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..... Amb. Ernest Mbalimba Ndomahina-NaCSA COMMISSIONER

1. FEED SALONE:

NaCSA through the Sierra Leone Community Driven Development... farmers in appropriate agronomic practices, provision of... seeds and tools to boost Agricultural productivity, to ensure... inclusive economic growth.

2. HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

NaCSA under President Bio's leadership will... strengthen infrastructural development...

3. YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

NaCSA has already started the Coordination Meeting with Im... on the Productive Social Safety Nets and Youth Employment (PSSN)

4. REVAMPING THE PUBLIC SERVICE ARCHITECTURE:

As part of the rebranding agenda, Commissioner Ernest Mbalimba... set up robust monitoring and evaluation systems to monitor all... NaCSA projects, noting the challenges and successes to ensure... and Professionalism.

5. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

NaCSA COMMISSIONER SAYS

"WE ARE READY TO REBRAND AND MOVE AHEAD"

NaCSA MEETS WITH TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE EXPERTS FROM ETHIOPIA

“WE ARE READY TO REBRAND AND MOVE AHEAD” AMB. NDOMAHINA TELLS NaCSA MANAGEMENT



Amb. Chief Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina addressing staff on his first Management Meeting at Headquarters in Freetown

NaCSA Commissioner, Amb. Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina has said that, as a commission we should be determined and ready to rebrand and move forward. He made this statement on Monday 14 August 2023 when addressing staff during his first Management meeting in NaCSA Conference Room in Freetown. “I am honoured to be here this day as your commissioner as well as member of the NaCSA family. I am not the best or the luckiest person but by destiny, God has brought me here. I am therefore very grateful to His Excellency, Dr. Julius Maada Bio for the confidence and trust vested in me to serve you. However, I can’t move without your support and therefore crave your indulgence to make NaCSA great again,” he pleaded.

NaCSA Deputy Commissioner, Jimmy Batilo Songa earlier gave an overview of the NaCSA Management meeting and further explained some of the challenges the commission faced recently. He encouraged all to put the past behind and work for the greater good of the commission.

Key areas of deliberation in the session included: staff unity and collaboration, detailed roles and responsibility and issues of logistics.

In the area of vision, Ambassador Ndomahina reemphasized the need to see all NaCSA staff united and the commission rebranded. “I want to see every division, unit and staff of NaCSA supporting each other, respecting each other and sharing good advice with each other.”

Forming climax of the session was a symbolic sign of peace moment, wherein everyone was asked to hug and shake hand as a show of unity and reconciliation.

AMB. NDOMAHINA MEETS WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT

The newly appointed NaCSA Commissioner Ambassador Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina alongside the Deputy Commissioner and team have paid a courtesy call on the Hon. Vice President who according to the Parliamentary Act of 2019 as amended, is the Supervisor of NaCSA.



The Hon. Vice President of the Republic of Sierra Leone with the New NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ndomahina and Management staff of NaCSA

The Commissioner in his opening statement said; “My role as a Commissioner is to collaborate with partners to REBRAND and realign our mandate with the government’s BIG FIVE GAME CHANGERS for accelerating economic growth and building resilience. NaCSA is a hybrid organization, I am here to clean off all bottlenecks or potentials that might delay implementation and to promote His Excellency Retired Brigadier Dr. Julius Maada Bio’s agenda of Prompt Action on Poverty Alleviation.”

The Hon. Vice President in his response thanked the Commissioner and team and welcomed the REBRANDING of NACSA as a semi-corporate organization that will efficiently implement government’s human and economic development agenda. He promised to ensure proper coordination between NaCSA and relevant line Ministries, Departments, and Agencies.

Group photos were taken and a Rolled up Banner that describes how NaCSA intends to realign with the Government’s Big Five Game Changers was presented to the Vice President, to mark the end of the meeting.



THE SPEECH OF AMBASSADOR ERNEST MBAIMBA NDOMAHINA - COMMISSIONER OF NaCSA DURING HIS VISIT TO THE VICE PRESIDENT

Thank you for your audience and for meeting with NaCSA. Here present is a representation of senior staff from NaCSA on a courtesy call. As a team, we are here today to inform you on a variety of topics, including the rebranding plan, as well as to express our gratitude for your support to NaCSA as a strategic partner. The plan has strategically repositioned the Commission in a way that will improve effective and efficient service delivery by utilizing an inclusive people-centric and employees' motivating approach.

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During my first management meeting, I made it emphatically clear that I want to see all NaCSA staff united, and the Commission rebranded. I further called on a symbolic sign of peace where members of the team were able to share, hug and handshake as a show of unity and reconciliation. As we speak, Your Excellency, I can conveniently say NaCSA is united and ready to deliver.

Within this short time, I have held strategic meetings with key strategic partners including the World Bank Country team, Islamic Development Bank, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development, and we are at an advance stage to meet with the German and Chinese Ambassadors as well as the African Development Bank country team, these are some of the biggest donors. It may interest you to know that NaCSA has instituted a corporate atmosphere that those who had recently visited our office are mesmerized by the corporate display by staff, a concept I have deliberately championed and will continue to do.

