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*H.E Dr. Julius Maada Bio with Amb. Chief Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina, Deputy Commissioner Jimmy Batilo Songa & PC Foday Musa*  
***President Julius Maada Bio has on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 met with the Commissioner and the Board of Directors of the National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA). The meeting took place at State House where NaCSA's Board of Directors announced the Commission's intention to align its activities with the 'Big Five' agenda.***

The government's 'Big Five' agenda included Feed Salone, Human Capital Development for nurturing skills for 21st-century industry, Youth Employment Scheme, Revamping the Public Service Architecture through delivery, efficiency and professionalism, and Technology and Infrastructure programmes to serve as pathways for sustained economic growth.



NaCSA's Commissioner, Ambassador Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina said their purpose of the meeting with the President Julius Maada Bio was to assure him of his Commission's intention to align its activities with the government's 'Big Five' agenda.

"NaCSA's mandate is to work with communities, identify their challenges, solve those challenges and subsequently take the people out of poverty. We will collaborate with partners to construct schools so as to nurture skills for the 21st century," he said. He informed President Bio that NaCSA's Productive Social Safety Nets & Youth Employment (PSSNYE) is supported by the World Bank.

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*NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ndomahina and Deputy Commissioner Jimmy Batilo Songa paying keen attention to His Excellency*

Chairman, NaCSA’s Board of Directors, Paramount Chief Foday Musa Nyandebogboto II, congratulated the President on his re-election in the last general elections, adding, “We are happy that you are continuing as the President of Sierra Leone because of the successes you recorded in the last five years and the vision you have for the country.”

“Thank you for appointing Ambassador Ndomahina as the new Commissioner of NaCSA. In the last few weeks, he has engaged the Board of Directors on how we could step up to deliver the Commission’s mandate. His good human relationship has started to yield dividend as evidenced in the ongoing rebranding of the Commission,” he said, while pledging his support to align the Commission’s activities to the ‘Big Five’ agenda.

In response, President Bio said he was aware of NaCSA’s importance especially in the area of responding to the immediate needs of the people, noting that he was happy to know that the Board of Directors has been giving strategic direction to NaCSA’s management in order to deliver the Commission’s required mandates.

“Our communities are in need of basic things like water, good sanitation, and many other things. We have meticulously chosen the ‘Big Five’ agenda because we need to improve lives. We have to develop our communities by enhancing the people’s living condition,” he stated.

He told the NaCSA Board of Directors that the world is going through many challenges, urging them to be mentally prepared to overcome those challenges by doing their best in properly aligning their activities with the ‘Big



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*NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ndomahina sharing hand shake with the Chief Minister*

***The Commissioner of NaCSA, Ambassador Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina and his team of experts from NaCSA have on Monday 28 August 2023, paid a courtesy visit to the Office of the Chief Minister. This is in line with the ongoing rebranding strategy to strategically reposition NaCSA to deliver on the government’s “Big Five”.***

Upon his appointment as Commissioner of NaCSA, Ambassador Ndomahina instituted a framework to rebrand the Commission with a focus on delivery with speed, accuracy and timeliness. He has cleverly succeeded in injecting renewed energy and hope into the Commission through teamwork and employee motivation. This has received national and international appraisals to the admiration of all including beneficiaries, beneficiary communities and other Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies.

The Commissioner has further aligned the Commission’s interventions with government priority areas – “the big five”. In his statement, the Commissioner noted that: “... I want to use this opportunity to thank you for the tremendous support your office has accorded NaCSA. I and my team of experts are here to present to you the way NaCSA has aligned itself with the Big Five Game Changer set forward by the government of His Excellency, Dr. Julius Maada Bio – the President of the Republic of Sierra Leone.



*NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ndomahina giving NaCSA regalia to the Chief Minister*



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*NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ndomahina and Deputy Commissioner Jimmy Batilo Songa with the Chief Minister*

We believe that with your support, we can create change because it is important that this Commission work with your office to move this agenda forward and we cannot do it without you and your office.” The Commissioner noted. He further presented a plaque that details NaCSA interventions in line with government priorities.

In his response, the Chief Minister, Dr. David Sengh applauded the Commissioner and team for aligning the Commission’s intervention with the government’s Big Five Game Changers, which include Feed Salone, Human Capital Development to foster skills for 21st-century industry, Youth Employment Scheme, Revamping the Public Service Architecture through delivery, efficiency, and professionalism, and Technology and Infrastructure Programs for Sustainable Economic Growth.

The Chief Minister’s point was that the President of the Republic had pledged to create 500,000 jobs, but that number could only be tracked and calculated once all Ministries, Departments, and Agencies had employment registers. He further urged the NaCSA leadership to create an employment register so they could keep track of the number of employment they would create over the next five years.

