I call on all political actors to act responsibly and respect the law. Political competition must never undermine peace, weaken our institutions, or disrupt the delivery of public services.”

His Excellency President **Dr. Julius Maada Bio**
President of the Republic of Sierra Leone
Chairman of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government

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“Our progress will be measured in simple ways: whether public services work better, whether food is more affordable, whether jobs are created, and whether the Government responds effectively when citizens need help.”

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“We have worked to stabilise our nation; now we must use that stability to deliver results. This must be a Year of Action — where plans translate into real improvements in people's lives.”

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“The road ahead requires patience, discipline, and unity, but it leads forward. If we remain focused and steady in our efforts, the work we do today will secure a more stable future and lasting progress for our nation.”

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“As we enter 2026, I speak to you with a strong sense of duty and with confidence in the direction our country is moving. This is not a year for easy words or quick assurances, but one that requires steady leadership, careful decisions, and shared effort from all of us.”

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“Some decisions will be painful in the present, but they are taken to protect our children's future, prevent recurring crises, and ensure that we do not trade tomorrow for temporary comfort today.”

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