



To: Members of The Internet Society Sierra Leone (ISOC-SL).

17th June 2022

Dear Members,

ISOC-SL June 2022 Newsletter

We hope that you are all safe and in good health. We continue in our strides to make ISOC-Sierra Leone more relevant in the development of our nation Sierra Leone. As we laid out in our Annual Action Plan for this year, we have carried out several activities aimed at fostering the growth of the Internet in Sierra Leone.

Gender diversity is a key SDG component and vital for national growth. In April we hosted the 2022 Girls in ICT Day Event at the Freetown City Council Complex. It was well attended by over 100 Girls from 15 Schools. I want to firstly thank the ISOC Members who volunteered their time and efforts to this programme, The Freetown City Council Education Department, The Sierra Leone Girl Guides Association, Sierra Leone Women Engineers and Women in Business. A special thanks to the Metro Cable Management and Staff for their immense support. Once again, our exemplary Vice President, Madam Ajara Bomah, pulled out her magic managerial wand and delivered a brilliant conference for our girls. Secretary Victor Mambu and Treasurer Edward Williams, thanks for your selfless efforts.

A key outcome of the GICT 2022 was the setting up of a Mentoring Group for the girls who want to pursue a career in ICT. A WhatsApp group has been created specifically for this purpose. Several female ISOC Members are presently providing mentorship for these girls. We have made plans for these girls to visit organisations where female ICT Engineers are making significant contributions.

One of our highlight events for this year, The 2022 Sierra Leone Internet Governance Forum, will take place in Bo City on Wednesday 22nd June 2022. It will be the first Sierra Leone IGF to be hosted out of the capital City Freetown. It has been challenging, as nearly all our ISOC-SL Membership are Freetown residents. We are hopeful that this event will expand the ISOC-SL membership and start to fully establish it as a national organisation. Due to continued Covid-19 Restrictions and other restrictions, the event will also be available via ZOOM for online participation.

As always, we welcome feedback from members on the above, or any issue of relevance to the Internet Society Sierra Leone Chapter. On behalf of the ISOC Sierra Leone Chapter Executive, I want to wish you all continued good health.

Best regards,

Salieu Kanu Mansaray
President, ISOC- Sierra Leone Chapter