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Amb. Chief Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina, in handshakes with the World Bank Country Manager, Abdu Muwonge

As part of his continued efforts to rebrand the Commission internally and externally, the Commissioner, Amb. Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina and other senior management staff of NaCSA have on Thursday August 10th, 2023 paid a courtesy call on the World Bank Country Office. Principally, the visit was to discuss implementation progress and resource mobilization.

Welcoming the New NaCSA Commissioner and delegation at his Wilberforce World Bank Country Office, the Country Manager for Sierra Leone, Abdu Muwonge expressed his appreciation for the good working relationship that has existed between NaCSA and the World Bank. Muwonge reiterated on the significance of the Social Protection Programme in Sierra Leone and the impact it has created especially among the most vulnerable sects of the society. He spoke on the expansion of the programme and stressed the need for the Cash transfer to be digitalized. He advised the New NaCSA Commissioner to fast tract the implementation of the Cash Transfer. He further encouraged the Commissioner to work with key strategic ministries and MDAs, noting that he is always available for outreach and community visitations.

Responding to the World Bank Country Manager, the New NaCSA Commissioner, Amb. Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina noted that his visit was in three folds. First to welcome Abdu Muwonge to Sierra Leone; to officially introduce himself as the New NaCSA Commissioner and to appreciate the World Bank's contribution to the development of the country.

The two teams had successful deliberations all aiming at maintaining long standing relationship and trust between them. They highlighted on vision for the Social Safety Net Project within the next 4-10 years, looking at it across the entire spectrum of the country.

NaCSA AND ISDB MEET WITH THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

The National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA) and the Islamic Development Bank Country Review Team have met with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food Security. It could be noted that the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) is funding multiple projects including the Sierra Leone Community Demand Driven (SLCDD) Project Implemented by NaCSA and the Regional Rice Value Chain Project (RRVCP) implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food Security.



Amb. Ndomahina with the Minister of Agriculture and the IsDB Team

The second phase of the SLCCD project (GIETRENK) is implemented by the Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) through NaCSA with funding from the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB). It scales up from the earlier successes in the well-performing chiefdoms, by promoting community-driven development interventions using the rural growth pole model approach. The aim is to reduce poverty and attain sustainable improvement in the well-being of the population of the rural poor by providing them with access to socio-economic opportunities and capacity building.

This will be achieved by providing communities access to demand-driven social and productive assets and services, access to a package of business development services including microfinance, and building local-level institutions and governance structures.

At the Ministry of Agriculture's mini conference room, the Commissioner of NaCSA - Chief Ambassador Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina presented the team from IsDB to the Ministry. He reiterated the need for multi-sectoral collaboration in achieving the "Big Five" agenda set by His Excellency Dr Julius Maada Bio.

Speaking to the Ministry of Agriculture and the team from NaCSA, the IsDB team lead, Omar Davies noted that, "the team is here in Sierra Leone on a mission review and engage the various projects being funded by the Islamic Development Bank; to discuss possible bottlenecks, pave the way forward and fast track the implementation processes of the various projects." With optimism, Omar further noted that for the past four decades, the IsDB has supported many projects across several sectors including education, agriculture and health. In concluding the team lead said "the bank will continue supporting Sierra Leone"

In his response, the Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Dr. Henry M. Kpaka reassured the review team of this government's commitment in accelerating project delivery. "it is important to note that agriculture is the most important pillar amongst the big five. I am here, as a Minister, to ensure that we achieve this for our people. In doing such, there is a need for multi-sectoral collaboration with the private partnership and donors like the IsDB," he noted.

The meeting ended with optimism for a sustainable project intervention across all sectors.

NaCSA COMMISSIONER PAYS COURTESY CALL TO THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

It may be noted that Ambassador Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina created a clear road plan to rebrand NaCSA when he was appointed as the organization's Commissioner. The numerous internal meetings with the strategic management team and his unprecedented visit to employees continue to be phenomena and within the rebranding context.



Amb. Ndomahina and the Minister of Development & Economic Development

As part of his continued efforts to rebrand the Commission, internally and externally, the Commissioner, deputy and other senior management staff have visited the Minister of Planning and Economic Development. Principally, the visit was to discuss implementation progress and possible collaborative mechanisms that will enhance effective service delivery whilst mobilising resources.

In these discussions, the Commissioner reiterated his commitment to ensuring that NaCSA's programmatic interventions are aligned with the government's priorities.

These new priorities, he noted are articulated in the "people's manifesto" which has been developmentally framed as "the Big Five Manifesto." This indicates that government will amongst many other interventions pay particular attention to boosting food security (Feed Salone), consolidating the gains in human capital development, supporting youth employment initiatives, improving infrastructure, and revamping the public service with the overall objective of boosting resilience and promoting sustainable economic growth. "...in achieving these aspirations, we are to work as a team, this will prevent duplication of resources, articulate strong justifications for more resources and enhance effective and efficient service delivery. This is done in the best interest of our people," he concluded.

