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SIERRA LEONE URBAN RESEARCH CENTRE



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

URBAN TRANSFORMATIONS IN SIERRA LEONE

19th JUNE 2019 | 9:00am - 4:00pm
FREETOWN | SIERRA LEONE



NJALA UNIVERSITY
Sierra Leone



WELCOME NOTE

Dear participant,

Through its activities over the past three and a half years, the Sierra Leone Urban Research Centre (SLURC) has been working to generate urban-relevant knowledge and build capacity leading to improvements in the lives and wellbeing of the urban poor, especially those living in informal settlements. Our work involves delivering high quality research and training, and we have also played a central role in knowledge management, including building relationships between critical urban actors and stakeholders. Our work has always been collaborative from the outset, contributing to a shift in thinking and practices from exclusionary and siloed, towards inclusive, engaged and evidence driven.

Our research focuses around four key thematic areas, namely Urban Health, Urban Livelihoods and the City Economy, Urban Vulnerability and Resilience, and Land and Planning; with the addition of Urban Mobility coming more recently. Today's conference is structured around these areas, and is intended to facilitate dialogues on how research and development in Freetown can be applied to influence policy and planning practices towards the transformation of informal settlements in Sierra Leone.

The conference comes at an interesting moment for urban planning and development in Sierra Leone, with both the Transform Freetown Framework and National Development Plan now in their implementation phase. By providing a platform for engagement of a wide range of urban stakeholders, from city to national government, CBOs to NGOs, academia to community members, we hope today's dialogues will directly inform the implementation of these two interventions.

Today is also a celebration of the international partnership between The Bartlett Development Planning Unit, University College London (DPU, UCL) and the Institute of Geography and Development Studies, Njala University (IGDS, NU), that led to the formation of SLURC. 2019 is the UCL Bartlett Faculty's 100th year, and we are delighted to welcome a high level delegation from UCL to Sierra Leone. The visit is an opportunity for all three institutions (NU, UCL and SLURC) to consolidate and further cultivate this international collaboration.

We are proud to have contributed over the years to a more vibrant and well-informed urban civil society, which is involved in the generation of knowledge, making use of evidence, and advocating based on evidence. Together, we aim to move the agenda on urban issues forward – not just in Freetown, but for all cities in Sierra Leone. I welcome you all.

Joseph Macarthy (PhD)
Executive Director, Sierra Leone Urban Research Centre (SLURC)



Community members in Moyiba informal settlement mapping their community. Image: Sudie Austina Sellu

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LESSONS FROM SLURC'S RESEARCH IN FREETOWN

09:00 Welcome and programme for the day

Dr. Joseph Macarthy (SLURC)

Spoken word: 'Life in the Slums... Still I Rise'

Fermata Saw (Akrem Bomeh informal settlement)

09:15 Opening statements

- Dr. Mohamed Juldeh Jalloh (Vice President, Republic of Sierra Leone)
- Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr OBE (Mayor of Freetown)
- Prof. Abdulai Mansaray (Vice Chancellor, Njala University)
- Dame Nicola Brewer (Vice-Provost International, UCL)
- Guy Warrington (British High Commissioner)
- Dr. Turad Senesie (Deputy Minister of Technical and Higher Education)

10:00 **Session 1. Urban Health in Transition: Integrating the Health Needs of Informal Settlements into Planning**

Presenters: Dr. Annie Wilkinson (IDS), Abu Conteh (SLURC)

Discussants: Dr. Anthony Augustine Sandi (Deputy Health Minister), Mary Sesay (Health Worker, Dworzark), Salimatu Kanu (Health Worker, Portee-Rokupa)

10:30 Coffee break

10:45 **Session 2. From Disaster Risk Management to Urban Resilience**

Presenters: Dr. Emmanuel Osuteye (DPU), Braima Koroma (SLURC)

Discussants: Yirah O. Conteh (FEDURP), John Vandy Rogers (ONS)

11:30 Summary and Q&A on morning sessions

Chair: Dr. Joseph Macarthy (SLURC)

Panel: Yirah Conteh (FEDURP), John Vandy Rogers (ONS), Mary Sesay (Health Worker, Dworzark), Salimatu Kanu (Health Worker, Portee-Rokupa), Dr. Rashid Ansumana (Njala University), Dr. Anthony Augustine Sandi (Deputy Health Minister)

