

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Sierra Leone Network is to integrate, complement, foster collaboration, and facilitate coordination among Sierra Leonean charity, and welfare organizations and businesses with the clear aim of promoting economic empowerment and development in Sierra Leone.

- The Sierra Leone Network aims to act as a conduit for the flow of economic resources between the SL Diaspora and the home community

MISSION ELEMENTS:

- We are committed to delivering innovative, value-added services, and expertise to organizations working to assist Sierra Leone.
- We are committed to building strong relationships with and between all individuals and organisations working to assist Sierra Leone and her people.
- We are committed to supporting the goals (mission) of all organisations and entities that become a member of the Network.
- We are committed to working collaboratively with our members on projects that are for the overall benefit of Sierra Leone and Sierra Leoneans.
- We are committed to promoting volunteerism amongst our members for the benefit of Sierra Leone and her people.
- We are committed to producing high levels of member satisfaction by providing reliable and quality service.

MOTTO:

Connected thinking and Collective action.

CORE VALUES

- **Accountability:** We will ensure that all our officers and members are held accountable by establishing protocols and policies that direct the activities of the Network and provide a measurable means of assessing our performance.
- **Transparency:** We are committed to transparent operations as reflected through our constitution that calls for annual reports and published financial statements and transactions.
- **Trust:** Our aim is to build trust amongst our members that translates into collaborative efforts and partnering for a better Sierra Leone. We will assist this process by having a strict code of conduct that governs membership.
- **Respect:** We will treat all our members, individuals and organizations, with dignity and consideration.
- **Integrity:** We will build our reputation by delivering on promises and ensuring that our tasks are performed with honesty, quality and pride – “It is not what you do when other people are watching that matters, it is what you do when no one is looking”.
- **Partnering:** Team-work will be the underlying theme for all our services and activities. We will demonstrate the value of a collaborative approach to achieving goals.
- **Volunteerism:** We hold in highest regard the willingness of individuals to donate of themselves and their resources for the benefit of our people and our communities.
- **Non-Partisan:** We are a non-political, non-partisan organization governed by a strict code of conduct that governs our affiliation with political entities, and our activities.
- **Faith:** We believe in God and will always put him first in all our endeavors.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the SLN are categorized as follows:

- Economic
- Communication
- Social
- Advocacy
- Technical
- Research & Development

Economic Objectives

The SLN aim to:

1. Harness the cumulative economic power of its member entities, in the acquisition of goods and services in Sierra Leone and abroad.
2. Leverage the economic resources of its member entities, and channel into a capital base for the Diaspora
3. Provide for the use of shared office facilities, equipment and utilities
4. Provide management expertise and mentoring to its member entities in the areas of public relations, operations, legal matters, fundraising, marketing, project management, R & D and information technology.
5. Document, publish and archive best practice processes and procedures for doing business in Sierra Leone as a non- profit or private sector organization.
6. To set up a development fund through membership contributions.
7. To create opportunities for Sierra Leoneans that will result in personal and national economic empowerment.

Communication Objectives

The SLN aim to:

1. Keep Sierra Leonean's informed of the opportunities, regulatory environment and general state of the private, voluntary and statutory sector in Sierra Leone.
2. Inform the Sierra Leone Diaspora and other interested parties about credible investment opportunities in the country.
3. Facilitate the organization of collaborative events (workshops, seminars) for connecting SME's dedicated to the design and implementation of development projects within their domain of expertise.

Social Objectives

The SLN aim to:

1. Forge global multilateral relationships between its member entities.
2. Coordinate the activities of Sierra Leonean professionals in the Diaspora intending to play an active role in the rebuilding process of the country.
3. Unite as many Sierra Leonean organizations, supporters of Sierra Leone, and citizens of Sierra Leone as possible.

Advocacy Objectives

The SLN aim to:

1. Lobby the relevant statutory authorities and official development agencies to assist in the resolution of issues affecting the socioeconomic development of Sierra Leone
2. Coordinate the exodus of its member entities to a specific location (host community) for the express purpose of establishing constitutional government. The selection of this location will be based upon certain criteria, including the absence of land tenure restrictions.

Technical Objectives

The SLN aim to:

1. Establish affordable 24/7 internet and telephony telecommunications between its member entities in the Sierra Leone and the rest of the world.
2. Establish affordable and economically competitive 24/7 power supply for its member entities within Sierra Leone.
3. Establish an internationally accessible virtual conference center (via electronic or telephony means), to facilitate regular and scheduled communication between its member entities.

R & D Objectives

The SLN aim to:

1. Create a blueprint for the development of Sierra Leone that will serve as a model for other African and Developing Countries.
2. Identify and recruit talented individuals and institutions as Subject Matter Experts (SME's). These SME's will manage "Committees of Excellence" that will essentially "shadow" the various ministries as they are currently categorized within the SL Government.
3. Promote an open and collaborative approach to the development and publication of ideas, reminiscent of the Open Source movement.
4. Research and develop key institutions necessary for SL to operate as part of a global and virtual economy
5. Develop and coordinate viable business ventures with minimal risk probabilities