He was amazed that NaCSA is the first “non-ministry” to show its alignment mechanism with the Big Five Game Changers. “ It is important that you have been able to set this example, particularly because your agency deals with the majority of our people. I am eager to collaborate with you. I’ll keep in touch with NaCSA’s hierarchy and make sure to contribute to the coordination. To help us accomplish big things together, you are welcome to meet with me once every two weeks or more often.” He ended.

The occasion was followed by a debriefing meeting at the Commissioner’s office, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor NaCSA House, Charlotte Street in Freetown. During that session, team members expressed their appreciations to the New Commissioner for taking Management to State House for the very first time – a precedent which they hope to see its continuation.



## THE NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, PAYS A COURTESY VISIT TO AMB.

*The newly appointed Ambassador to the People's Republic of China and outgoing Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Hon. Abubakarr Karim has Monday, August 28, 2023 paid a visit to the outgoing ambassador in the PRC and now Commissioner of NaCSA, Chief Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina at his NaCSA office, Charlotte Street, Freetown.*

The meeting of the incoming and outgoing diplomats was geared towards continuing to strengthen the Sino-Sierra Leone relations, and to build on the progress made by Ambassador Ndomahina in positioning Sierra Leone's Embassy in China as one of the most outstanding African Embassies in Beijing.

Ambassador Ndomahina reestablished Sierra Leone's relations with Japan, Vietnam, Philippines, Thailand, and Singapore amongst others, Ambassador designates Karim said, assuring his predecessor his determination to build on these developments.

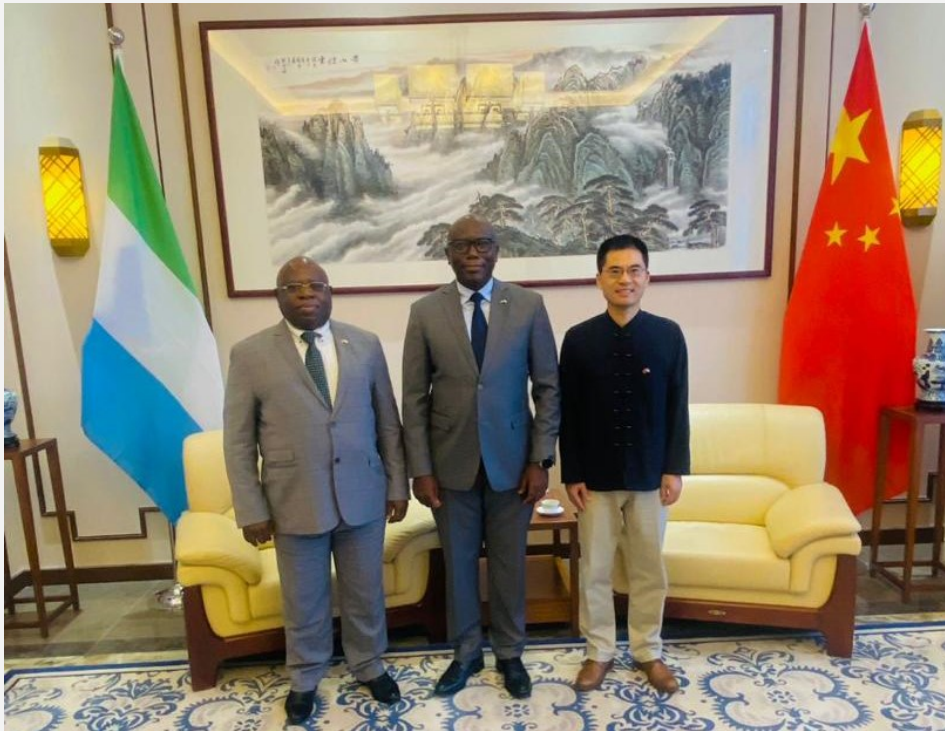
The incoming Ambassador further promised to prioritize the implementation of projects the two governments have agreed on, and to work with the Government of The People's Republic of China in ensuring the swift implementation of President Bio's Big Five game changers.



*NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ndomahina and successor Ambassador designate to the peoples Republic of China*



## AMBASSADOR ERNEST MBAIMBA NDOMAHINA PRESENTS HIS SUCCESSOR TO THE AMBASSADOR OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN FREETOWN



*NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ndomahina, successor Ambassador designate to the peoples Republic of China and Chinese Ambassador to Sierra Leone, H.E Wang Qing*

*In another development, the outgoing Ambassador to China from Sierra Leone and now Commissioner of NaCSA, Amb. Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina has officially introduced his successor to the Chinese Ambassador in Freetown, His Excellency Wang Qing.*

During the brief presentation ceremony, Ambassador Ndomahina thanked President Julius Maada Bio for appointing him to China for

the last five years. He said, his experience as an Ambassador in China has been very useful and hope utilize it to deliver in his new role. Ambassador Ndomahina officially presented Hon. Abu Karim as the incoming Ambassador by symbolically pinning a China-Sierra Leone friendship badge on His Excellency Wang Qing and Hon. Abu Karim as a sign of deepening bilateral relations between the two countries.