12:00 Table discussion

One speaker per table to present ideas

12:30 Lunch break

Opportunity to visit PSPP exhibition and stalls

13:30 **Session 3. Synergies Between Formal and Informal Livelihood Sectors in the Freetown Economy**

Presenters: Dr. Andrea Rigon (DPU), Sudie Austina Sellu (SLURC)

Discussants: Jenneh Gbao (BRAC), Abdul Karim Marah (FCC), Samuel J. Braima (FBC)

14:00 **Session 4. Planning the Freetown Urban Space: From Policy to Action**

Presenters: Dr. Alexandre Apsan Frediani (DPU), Sulaiman Foday Kamara (SLURC)

Discussants: Francis Reffell (CODOHSAPA), Abdul Karim Marah (FCC), Dr. Alphajor Cham (MLHE)

14:30 Coffee break

14:45 Summary and Q&A on afternoon sessions

Chair: Braima Koroma (SLURC)

Panel: Jenneh Gbao (BRAC), Abdul Karim Marah (FCC), Francis Reffell (CODOHSAPA), Samuel J. Braima (FBC), Dr. Alphajor Cham (MLHE), Dr. Victor Kabba (Njala University)

15:15 Table discussion

One speaker per table to present ideas

15:45 Closing Remarks

- Dr. Joseph Macarthy (SLURC)
- Dr. Joseph Sherman-Kamara (Njala University)
- Prof. Ijeoma Uchehgbu (Pro-Vice Provost, UCL)

BIOGRAPHIES

Introduction

Dr. JOSEPH MACARTHY

Executive Director, SLURC
Lecturer, Institute of Geography and Development Studies, Njala University

Dr Macarthy is an urban planner with speciality in urban development planning and climate change adaptation. He holds a PhD in Urban Planning and Management from Newcastle University and an MSc in Urban Development Planning from University College London (UCL). He lectures in the Institute of Geography and Development Studies (IGDS), Njala University, where he did his undergraduate degree (BSc). He is also the Executive Director of the Sierra Leone Urban Research Centre in Freetown. Dr Macarthy's research interests include land, housing and urban development; climate change; disaster vulnerability and risks; and, informal settlements with specific focus on urban Sierra Leone. Having served as a local consultant (urban planning expert) to the EU-funded Urban Planning Project for Freetown in 2013, he also provides volunteer service to the UNDP as a member of the National Steering Committee (NSC) of the Global Environment Facility's (GEF) Small Grants Programme (SGP) in Sierra Leone..

Dr. MOHAMED JULDEH JALLOH

Vice President, Republic of Sierra Leone

Dr. Jalloh holds a PhD from the Institute of Political Sciences, University of Bordeaux, France, as well as an MSc in Political Sciences from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria and a BA from Fourah Bay College, Sierra Leone. He has held several UN positions, including for the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) and the United Nations Office for West Africa (UNOWA). He has also worked with the Campaign for Good Governance in Sierra Leone. He has served as Vice President under the premiership of Julius Madaa Bio since April 2018.

YVONNE AKI-SAWYERR OBE

Mayor of Freetown

Mayor Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr OBE was sworn in as Mayor of Freetown in May 2018 with a commitment to transform Freetown using an inclusive, data-driven approach to address challenges in the city. She holds an MSc in Politics of the World Economy from the London School of Economics and a BSc (Hons) in Economics from Fourah Bay College. A finance professional with over 25 years of private sector experience in strategic planning, risk management consulting and project management, Mayor Aki-Sawyerr's public sector engagement began with her work as the Director of Planning at the National Ebola Response Centre during the Ebola epidemic of 2014-2015. She also served as Delivery Team Lead for the President's Recovery Priorities, to drive socio-economic recovery in Sierra Leone post Ebola. Her advocacy and charity contributions include campaigning against "blood diamonds" during the Sierra Leone civil war and co-founding the Sierra Leone War Trust for Children (SLWT) which continues to support disadvantaged children in Sierra Leone today.

