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**ECOWAS – AU JOINT TECHNICAL PRE-ELECTION FACT-FINDING
MISSION TO IN SIERRA LEONE**

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Pursuant to the regional and continental norms on Elections, Democracy and Good Governance, the ECOWAS Commission and the African Union (AU) Commission have deployed a Joint Technical Pre-Election Fact-Finding Mission to Sierra Leone ahead of the general elections scheduled for 24th June 2023.

The three-day Mission was launched on 12th April 2023 under the joint technical leadership of Amb. Abdel-Fatau MUSAH, the ECOWAS Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, and Amb. Calixte Aristide MBARI, AU Head of Democracy, Elections and Constitutionalism.

During a courtesy call on His Excellency Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, the joint mission informed the President that the Mission aims to hold consultations with the country's political actors and stakeholders with a view to assessing the state of preparedness of the country for the elections, challenges being encountered, and areas where further support would be required from ECOWAS and the AU to ensure the successful holding of the general elections.

The joint mission is expected to meet with all key political actors and stakeholders and the international community, to identify gaps, and support efforts aimed at building the necessary consensus for a conducive environment to enable the conduct of peaceful and credible elections in Sierra Leone.

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