On a Special note, Ambassador Ndomahina officially invited China to partner with NaCSA to alleviate the people of Sierra Leone from poverty, using China's experience of alleviating 800 million people out of poverty referencing President Xi's book titled "Up and Out of Poverty" which explains how Xi took the people of Ninde out of poverty.

The incoming Ambassador Hon. Karim thanked Ambassador Ndomahina for the official introduction, " I am excited for the new role, and I am determined to continue the good work Chief Ndomahina has started" Hon Karim stated. He described Ambassador Ndomahina as a brother and a Pacesetter; expressing his readiness to provide the requisite support to ensure the bilateral relationship between the two countries reaches a higher height.

Ambassador Wang Qing in his response Congratulated the two appointees on their new roles, Ambassador Wang thanked Chief Ndomahina for the exemplary leadership as an Ambassador to China, confirming that the Sierra Leone-China relationship experienced a rapid improvement during his tenure and called on the incoming Ambassador to continue in that direction. He said the China-African relationship has reached a new improvement. At the BRICS summit in South Africa last week, President Xi stated his readiness to partner with Africa in the areas of Training, Industrialization and Agricultural advancements, and Sierra Leone is expected to benefit from this new partnership.



## THROUGH THE PSSNYE PROJECT, MOYA AND NAYCOM RECEIVED FOUR NEW VEHICLES FROM NaCSA

*The National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA) has through the Productive Social Safety Net and Youth Employment (PSSNYE) has on Friday, September 1, 2023 delivered four new vehicles to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and the National Youth Commission (NAYCOM).*



*NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ndomahina handing over keys of the vehicles to partners*

The PSSNYE builds on the successes of the existing Social Safety Nets Project and is fully aligned with the objectives (MTNDP 2019-2023) of GoSL and the World Bank Sierra Leone Country Partnership Framework. The project provides support on the following: Scale up the existing cash transfer support to extremely poor households; introduce an integrated package of livelihood services to help build a foundation for transitioning extremely poor households out of poverty and provide short and medium-term job opportunities for youth.

The project is implemented with support from other government Ministries, Departments and Agencies. The National Youth Commission (NAYCOM) takes the lead in the implementation of component 3A (Support to Youth-led Household Enterprises) while the MOYA leads component 3B (Establishment of an Information Technology Platform to Enhance Youth Employability and Empowerment)

The Youth Ministry welcomed the delegation from NaCSA, the World Bank, NAYCOM and the media to its scan drive office. The newly appointed Commissioner of NAYCOM, Ahmed Atata Mansaray reassured the NaCSA and the World Bank of his commitment to ensuring speed and accuracy in the delivery of project objectives. "I always want NaCSA and the World Bank to count on me for service delivery. I can be reached at all times regardless of time or weather. We will build partners' confidence and trust in the Commission and ensure we deliver on the president's aspirations for the youth.

The World Bank Social Protection Specialist – Dr. Abu Kargbo commended NaCSA for ensuring that the vehicles are ready on time. He urged the government to speedily implement the project while taking cognizance of established processes and procedures. He noted that the Bank is committed to providing the technical and financial support needed to alleviate poverty.

With the passionate exchange of hugs with the newly appointed Commissioner of NAYCOM, the Minister of Youth Affairs, Mohamed Orman Bangura believes that there will be a visible collaboration between the Ministry of Youth, the National Youth Commission and the National Youth Service. '



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“These institutions worked closely with partners to implement projects related to the advancement of youth in Sierra Leone. I assure you that this project will be implemented and completed months before its completion. This is about service delivering for the young people of Sierra Leone” He concluded.

The Commissioner of NaCSA, Ambassador Ernest Ndomahina extended his sincere thanks and appreciation to the team and implementing institutions “ I am optimistic that these new vehicles will accelerate the implementation of the components implemented by both institutions. We will continue with the inter-agency collaboration because it has been proven effective in reaching out to beneficiaries in delivering sustainable services”. He ended.