Prof. ABDULAI MANSARAY

Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Njala University

Prof. Mansaray holds a BA in Modern History and a postgraduate degree in Education from Fourah Bay College. He received his PhD in Curriculum Studies from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He has over 35 years of experience in university teaching, research and administration. He served as Head of the Department of Teacher Education, Dean of the Faculty of Education, the inception Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the Bo Campus, and Dean of the School of Postgraduate Studies. Prof. Mansaray has over 80 publications to his credit. He has served as a consultant to many NGOs.

DAME NICOLA BREWER

Vice-Provost (International), UCL

As Vice-Provost (International), Nicola is responsible for UCL's Global Engagement Strategy, and supervises UCL's Institute of Education. She is Gender Equality Champion on UCL's Senior Management Team, and a friend of Out@UCL. Prior to UCL, Nicola was a British diplomat at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), and was British High Commissioner to South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland from May 2009 to September 2013. Nicola has lived and worked in South Africa, India, France and Mexico. She has worked for the Department for International Development (DFID), was the FCO's Director General Europe for the UK's last Presidency of the EU, and became the first Chief Executive of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, from 2007 to 2009. Nicola holds a PhD in Linguistics from the University of Leeds, and was appointed Dame Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George (DCMG) in the 2011 Birthday Honours List. She is a Trustee of the Lesotho charity, Sentebale.

GUY WARRINGTON

British High Commissioner to Sierra Leone

Guy Warrington has worked for the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) since 1986. He has served in Central America, Singapore, the Near East and North Africa. Furthermore, he has been the head of Humanitarian and War Crimes section, and the Drugs and International Crime Department of the FCO's UN department. In 2013, he began his tenure as Director for the UKTI (UK Trade and Investment) for English Regions. Guy Warrington has served as High Commissioner to Sierra Leone since August 2016.

Dr. TURAD SENESIE**Deputy Minister of Technical and Higher Education**

Dr. Senesie has a BSc, MSc, MHRS and PhD, as well as 11 years of instructional experience as Director for the Institute of Social Studies, Administration and Management, Njala University. His career to date has encompassed teaching, monitoring and evaluation, and public service investigations. His research interests include Peace Building, Development and Public Administration.

Session 1. Urban Health in Transition: Integrating the Health Needs of Informal Settlements into Planning**Dr. ANNIE WILKINSON****Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex**

Annie Wilkinson is an applied health systems researcher, with over a decade of research and policy experience in the UK and developing countries, especially Sierra Leone and Bangladesh. She holds a PhD in Science and Technology Policy from the University of Sussex, and has worked as part of international and interdisciplinary collaborations and within emergency humanitarian response. Underpinning her research is an interest in equity, political economy, and the integration of disciplinary perspectives to address global health challenges. She co-founded the Ebola Response Anthropology Platform, and was a member of the social science sub-group of the UK Government's Scientific Advisory Group in Emergencies, during the West African Ebola epidemic. Annie co-leads the 'Social Science in Humanitarian Action Platform', an initiative with UNICEF, which mobilizes research networks to integrate insights from social science into emergency preparedness and response.

ABU CONTEH**Research Officer (Health Focus), SLURC**

Abu's career has spanned teaching, journalism, development programming and research. His interests include environmental management, health systems research and social policy practice to improve the lives of the underprivileged. He worked with Concern Worldwide for nearly three years in some of Freetown's impoverished communities to help improve maternal and child health. His work extended to the Operations Research component in partnership with Johns Hopkins University piloting a Community Based Health Information System. His knowledge in the urban health context helped him transition to the urban health research cluster of SLURC, where he has worked to produce research reports and briefs on the health situation in informal settlements. Abu holds an MSc in Rural Development from Njala University and is currently an MPhil candidate in the Institute of Geography and Development Studies in the same university.

SALIMATU KANU**Community Health Nurse, ISCON Maternal and Child Health Post**

Salimatu Kanu studied nursing at the Redeemer School of Nursing in Freetown. Since graduating 5 years ago, she has worked as a state-enrolled community health nurse at ISCON Maternal and Child Health Post in Portee-Rokupa, where she has worked since graduation 5 years ago. She is passionate about trying to reduce maternal and child morbidity and mortality in Sierra Leone.