The Minister of Development and Economic Planning – Md. Kenyeh Ballay assured the NaCSA team of her unrivalled support to the Commission. "I am always available to provide the requisite support both at personal and institutional levels. NaCSA remains an important institution in terms of its mandate and service delivery. Particular attention should be given to judicious management of project funding" She cautioned.

COMMISSIONER AMB. ERNEST MBAIMBA NDOMAHINA PARTICIPATES FULLY IN THE ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK COUNTRY PORTFOLIO REVIEW MISSION TO SIERRA LEONE

NaCSA Commissioner Ambassador Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina and staff of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) funded Sierra Leone Community Demand Driven (SLCDD) II Project have on Monday, August 7th, 2023 joined other IsDB funded projects in various ministries, agencies and departments at the Ministry of Finance in receiving the Country Portfolio Review Mission to Sierra Leone.



*Amb. Chief Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina,
The New Commissioner of NaCSA making statement*

The Review Mission which started from 7th August 2023 and ended on 11 August 2023 assessed the progress of the implementation of the Country activities to date, and agreed with the various Executing Agencies/Line Ministries and Project Management Units (PMU) on the necessary and appropriate action plans to expedite the implementation, disbursement, and finalizations of the respective project activities.

At NaCSA, the SLCDD II project with its development objective to progressively reduce poverty by empowering and capacitating communities to sustain their economic livelihood builds on the earlier successes of its first phase.

The Project is co-funded by the government of Sierra Leone and Islamic Development Bank.



The NaCSA SLCDD II Agric. Specialist, Project Engineer and Micro Finance Specialist in attendance



The NaCSA SLCDD II Programme Manager, Procurement Specialist and the Financial Management Specialist in attendance

NaCSA COMMISSIONER AND IsDB DELEGATION IN THE FIELD



Amb. Ndomahina and team leading the inspection of facilities

The NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ernest Ndomahina has on Wednesday August 9th, 2023, taken a delegation of the IsDB staff on a conducted tour of the NaCSA IsDB funded Sierra Leone Community Demand Driven (SLCDD) II Project interventions in Moyamba District.

A day earlier, on August 8th, Amb. Ndomahina accompanied the Minister and team of the Ministry of Agriculture's Regional Rice Value Chain Project (RRVCP), in Bum Chiefdom, Bonthe District, to assess the activities undertaken by RRVCP (the rural markets, stores, milling houses).

At the Ribbi, one of NaCSA's SLCDD II growth poles, NaCSA field staff described the New Commissioner as "a humble and generous leader... the beacon of hope and a respecter of humanity" whom they believe will change the face of the commission. They were moved not only by the presence of the new commissioner but also by his engagement and interaction with the stakeholders and the people.



PM - SLCDD II Momoh Juana taking the donor on inspection tour



Amb. Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina having a handshake with RC South

NaCSA DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HOSTS A DELEGATION FROM THE PUBLIC SECTOR UNIT

NaCSA Deputy Commissioner, Sir Jimmy Batilo Songa has on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 received a delegation from Public Sector Reform Unit at his sixth (6th) Floor Office, Headquarters, Freetown.



NaCSA Team headed by the Deputy Commissioner, Sir Jimmy Batilo Songa

The meeting which was attended by two Senior Programme Analysts, Lamin Tarawally and Idrissa Koroma from the Public Sector Reform Unit, the NaCSA Deputy Commissioner and team including the Senior Director of Programme Development and Quality Assurance, Dr. Susan Robert, the Director of Programmes, Regina Saffa and the Director of Human Resource and Administration, Sylvester H. Demby was centred on "Management and Functional Review of Chief Minister's Office".

Welcoming the team, NaCSA Deputy Commissioner, Sir Jimmy Batilo Songa commended the Office of the Chief Minister for embarking on such initiative and lauded the effort of the Chief Minister in considering NaCSA worthy to be part of such 'Functional Review' process of his Office. While appreciating the venture, Mr. Songa encouraged the Office of the Chief Minister to interface more with MDAs including NaCSA. "We want this to continue and we hope to see more collaboration. The Office of the Chief Minister should serve as the hub to connect NaCSA with other MDAs," he stated.

NaCSA DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HOSTS A DELEGATION FROM THE PUBLIC SECTOR UNIT



The Senior Director of Programme Development and Quality Assurance, Dr. Susan Robert gave an overview of the Commission, zooming at its mandate, vision and goal. She gave a flashback of how the Performance Management Directorate in the Office of the Chief Minister used to be and added her voice to the Deputy Commissioner for direct and frequent interactions between NaCSA and the Office of the Chief Minister.

