



NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (NEC)
OAU Drive, Tower Hill, Freetown-Sierra Leone



PRESS RELEASE ON THE DECLARATION OF DATES FOR THE CONDUCT OF NINE (9) PARAMOUNT CHIEFTAINCY ELECTIONS IN SIERRA LEONE

1. In exercise of the powers vested in it under section 33 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991), and pursuant to provisions in Section 28 of the Chieftaincy Act of 2009 (Act No. 10 of 2009), the National Electoral Commission (NEC) in collaboration with the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development (MLGRD) will conduct elections for various Paramount Chieftaincy positions in nine (9) Chiefdoms nationwide from 3rd October – 2nd December, 2015 as follows:

No	Chiefdom	District	Date of Election
1	Gaura	Kenema	3 rd October 2015
2	Yawei	Kailahun	24 th November 2015
3	Dea	Kailahun	26 th November 2015
4	Yawbeko	Bonthe District	24 th November 2015
5	Dema	Bonthe	26 th November 2015
6	Njaima Bongor	Bo	2 nd December 2015
7	Valunya	Bo	28 th November 2015
8	Temdale	Moyamba	30 th November 2015
9	Kholifa Mabang	Tonkolili	25 th November 2015

2. The outcomes of the Revision of Councillors Lists done from the 12th -13th September, 2013 and the Declaration of Rights of eligible candidates done on the 4th November, 2013 for the conduct of Paramount Chieftaincy Election in Gaura Chiefdom, Kenema District, conducted by the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development (MLGRD) in collaboration with the National Electoral Commission (NEC), are still valid.
3. The Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development (MLGRD) in collaboration with the National Electoral Commission will conduct the Revision of Councillors Lists, Declaration of Rights of eligible candidates for the conduct of Paramount Chieftaincy Elections and other related activities in the other vacant Chiefdoms as per the under mentioned dates:

TIME LINE FOR PARAMOUNT CHIEFTAINCY ELECTIONS IN THE UNDERMENTIONED CHIEFDOMS

Region	District	Chiefdom	Revision of Councilors list	Publication of Gazette list	Declaration of Rights	Campaign period	Cooling Off Period	Polling Day
EAST	Kenema	Gaura	12 th -13 th September, 2013 (Completed)	2nd -31st Oct 2015	4 th November, 2013 (Completed)	Completed	Completed	3rd Oct, 2015
	Kailahun	Yawei	17th -19th September 2015		1st November 2015	2nd Nov -22nd Nov. 2015	23rd Nov. 2015	24th Nov. 2015
		Dea	21st -23rd September 2015		3rd November 2015	4th Nov.-24th Nov. 2015	25th Nov. 2015	26th Nov. 2015
SOUTH	Bonthe	Yawbeko	18th -20th Sept. 2015		1st November 2015	2nd Nov -22nd Nov. 2015	23rd Nov. 2015	24th Nov. 2015
		Dema	22nd -24th September 2015		3rd November 2015	4th Nov.-24th Nov. 2015	25th Nov. 2015	26th Nov. 2015
	Bo	Njaiama Bongor	21st -23rd September 2015		9th November 2015	10th Nov.-30th Nov. 2015	1st Dec. 2015	2nd Dec. 2015
		Valunya	26th -28th September 2015		5th November 2015	6th Nov.-26th Nov. 2015	27th Nov. 2015	28th Nov. 2015
	Moyamba	Temdale	29th -Sept. 1st Oct 2015		7th November 2015	8th Nov. 28th Nov. 2015	29th Nov. 2015	30th Nov. 2015
NORTH	Tonkolili	Kholifa Mabang	21st -23rd September 2015		2nd November 2015	3rd No.-23rd Nov. 2015	24th Nov. 2015	25th Nov. 2015

4. For further information stakeholders may contact the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, the respective Provincial Secretaries and District Officers or NEC District offices covering the respective chiefdoms.

Dated this 3rd day of September, 2015

Signed:

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