Session 2. From Disaster Risk Management to Urban Resilience**Dr. EMMANUEL OSUTEYE****Research Associate, The Bartlett Development Planning Unit, UCL**

Emmanuel is an environmental and social development researcher with a passion for sustainable development research and practice in Africa. Recent projects have focused on studying the governance, policy and institutional dimensions of risk and disaster management in low-income urban centres; informality, poverty reduction and gender mainstreaming; participatory processes for community capacity building; as well as the counter-hegemonic activity of indigenous African movements to influence policy. Emmanuel has significant in-country research experience in countries including Ghana, Benin, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Malawi, Uganda and The Gambia, working closely with community groups, researchers, higher education institutions, and various levels of decision-makers to explore innovative ways of collaborative learning about urbanization and sustainable development processes. Since 2015, Emmanuel has been a Research Fellow at The Bartlett Development Planning Unit, UCL, prior to which he lectured at Queen Mary University of London and the University of Kent. Emmanuel holds an LLM in Environmental Law and Policy, and a PhD in Environmental Social Science, both from the University of Kent.

BRAIMA KOROMA**Director of Research and Training, SLURC
Lecturer, Institute of Geography and Development Studies, Njala University**

Braima Koroma is a sustainable development planner at the Institute of Geography and Development Studies, Njala University and Director of Research and Training at SLURC. He has over 14 years' experience of research, training and consultancy on interdisciplinary projects covering livelihoods and the city economy, resilience, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, urban environmental planning and development. He has worked for several national and international organisations, including: The World Bank, African Development Bank (ADB), United Nations World Food Programme (UN-WFP), and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), among others. He has published extensively, reaching both academic and non-academic audiences.

YIRAH O. CONTEH**National Chairman, FEDURP**

Yirah Conteh has over 13 years' experience in development and advocacy work in and around Freetown's informal settlements. He is Sierra Leone's national chairman for the Federation of the Urban and Rural Poor (FEDURP) - the national federation of slum dwellers. He was a peace ambassador chairman for Freetown in the 2012 presidential elections. He is currently studying for a degree in Community Development at Theological College.

Dr. RASHID ANSUMANA**Dean, School of Community Health Sciences, Njala University**

Dr Rashid Ansumana is a research scientist with 16 years of teaching and research experience and 10 years of administrative experience. He has up to sixty research publications, and has expertise in microbial and multi-drug resistance identification as well as neglected tropical diseases in Sierra Leone. Dr Ansumana is a member of the UK Research and Innovation College, a reviewer for the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP), and a member of both the African Journal Partnership Program (AJPP) and the Council of Science Editors (CSE).

Session 3. Synergies Between Formal and Informal Livelihood Sectors in the Freetown Economy**Dr. ANDREA RIGON****Lecturer, The Bartlett Development Planning Unit, UCL
Co-investigator, SLURC**

Dr. Andrea Rigon is a Lecturer at The Bartlett Development Planning Unit, University College London with a background in development studies and research, consultancy and project management experience in several countries. He is particularly interested in residents' participation in the upgrading of informal settlements in the context of pre-existing social conflict. He also has a research interest in social diversity and people's participation in decision-making process. Andrea is a co-founder of SLURC and sit on its board. He is also on the Chair of the Board of Catalytic Action, an NGO which creates learning and play spaces for women, men and children affected by conflict or disaster.

SUDIE AUSTINA SELLU**Research Officer, SLURC**

Sudie Austina Sellu is a Research Officer at the Sierra Leone Urban Research Centre. With a background in Business and Financial management from the Association of Business Executives (ABE-UK) and University of Sierra Leone respectively, her aspirations include equal and improved welfare opportunities and chances for the deprived and less privileged, especially women and girls in society.

ABDUL KARIM MARAH**Development Planning Officer, Freetown City Council**

Mr. Marah has worked for Freetown City Council for over ten years and has significant experience in Local Governance and Decentralisation. He was the project manager (2010-2014) for an EU funded Urban Planning Project: supporting Freetown City Council and the Ministry of Lands, Country Planning and the Environment. He is currently the Development Planning Officer of Freetown City Council, where he is responsible for putting together and monitoring the implementation of the Council's District Development Plan.

