



**OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

**Freetown, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018** – The National Electoral Commission (NEC) of Sierra Leone expresses its gratitude to the national institutions and individuals across the country, who contributed to the second democratic transfer of power, since the end of civil war.

Over 80 percent of registered voters participated in the elections held on **7<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**. Says NEC Chair, Mohamed N’fah-Alie Conteh, **“This is a very high participation rate – particularly when compared with other countries in the region. It demonstrates the will of Sierra Leoneans to determine national leadership in a way that is peaceful.”**

The Commission thanks voters for having participated so enthusiastically, for their conduct on election day, and for their patience as they waited for the declaration of Presidential results on 4 April 2018.

  
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**Mohamed N’fah-Alie Conteh**  
**Chief Electoral Commissioner/Chairman**  
**National Returning Officer**