The four new vehicles were delivered by the Commissioner of NaCSA, Ambassador Ernest Ndomahina and received by the



*Two of the four vehicles presented to MOYA and NAYCOM by NaCSA*

## NaCSA FELLOWSHIP PAYS COURTESY CALL AND PRAYS WITH THE NEW COMMISSIONER



*NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ndomahina and cross section of the NaCSA Fellowship members*

As part of rebranding the Commission, NaCSA fellowship on Wednesday 30th August 2023 led by the Human Resource Manager Israel Jacobs met with the Commissioner after their prayer and fasting exercise. The fellowship is a tight-knit community of colleagues who shared not only their professional lives but also their spiritual prowess. The session was not just another meeting but a meeting infused with the power of faith, hope and unity.

The main purpose of the visit, says the HR manager was to pray with the Commissioner and the Commission. He also added that the Commissioner accepting their visit is a testament to his support for the fellowship’s spiritual endeavors. The meeting continued with a heartfelt rendition of choruses filling the room with melodious voices and a sense of unity.



## ECOBANK- SIERRA LEONE PAYS COURTESY CALL ON THE COMMISSIONER OF NaCSA

*The Commissioner, Deputy and a team of experts from senior management have on Tuesday, August 29, 2023 received a delegation from ECOBANK Sierra Leone. The essence of the visit is to pay a courtesy call to the Commissioner – Ambassador Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina and to introduce the incoming Managing Director of ECOBANK Sierra Leone – Mr. Sebastian Ashong-Katai.*

Before his appointment as Managing Director for ECOBANK Sierra Leone, Sebastian Ashong-Katai was the advisor-group - Group Head of Financial Institutions and International Organizations at Ecobank Transnational Incorporated. He comes with over 20 years' experience mostly in Africa, covering West, Eastern, Central and Southern Africa in both risk and business development in the Corporate and Investment Banking space.



*NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ndomahina and Deputy Commissioner Jimmy Batilo Songa with the delegation from EcoBank Sierra Leone*

The new MD has strong Business Management

skills and excellent networks across Africa. He is also passionate to deploy networks and Emerging Markets knowledge to further the course of improving economic value through financial intermediation at a senior level.

The seasoned International Development Expert, Amb. Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina, Commissioner of NaCSA welcomed the delegation and reassured the team of the Commission's continued commitment to strengthen the existing relationship between the two institutions. " NaCSA and ECOBANK have long-standing relations premised on professionalism and service delivery. Our rebranding strategy requires collaboration with strategic partners, especially the financial sector and we are prepared to maintain this collaboration because it is in the best interest of this country and the people we serve." Amb. Ndomahina noted.

Mrs. L Aina Moore, ECO Bank's outgoing Managing Director reiterated the development orientation of the Commissioner and the corporation the Bank has enjoyed from the Commission over the years. In assurance, she noted that MD Katai would be available at all times to address all concerns.

In conclusion, the Deputy Commissioner of NaCSA, Sir Jimmy Batilo Songa re-emphasized the existing commitment to sustain the partnership between the two institutions.



## SIERRA LEONE COMMERCIAL BANK PAYS A COURTESY CALL ON THE COMMISSIONER OF NaCSA

*In a similar engagement, a delegation from the Sierra Leone Commercial Bank has on Tuesday, August 29, 2023 made a courtesy call on the Commissioner, Deputy and the Finance team of NaCSA.*

*The essence of the visit was to congratulate the new Commissioner on his appointment while pledging their continued support in maintaining the existing relationship.*

*The delegation comprised the Director of Business Operations, Moses Cumbuh Sesay and Manager Corporate Banking, Abdulai Sesay.*



*NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ndomahina and NaCSA Finance Team with the delegation*

## NaCSA BUILDS THE CAPACITY OF STAFF ON MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (MIS)

In line with this and total response to the Chief Minister, NaCSA has started training personnel on Management Information Systems (MIS) to give Senior Directors, Directors, Managers, and other technical professionals the resources they need to effectively make management information systems (MIS) decisions. Not only is the MIS essential for carrying out development programmes, but it also helps to guarantee data availability and correctness.

The MIS will add value to the existing Social Protection Registry for Integrated National Targeted (SPRINT). SPRINT offers an integrated platform that may be utilized by various development programs carried out by the Commission and other Government Ministries, Departments, and Agencies. It is a complete database of households. The SPRINT compiles current individual demographic data and makes it possible to link this data to the National ID civil registration database and household socio-economic data in one database. The same database may be used by all programmes to target and enroll beneficiaries according to their eligibility requirements.



This strategic move is to ensure that all interventions are well coordinated and in line with the big five game changers; Feed Salone, Human Capital Development to foster skills for 21st-century industry, Youth Employment Scheme, Revamping the Public Service Architecture through delivery, efficiency, and professionalism, and Technology and Infrastructure Programs for Sustainable Economic Growth.



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