

## PROFILE OF MR. MOHAMED N'FAH-ALIE CONTEH (OOR)

**Mr. Mohamed N'fah-Alie Conteh** is a Sierra Leonean; who had his Secondary School Education at the Ahmadiyya Muslim Secondary School and Christ the King College in Bo, Sierra Leone. He received his BA degree in History and Political Science, and post-graduate Diploma in Education from Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone in 1983 and 1984, respectively. He also holds a Post-Graduate Diploma (with distinction) in International and Electoral Law from the Institute of Advanced Management and Technology (IAMTEC) Sierra Leone (2008).

Mr. Conteh taught in Secondary School for 7 years (1978-79, 1984-1990) before becoming an elections administrator for 25 years, continuously. He began his career in election administration with the **National Electoral Commission (NEC)** of Sierra Leone in 1990, where he rose through the ranks from District Electoral Officer (DEO) and became Director of electoral operations from November 2007 to April 2009. He became Electoral Commissioner in NEC from May 2009 to January 2015. He is currently (effective 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2015) the Chief Electoral Commissioner and Chair (designate) of the NEC.

Since 1990, he has participated in the conduct of all public elections in Sierra Leone (i.e. Presidential, Parliamentary, Local Government Elections, etc). In collaboration with his colleagues, Mr. Conteh was very instrumental in the transformation of Sierra Leone's Electoral Commission and the system of administering democratic elections in the country from the worst structure and managed system in the 1970s, to a model public institution and election administration system in Africa by 2012.

He attended many elections related courses, conferences, study tours and Elections Observation Missions, both within and outside Africa. He is an accredited **BRIDGE** facilitator/trainer {i.e. **Building Resources in Democracy, Governance and Elections**- a course in Elections Administration founded by the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA), The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC), and the United Nations Electoral Assistance Division (UNEAD)}.

Mr. Conteh was awarded the National Honour of "**Officer of the Order of the Rokel-OOR**", by His Excellency, the President of Sierra Leone, Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma, in recognition of 24 years diligent and dedicated service to NEC, on the 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2014.

Mr. Conteh's electronic publications include;

**"The Institution of Paramount Chieftaincy in Sierra Leone: An Introduction to its history and electoral process" (2011). "A Short History of the Electoral Commission of Sierra Leone:-1961-2010" (2012); "The Electoral Commission and the Management of Sierra Leone's Electoral Process:**

The above publications are available in PDF form at the NEC website: [www.nec-sierraleone.org](http://www.nec-sierraleone.org)

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