We are moving beyond our traditional donors and seeking to establish strong partnerships with international organizations and foreign governments to access technical expertise, financial resources, knowledge sharing and best practices while promoting mutual growth. And for this Mr. Vice President, we humbly solicit your support and good will.

Moving forward, we will continue to build on the foundations we have established as we seek to expand initiative that promote staff wellbeing, strengthen our commitment to transparency by regularly communicating updates, progress and institutional changes to staff.

I am truly pleased by the progress we have made so far, and I remain committed to navigating the challenges ahead. I am confident that we can continue to build trust, promote unity and establish a more resilient institution.

Once again, I want to thank you for your continued support and for receiving us.

NaCSA MEETS WITH THE TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS FROM ETHIOPIA

The National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA) has met with the Transitional Justice Working Group of Experts from Ethiopia. The essence of the visit was for the group to get first-hand knowledge of Sierra Leone's Experience in the Implementation of the Transitional Justice Process.



NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina and Team with the Transitional Justice Working Group of Expert from Ethiopia

It could be recalled that NaCSA's mandate was expanded by the government of Sierra Leone through an Act of Parliament that amended the NaCSA Act of 2001 and added Reparations to the mandate. As a result, the significance of reparations was incorporated into the overall plan of NaCSA's post-conflict reconstruction operations. This institutional adjustment positioned the Commission as one of the critical stakeholders of transitional justice in Sierra Leone. In its conclusions, which were presented to the government in October 2004, the TRC made

several suggestions, one of which was that the government develop a programme for reparations. Improving, transforming lives and restoring the dignity of war victims for healing, reconciliation, and peace consolidation under the reparations programme in Sierra Leone were among the goals of the TRC, which also sought to address transitional justice concerns.

Rev. Joseph Farama, NaCSA's Regional Coordinator for the Northwest, who has experience with the programme's execution and institutional understanding, reaffirmed the need for a reparations programme in Sierra Leone. "Between March 1991 and March 2002, Sierra Leone was torn apart by a bloody civil war in which all participants committed numerous crimes. The widespread and systematic abuse comprised, among other things, amputations, rapes, torture, and other cruel punishments. Consequently, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)'s recommendation to pay war victims was necessary," he noted.

Preceding his presentation, the Deputy Commissioner of NaCSA – Sir Jimmy Batilo Songa, on behalf of the Commissioner welcomed the group from Ethiopia. He noted that the country is currently enjoying unaltered peace and unity because there is a consistent "political will" and Sierra Leoneans were willing and ready to forgive and embrace peace. "NaCSA's role in the transitional justice in Sierra Leone was top-notch," he noted. He told the delegation that "NaCSA is a government organization that functions in a semi-autonomous manner and supports the efforts of local governments, social sector Ministries and Agencies, and other organizations in providing social services to underserved and distant regions across the nation."

Speaking on behalf of the chairman of the working group, Ms. Kalkidan Dereje told the team that the essence of their visit was "to get first-hand knowledge on Sierra Leone's Experience in the Implementation of the Transitional Justice Process. She further expressed her appreciation to the people of Sierra Leone for the unrivalled hospitality"

THE SIERRA LEONE ARMED FORCES WIVES ASSOCIATION PAYS COUTESY CALL ON AMB. ERNEST MBAIMBA NDOMAHINA

Within the framework of the 1991 Sierra Leone Constitution and International laws, the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces are responsible for the territorial security of Sierra Leone's borders and defending the national interests of Sierra Leone. The role of the Armed Forces wives towards nation building and security of the state could not be overemphasized. Military spouses are situated at the junction of the military and civilian worlds. They provide necessary support to military strategic and operational objectives and are also expected to perform a traditional spousal role of the 'good' military wife.



In recognition of this, the Commissioner of NaCSA, Amb. Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina has on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 received a delegation from the Sierra Leone **Armed Forces** Wives Association. Introducing the delegation, the Deputy Commissioner of NaCSA, Sir Jimmy Batilo Songa updated the New Commissioner on the relationship that exists between the commission and the Armed **Forces** Wives, acknowledging their engagement sometimes back during the era of past Commissioner Max-Kyne.

Welcoming the delegation, the Commissioner of NaCSA Amb. Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina described the Armed **Forces** Wives as 'in-laws' and appreciated them for their invaluable role in providing care and affection to 'our men in uniforms.' Amb Ndomahina assured them of his support and promised to look into the request they once submitted to his predecessor.

The President of the **Armed Forces** Wives Association, Md. Fatmata Binta Lavahun commended the Commissioner and his Deputy for the warm reception accorded them. She acknowledged the assistance provided to them by the Commission, especially in the area of cash transfers to their members within the Western Urban and further advocated for other assistants in the provinces.

