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# MEET

## DR SAMURA KAMARA

When it comes to leading a major political party in Sub-Saharan Africa, few public figures have had a more incredible journey. His mother was from the Sanda Loko Chiefdom, and his father was from the Maworoko village near Gberre Junction, Maforki Chiefdom in the Port Loko District, but Dr Samura Kamara was born in the town of Kamalo in the Karene District. The generosity and diligence with which his parents lived their lives were authentically Sierra Leonean traits. Samura Kamara was inspired to make it his life's work to ensure that every man, woman, and child in Sierra Leone has the chance to succeed and grow into better citizens through the country's traditional values and strong pragmatic streak.

After completing his secondary education at the UCC in Bo, Samura Kamara enrolled at St. Edwards Secondary School in Freetown. Fourah Bay College (FBC) in Freetown, Sierra Leone was where Samura Kamara completed his bachelor's degree in economics. He earned his Master of Arts (MA), Master of Science (MSc), and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Economics from Bangor University in North Wales, United Kingdom.

Football was a major part of Dr Samura Kamara's life throughout his time in secondary school and college. After earning his doctorate, Dr Samura Kamara made working for institutions his top priority. This decision solidified his resolve to create a prosperous nation for all Sierra Leoneans, regardless of their religion, race, tribe, sex, or origin.

Dr Samura Kamara was a prominent policy technocrat who specialised in the revitalisation of developing economies and worked for the Commonwealth, the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund. During his time as Financial Secretary for the previous government of Sierra Leone and later as Program Manager for the World Bank's Structural Support Plan to Sierra Leone, Dr Samura Kamara oversaw the administration of bilateral and multilateral Overseas Development Aid to the country. Until recently, Dr Samura Kamara served as both the Financial Secretary and Governor of the Bank of Sierra Leone. Dr Samura Kamara also served as both the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Dr Samura Kamara, continuing his patriotism under President Koroma's leadership, expanded the banking sector and made the financial system more accessible by instituting policies of rational exuberance. Dr Samura Kamara's practical policies in terms of financial inclusion and accountability included the implementation of an integrated financial management information system and the mandatory publication of the Auditor General's compiled report on the state of the economy. His belief in the power of liberalising the financial system to bring people together around economic and political issues in the pursuit of social responsibility was strengthened by his encounter as an economist.

In October 2018, Dr Samura Kamara was nominated as the APC Party's Presidential Candidate, and he quickly gained the backing of the party's NAC members. He sought the presidency as the APC prepared to hand power to a new generation of leaders after 11 years in office and as Sierra Leone was beginning to rebuild from the effects of the Ebola virus outbreak.

Dr Samura Kamara overcame all these challenges by assembling a strong team and running a calm, well-organized, and successful national election campaign. Under Dr Samura Kamara's leadership, the APC saw a revitalization of its membership, the introduction of a new platform centred on the idea of "politics of HOPE," and a restoration of its reputation as the party of progressive, economically progressive politics.

While presiding over the largest economic expansion in history (5.2% annual GDP growth and a real-time increase in PPP), Dr Samura Kamara's leadership at the ministries of Finance and Foreign Affairs also increased the capacity of those ministries, allowing them to develop effective policies and lead long-term and meaningful economic programs.

The strong and principled diplomacy of Dr Samura Kamara bolstered economic cooperation with China, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, South Korea, and the United States of America, and further established Sierra Leone as a magnet for Foreign Direct Investment. He improved relations with other countries, opened embassies in new locations, and boosted consular assistance to many nations, such as South Korea and the United Arab Emirates.

Dr Samura Kamara's years of experience and leadership in key ministries helped to maintain Sierra Leone's ever-changing public image, while also earning the country's respect as a place where different political parties can peacefully coexist.

Dr Samura Kamara is married to Mrs Elizabeth Massah Rogers-Kamara, who is a native of Pujehun District in southern Sierra Leone. But her mother and father are from Eastern Sierra Leone; Elizabeth is from Masam Kpaka and his father is from Blama Massaquoi. Dr Samura Kamara and Elizabeth have four children: Lucy Odong, Samura Kamara Jr., Gabriel Kamara, and Samira Mykay Kpakiwa.



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## HON. CHERNOR RAMADAN MAJU BAH

Honourable Chernor Ramadan Maju Bah is the Member of Parliament for West Region Constituency 126. He serves on several committees, including:

- Committee of Selection • Standing Orders Committee • Public Petition Committee • House Committee
- Business Committee • Appointments and Public Service Committee • Legislative Committee
- Governance Committee • Supervisory Committee Biography

Honourable Profile Chernor Maju Bah was born on 29 April 1972, in Sierra Leone's Wilberforce Western Area. He is a High Court Barrister and Solicitor. He has an LLB (Hons, USL). BL (Law School, Sierra Leone) and current LLM student (the University of London).

The leader of the main opposition All People's Congress Party is Honourable Chernor Maju Bah (APC).

He has served as the deputy Speaker of Parliament in the House of Commons. In 2007, he was elected as the Member of Parliament for Constituency 126 Western Area Urban. After representing his people and doing good work, he was asked to serve them again in 2012. Following the 2012 elections, he was elected deputy speaker of the House of Commons for his advocacy and contributions to the well-being of Parliament.

Honourable Chernor Bah believes in the principles of the All People's Congress Party, and he made significant contributions during his two terms in office. The people of Constituency 126 recognized his efforts because they believe he is the only qualified candidate to represent them.

In response to their invitation, he ran for the seat of Member of Parliament for Constituency 126 in 2018. He faced numerous challenges but was able to overcome them to win the March 2018 elections. He is currently in Parliament, advocating for issues of national importance that can help improve the standard of living for Sierra Leoneans.

The following constituency needs were identified by Honourable Chernor Bah. Schools, electricity, piped water, good roads, health centres and clinics are all critical needs that he is working hard to meet.