The Senior Director of Programme Development and Quality Assurance, Dr. Susan Robert giving an overview of NaCSA



The visiting Team taking notes as Deputy Commissioner, Sir Jimmy Batilo Songa expatiated

Braving her sick leave, the Director of Programmes, Regina Saffa during the session outlined the various programmes and projects in the Commission and explained how these interventions align with the Midterm National Development Plans (MTNDP), the Strategic Development Goals (SDGs) and unequivocally the Big 5 Game Changers. She also emphasized the need for the physical presence of the Chief Minister's Office in all NaCSA's activities, noting that gone be the days for paper reporting and remote monitoring.

It could be noted that the Director of Programmes, Regina Saffa's attendance of this session was in reciprocation of concern and care demonstrated by Commissioner, Ambassador Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina who in the early hours of the same day paid her an unexpected visit to wish her speedy recovery. This is a sign of the rebirth of employee's motivation and confidence in the New NaCSA.

NaCSA COMMISSIONER AMB. ERNEST MBAIMBA VISIT ANOTHER SICK STAFF

It could be recalled that since his appointed as Commissioner, Ambassador Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina has expressed his passion to rebrand and reposition NaCSA through building solid employee's motivation and confidence.



Commissioner, Amb. Ndomahina extending a get-well soon wishes to the Director of Programmes

The energy, passion and commitment have been demonstrated through in-person meetings with employees including courtesy visit to those who can't make it to the office owing to health challenges.

In continuation of this, NaCSA Commissioner Ambassador Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina has on the early hours of Tuesday, August 8, 2023 visited and extended a get-well soon message to the Director of Programmes - Regina Saffa who is on sick leave at her Juba Hill Residence in Freetown before taking off on his first provincial tour as NaCSA Commissioner.

"The redeemed hope" is indeed a redeemed.



Amb. Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina & NaCSA staff at Moyamba Office



Few hours after, Md. Saffa braving her sick bed to attend a session in reciprocation of affection demonstrated by Commissioner, Ambassador Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina

CORPORATE ATMOSPHERE HITS NaCSA

Those who have recently visited NaCSA headquarters are mesmerized by the bright and white shining entrance and more importantly the corporate atmosphere with ladies and gentlemen dressed in corporate apparel. This is the new NaCSA under a corporate Leader:



NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina with a league of Gentlemen showcasing their corporate looks



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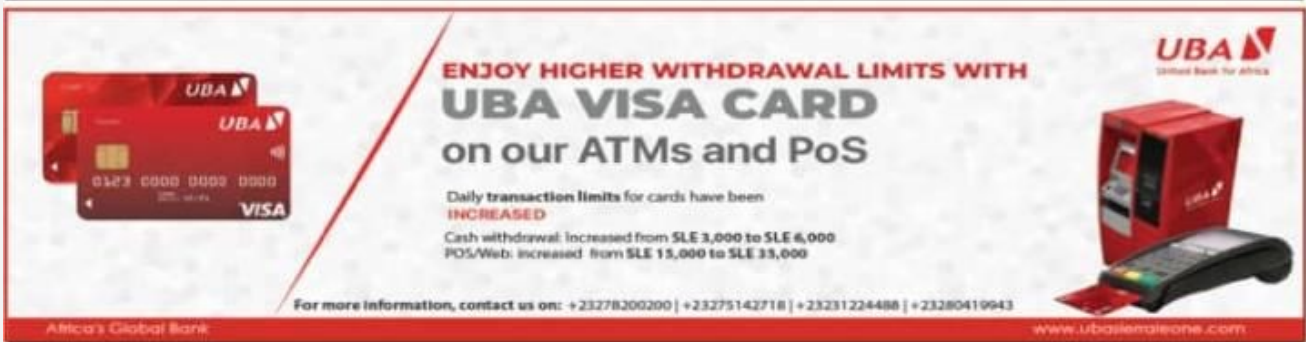


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New Commissioner on strategies to rebrand NaCSA



As part of his ongoing appreciation tour, the new NaCSA Commissioner, Ambassador Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina (EMN), has begun strategic talks with the management team of the Commission. The sessions' main objective is to review the Commission's rebranding strategies while making concerted efforts to enhance internal

procedures. This will boost employees' motivation and confidence for prompt and precise service delivery. The Commissioner will continue the discussion with the other management personnel on Wednesday, August 2, 2023. The new Commissioner is well-grounded to inject new blood into the Commission to create impact in the country.

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The vibrant and outspoken Maritime Chief Mr. Paul Sobba Massaquoi returned to action immediately after the elections and made his presence felt at the

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