



**SIERRA LEONE**  
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# **Fact Sheet on Key Initiatives during the First Year of Sierra Leone's tenure at the UN Security Council**

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# 1. Sierra Leone's Presidency of the UNSC (August)



## 2. August Presidency High-Level Meetings

### a. Debate on UN Security

**Council Reform: Addressing the historical injustice and enhancing Africa's effective representation in the UN Security Council**

- **Presided over by H.E. Dr. Julius Maada Bio**, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone
- **Briefers: 3** - the UN Secretary-General H.E. António Guterres, UNGA 79th Session President H.E. Dennis Francis, and Ms. Sithembile Mbete, Senior Lecturer, Political Sciences, Faculty of Humanities, University of Pretoria.
- **Statements:** All 15 Council members, 14 additional UN member States, including 9 C-10 member, Co-Chairs of the IGN on UNSC Reform, and the EU.

### b. Open Debate on A New Agenda for Peace: Explored conflict prevention at global, regional, and national levels.

- **Presided over by Alhaji Musa Timothy Kabba**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Corporation of the Republic of Sierra Leone
- **Briefers:** 4 - UN Assistant Secretary-General Elizabeth Spehar, AU Commissioner Bankole Adeoye, Hawa Samai, Executive Director, Sierra Leone Peace Commission, and Arnoux Descardes, Executive Director, Volontariat pour le developpement d'Haiti.
- **Statements:** 15 Council members, 48 additional UN member States (Rule 37), and additional 2 speakers under Rule 39.



## 3. Thematic Initiatives and Contributions

### a. Women, Peace, and Security (WPS)

Sustaining WPS commitments in the context of accelerated drawdown of peace operations

- **Presided over by Mrs. Frances Piagie Alghali**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Corporation of the Republic of Sierra Leone
- **Briefers:** 3, including UN-Women Executive Director Sima Sami Bahous Martha Pobee, Assistant Secretary-General for Africa, and Kholood Khair, Director of Confluence Advisory in Sudan.
- **Statements:** All 15 Council members.

### b. Counterterrorism

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts, focused on the nineteenth report of the Secretary-General on the threat posed by ISIL (Da'esh) to international peace and security and the range of United Nations efforts in support of Member States in countering the threat; with invitation to Council members to also focus on terrorism in the Sahel and West Africa.

- **Presided over by Dr. Michael Imran Kanu**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations
- **Briefers:** 2, Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General, Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) (via video-teleconference) and Ms. Natalia Gherman, Executive Director, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate
- **Statements:** All 15 Council members

### c. Security Council Presidency Trio for Conflict Prevention

Sierra Leone, Slovenia and Switzerland on the Joint Action for the New Agenda for Peace

- **Joint media stakeouts** by representatives of Sierra Leone, Slovenia and Switzerland

### d. Arria Formula Meetings

- **Convened a meeting** on “combating terrorism and violent extremism in West Africa and the Sahel”, co-sponsored by the A3+ members at the UNSC - Algeria, Guyana, and Mozambique (June 2024).
- **Co-sponsored a meeting** convened by Guyana, Republic of Korea, and Slovenia on “environmental challenges and peace opportunities” (July 2024).



## 4. Other Events



- **Sierra Leone Peacebuilding Peace Exhibition at UNHQ:** H.E. President Julius Maada Bio officially launched an art exhibition at the UNHQ, showcasing the Sierra Leone's remarkable peacebuilding journey.
- **Sierra Leone Peace Concert:** Celebration of the culture of peace, with performances from entertainers from Sierra Leone, food tasting and fashion exhibition interspersed with messages of peace.
- **Informal Visit to Geneva by Members of the Security Council:** Co-hosted with Switzerland a panel on the 75th Anniversary of Geneva Conventions. At the invitation of Switzerland, Council members visited Geneva (25 and 26 August) to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the 1949 Geneva Conventions.

## 5. Penholder and Chairmanship Roles

### a. Co-Penholder on Council Resolutions:

- Co-pen with France: Resolutions on MONUSCO and DRC sanctions.
- Co-pen with Switzerland: Presidential Statement on the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS).
- Co-pen with the other elected Council members (E-10) Gaza resolution demanding 'an immediate ceasefire' during Ramadan.

## 6. Major Outcomes

### a. Resolutions:

- Renewal of the DRC sanctions regime until 2025.
- Extension of MONUSCO's mandate for one year, and MONUSCO's support for SAMIDRC and Luanda Process Reinforced Ad hoc Verification Mechanism

### b. Presidential Statement

- Adoption of a Presidential Statement on UNOWAS and regional issues.

### a. Press Statements

- Facilitated an A3+ led Press Statement on the situation between Guyana and Venezuela.
- Facilitated Press Statement on Sudan A3+ with the United Kingdom.

## 7. Chair of UNSC Subsidiary Bodies

- 1533 Sanctions Committee concerning the DRC
  - Chair's visit to Angola, DRC, Uganda, and Rwanda on implementation of sanction measure and support to the peace process for eastern DRC.
- 2206 Sanctions Committee concerning South Sudan
- Chair of the Informal Expert Group on WPS.
- Chair of the Informal Working Group on International Tribunals.

## 8. Coordinator of the A3+ Members (Algeria, Guyana, Mozambique and Sierra Leone):

- April-June 2024; November 2024