SAMUEL J. BRAIMA**Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics and Commerce, Fourah Bay College, USL**

Mr. Braima has been with the Department of Economics and Commerce for over twenty four years. He led a team of researchers in writing a country report, "Measuring National Priorities for Post-2015 in Sierra Leone," which explored the statistical capacity of the country to provide adequate, relevant, timely and accurate data to monitor progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He specializes in poverty and vulnerability issues, econometric modeling and statistical analysis, and youth development. He has recently completed the coordination of the 2018 Sierra Leone Integrated Household Survey Report writing.

JENNEH M. GBAO**Programme Manager, BRAC Sierra Leone**

Ms. Gbao is a professional skilled in Programme Management, and handles BRAC's programme implementation and resourcing needs. She has a bachelor's degree in Linguistics and Sociology from Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone and master's degree in Peace and Development from Njala University. She has been a development worker throughout her career. She has significant experience in programming, child protection and community service.

Session 4. Planning the Freetown Urban Space: From Policy to Action**Dr. ALEXANDRE APSAN FREDIANI****Associate Professor, The Bartlett Development Planning Unit, UCL
Co-investigator, SLURC**

Dr. Alexandre Apsan Frediani is an Associate Professor at The Bartlett Development Planning Unit, UCL. He is a development planner specializing in squatter settlement upgrading policies and participatory approaches to development. Areas of expertise include human development, housing, urban development, participation and Amartya Sen's Capability Approach. Alex is one of the founding members of SLURC, and is now a member and chair of the SLURC board.

SULAIMAN FODAY KAMARA

Research and Community Officer, SLURC

Sulaiman Foday Kamara studied at Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, obtaining a BA with double major in Geography and International Studies. He has worked as a data mapping consultant and a data and communication officer with UNICEF. He was part of the team that implemented an Urban Planning Project to develop the Freetown Structure Plan. His role at SLURC involves undertaking research and acting as a focal point for informal communities and related groups. Sulaiman is leading SLURC's work on the Urban KNOW project, and has been involved in ASF-UK's Change By Design and Community Action Area Planning work in Freetown.

Dr. ALPHAJOR CHAM

Deputy Director, Planning, Policy and Project Development, Ministry of Lands, Housing and the Environment

Dr. Cham holds a BSc (Hons) in Zoology (USL), an MSc (Eng.) in Regional Planning and Environmental Management (Germany) and a PhD in Public/Environmental Health (USA). He is currently the Ag. Director of Planning, Policy and Project Development at the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Environment (MLHE). He was instrumental in the development of Sierra Leone's National Land Policy 2015 (NLP) and coordinated its implementation. He was an Expert Investigator (EI) in the development of the Land Governance Assessment Framework (LGAF), coordinated the European Union (EU) Urban Planning Project, and is Focal Point for UN-Habitat III's New Urban Agenda's implementation in Sierra Leone. Most recently, he contributed to the development of Sierra Leone's Medium-Term National Development Plan 2019-2023. He has over fifteen years' experience in land use planning, environmental management and planning, natural resource (land) management, policy development, project management, monitoring and evaluation.

FRANCIS REFFELL

Founder and Executive Director, CODOHSAPA

Francis Reffell is a Social Justice and Community Development Professional. He holds a bachelor's degree in Geography and Sociology, a masters degree in Rural Development Studies, and several other professional training experiences attained in-country and abroad. He is a pioneer of the Federation of the Urban and Rural Poor (FEDURP) in Sierra Leone as well as founder and Executive Director of CODOHSAPA, both of which are local affiliates of Slum/Shack Dwellers International (SDI). Mr Reffell is dedicated to working with vulnerable people and communities so that they can gain the voice and space to influence the inclusion of their pro-poor aspirations in both local and national development discourses and agendas. His leadership, programme development, advocacy and negotiation skills have contributed to the dynamism of the SDI federation process as it has progressed and sustained in Sierra Leone.

