



GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

PRESS RELEASE

Funds Approved for the Establishment of the University of Science & Technology in Kono

MTHE: Tuesday July 22, 2020 – The President, His Excellency, Dr. Julius Maada Bio, made a commitment to establish a University of Science and Technology in the Kono District, Eastern Sierra Leone. In fulfilment of that commitment, the Ministry of Technical and Higher Education (MTHE) is pleased to inform the public that the ECOWAS Bank of Investment and Development has approved initial funding to the tune of 32 Million United States Dollars for the construction of the University of Science and Technology in Kono District

This partial funding approval for the university project is the outcome of concerted efforts by various stakeholders including the Ministry of Technical and Higher Education, Ministry of Finance, and the Office of Presidential Infrastructure Initiative.

The Government of Sierra Leone, through the Ministry of Finance, wholly and successfully funded a pre-feasibility study of the project. The Ministry of Finance is due to formally sign the project agreement with the Bank and construction will commence after all due-diligence processes are finalised.

The Minister of Technical and Higher Education, Prof. Aiah A. Gbakima has expressed elation that yet another Presidential promise is being fulfilled within the shortest possible time.

"I am happy to announce to the general public that the construction of the University of Science and Technology in Kono, as faithfully promised by His Excellency the President, will commence by January 2021 if all goes as planned," Minister Gbakima disclosed. "The actualization of this project underscores the importance placed by His Excellency the President on enhancing Human Capital Development across Sierra Leone.

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