The Vice President of the association, Md. Hawa Alpha commended Orange Mobile Company for building a state of the art school for their children and invited the Commissioner to visit the site so as to assess and identify possible areas for intervention.

Md. Feremusu Anita Kargbo, the Secretary General of the association was also in attendance of the meeting.

NaCSA HOSTS COORDINATION MEETING WITH IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS ON THE PRODUCTIVE SOCIAL SAFETY NETS AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT (PSSNYE) PROJECT

The National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA) has on 15th August, 2023 started coordinating meetings with the project's implementing partners in order to guarantee the successful and efficient implementation of the PSSNYE project.



NaCSA Commissioner Amb. Ndomahina, the Deputy Commissioner, Sir Jimmy Batilo Songa and the World Bank Dr. Abu

In addition to introducing new initiatives to address youth employment in urban and rural areas, the PSSNYE project builds on the achievements of the Social Safety Nets (SSN) Project, which established the fundamental components of a basic national safety net system in Sierra Leone. With the goal of "improving access to social safety nets and income generating opportunities for targeted beneficiaries," the initiative is supported by the Government of Sierra Leone, the World Bank, and UNICEF.

Speaking to representatives from NaCSA, the Ministry of Youth, the National Youth Commission, Anti-Corruption Commission, Freetown City Council, and Statistics-Sierra Leone, NaCSA's Senior Director for the National Social Protection Secretariat, Idris Turay reiterated that the dynamic nature of the PSSNYE project.

NaCSA HOSTS COORDINATION MEETING WITH IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS



Cross Section of participants of the PSSNYE Coordination meeting

“ The project has brought together many government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) with assignment components. Each of these components has been deliberately aligned with the national development agenda which is geared towards reducing poverty,” he ended. In a similar tone, Dr. Abu Kargbo from the World Bank reassured NaCSA of their unrivalled and continued technical support.



“Team Ready and Available” of NaCSA and the World Bank

Sir Jimmy Batilo Songa, the Deputy Commissioner of NaCSA expressed sincere thanks and appreciation to the SSN team whose undisputable commitment contributed greatly to a successor project. “ We have ended the SSN project on a good footing and the PSSNYE project is one of the indicators to show that we did a good job. A lot of lessons have been learned and we are hopeful for a successful implementation of the PSSNYE.”

In his presentation, the Commissioner of NaCSA, Ambassador Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina expressed optimism for a multi-sectoral collaboration. He further appreciated the team and the former Commissioner for the collective work in implementing the SSN project. “ I must start by thanking you for your collective efforts during the implementation of the previous one and for your readiness to commence the new project. I am here to clean off all bottlenecks or potential that might delay implementation. Work must be done irrespective of the timing or distance; I am readily available,” he assured.

NaCSA TRAINS CONTRACTORS ON THE DELIVERY MECHANISM

The Deputy Commissioner of the National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA), Sir Jimmy Batilo Songa has on Thursday, August 17, 2023 called on contractors and engineers working on the Multi-Renewable Energy Platform (M-REP) a mini off grid electricity sub-project implemented under the Sierra Leone Community Driven Development (SLCDD) II Project to work effectively to deliver on their projects within the stated time frame. He said this during a training session organized by the commission at NaCSA House, Charlotte Street, Freetown.

It could be recalled that the Government of Sierra Leone has made a priority target of its renewable energy policy to provide sustainable electricity to all, including those living in remote areas that are considered off grid locations.

He further indicated that the training would not only enhance the performance of contractors but will also capacitate them. "...rural electrification is part of the manifesto promise of government. The Multi utility renewable energy platform will provide energy for a vast range of social and economic activities that will be developed in the growth poles," he ended.



NaCSA Deputy Commissioner Sir Jimmy Batilo Songa admonishing participants of the training



Cross Section of participants at the SLCDD II Delivery Mechanism Training

NaCSA TRAINS CONTRACTORS ON THE DELIVERY MECHANISM



The NaCSA SLCDD II Programme Manager, Momoh Juanah explaining the aims of the Project

The Project Manager, Momoh Juanah for the SLCDD II Project ambitiously noted that the aim of the project is to build the livelihoods of the rural poor by providing them access to socio-economic opportunities and capacity Building.

The project Engineer Cyril Jusu reiterated that the key services and facilities to be provided with energy shall include, “ Water supplies, social infrastructure, irrigation systems, electricity for Agri business, mini industrial hubs amongst others.”



The NaCSA SLCDD II Project Engineer, Cyril Jusu highlighting the various facilities to be provided



The Consultant, Prof Kelleh Mansaray addressing participants

The consultant, Professor Kelleh Mansaray reminded attendees that they cannot afford to make any mistake in designing the plan and also warned them that he will only accept components that are listed in the contract documents.

“The Solar Electricity mini-Grids which will be installed in seven chiefdoms in the country by NaCSA under the SLCDD II Project will help improve the livelihoods of people living in the rural areas and also contribute to the GDP,” PM Juanah reemphasized.



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