Closing Remarks

Dr. JOSEPH SHERMAN-KAMARA

Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Njala Campus and Director of Research, Njala University

Dr. Sherman-Kamara is the current Deputy Vice Chancellor of Njala Campus, prior to which he was Head of the Laboratory of Postharvest Food and Bioprocess Engineering in the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering. He is also the project counterpart for two ongoing collaborative Technical Cooperation Research projects sponsored by the International Atomic Energy Agency. He has led and participated in various technical evaluation studies in Sierra Leone, including in-depth institutional assessments for international, private and public sector institutions. He has designed and implemented a range of training programmes in various aspects of agriculture, postharvest and agro-processing systems in formal and informal settings. Dr. Sherman-Kamara has been a member of Njala University Senate and Court for several years and has a strong general interest in higher education management. He is additionally a Programme Manager on the DFID sponsored AQHEd-SL project, driving quality assurance in Sierra Leone's Higher Education sector.

Prof. IJEOMA UCHEGBU

Pro-Vice Provost for Africa and The Middle East, UCL

Professor Ijeoma Uchegbu is Professor of Pharmaceutical Nanoscience at the UCL School of Pharmacy, which is where she obtained her PhD. Since 2015, Ijeoma has also been UCL's Pro-Vice Provost for Africa and The Middle East; as such she chairs UCL's Africa and Middle East Network, receives overseas visitors from the region, and helps to facilitate research relevant to the geographical region by connecting people with people and people with sources of money. Ijeoma works closely with the Vice Provost International on the delivery of the university's Global Engagement Strategy. She is also the Provosts' Envoy for Race Equality, and Chief Scientific Officer of Nanomerics Ltd. - a UCL spin out company, which she cofounded. Ijeoma is the editor of three books, a named inventor on 11 granted patents and has authored over 120 peer reviewed journal articles and book chapters. Ijeoma's research has been featured on BBC Woman's Hour and more recently in The Guardian.

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We are grateful to the **British Council in Sierra Leone** for providing the conference venue gratis.

Thanks to all our speakers, discussants and panellists for their contributions, and thanks to the whole SLURC team.

This event is part of **Bartlett 100**, a year-long celebration in 2019 to mark 100 years since the naming of the faculty. Find out more at: **bartlett100.com**

ABOUT THE SIERRA LEONE URBAN RESEARCH CENTRE (SLURC)

The Sierra Leone Urban Research Centre (SLURC) based in Freetown is a globally connected autonomous research centre. It was created through a partnership between the Institute of Geography and Development Studies (Njala University) and The Bartlett Development Planning Unit (University College London).

Our mission is to work with communities, their organisations and other stakeholders to build capacity leading to improved well-being in informal settlements. We are a regional centre of excellence with a strong research capacity able to produce knowledge useful locally and internationally. We are capable of brokering partnerships between different actors to achieve more equitable urban development. We work in close partnership with people living in informal settlements and their organisations. For more information, please visit: **slurc.org**

FUTURE PLANS

- Expand the scope of research and capacity building for key urban stakeholders, to include other cities in Sierra Leone such as Bo, Kenema and Makeni.
- Establish an MSc in Urban Planning and Development at Njala University.
- Develop new partnerships and collaborations with research institutions and organisations locally and internationally.
- Develop a knowledge hub and ensure the uptake and use of data and knowledge produced by urban stakeholders.
- Coordinate the learning platform in Freetown, at city level and community level, in a way that supports mutual learning between all stakeholders working on Freetown's urban development.
- Continue to instigate and participate in international exchanges to expose urban stakeholders in Sierra Leone to other urban contexts and research centres, including learning alliances, exchange visits, international conferences and events.
- Continue to host national and international researchers.

ABOUT THE BARTLETT DEVELOPMENT PLANNING UNIT (DPU), UCL

The Development Planning Unit conducts world-leading research and postgraduate teaching that helps to build the capacity of national governments, local authorities, NGOs, aid agencies and businesses working towards socially just and sustainable development in the global south. For more information, please visit: **bartlett.ucl.ac.uk/dpu**

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, NJALA UNIVERSITY

The Institute of Geography and Development Studies (IGDS) represents one of the four innovative academic structures of the School of Environmental Sciences at Njala University (NU). The Institute runs both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes as well as providing opportunities for professional development and research. Its main concern is about promoting sustainable forms of development in Sierra Leone. Its staff have engaged with practitioners, organizations and UN agencies through consultancies and other community outreach activities. For more information, please visit: **njala.edu.sl**

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