

Sierra Leone's President Julius Maada Bio Assumes ECOWAS Chairmanship, Making History For Sierra Leone

First Sierra Leonean President to chair ECOWAS, President Bio pledges democratic reform, regional security, and economic integration.

ABUJA, NIGERIA, June 23, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- President Julius Maada Bio of Sierra Leone has officially assumed the Chairmanship of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), marking a historic milestone as the first Sierra Leonean Head of State to hold this esteemed position.



President Julius Maada Bio assumes ECOWAS Chairmanship, receiving the gavel from President Bola Tinubu during the 65th Summit in Abuja.

The announcement was received with national pride and regional optimism, signaling a renewed commitment to unity, peace, security, and sustainable development across West Africa. President Bio's appointment is seen as both a recognition of his leadership and a testament to Sierra Leone's growing role on the continental stage.

President Bio enters the role with a clear and ambitious vision. He emphasized his commitment to restoring constitutional order and deepening democracy, revitalizing regional security cooperation, unlocking the potential of economic integration, and reinforcing institutional credibility. His leadership is expected to usher in a period of strategic reform and renewed collaboration among ECOWAS member states.

Widely regarded as a reform-minded and transformative leader, President Bio has earned praise for his dedication to democratic governance and socioeconomic progress. His assumption of the ECOWAS Chairmanship comes at a critical moment, as the region confronts political instability, security threats, and economic challenges requiring decisive and unified action.

In his acceptance remarks, President Bio extended his appreciation to his predecessor, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu of Nigeria, for his steadfast leadership and unwavering commitment to regional dialogue and peace-building. He also expressed gratitude to his fellow Heads of State for the confidence placed in him and in the people of Sierra Leone.

“Thank you for placing your trust in me and in the Republic of Sierra Leone,” President Bio said. “I accept this responsibility with full awareness of the magnitude of the task ahead and the complexity of the moment.”

President Bio’s appointment is widely viewed as a beacon of hope for a region in search of stability, resilience, and unity. As Sierra Leone assumes this historic leadership role, the country reaffirms its dedication to working hand-in-hand with fellow nations to shape a stronger, more integrated West Africa.

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