

CAPAGO: OPENING OF A SATELLITE FRENCH VISA APPLICATION CENTER IN FREETOWN

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The French Embassy in Guinea and Sierra Leone together with Capago International are pleased to announce the opening of a new Schengen visa application centre in Freetown. Starting from **19th of April 2022**, the Schengen visa application centre will open bi-monthly, every first and third week of the month.

The French Consulate in Guinea is in charge of handling Schengen visa applications for travellers residing in Guinea and Sierra Leone. Capago has been appointed as the official representative for the consulate in Guinea and has opened a Visa application centre in Conakry in 2019. Until now the travellers from Sierra Leone had to travel to Guinea to apply for their visa.

The French Consulate has approached Capago to offer a solution for processing visa applications from Freetown in order to facilitate access to their service to the travellers. Thanks to the use of the official French mobile biometric system Capago is now able to open the Freetown visa application as a satellite branch of Capago Guinea.

The travellers from Sierra Leone can now apply from Freetown and receive the outcome of their application within two weeks.

All useful information regarding visa procedures is available on the France-Visas website: www.France-visas.gouv.fr

Travellers from Sierra Leone are invited to visit <https://fr-sl.capago.eu/> in order to book an appointment to apply for their visa from Freetown.

They can reach Capago by sending an email to: infofrance-sl@capago.eu or by calling Capago's Guinea phone number: + 224 62 493 3333.

About Capago International

CAPAGO is an European company providing international outsourcing and technology services to governments and diplomatic missions worldwide. Capago is contracted to automate and assist in visa application processes, including managing contact centres and facilitation centres.

Capago International has been the exclusive representative for the processing of Schengen visa applications on behalf of Schengen Countries since 2009.

Capago's Visa Application Centres are located in Azerbaijan, Bénin, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Kuwait, Mali, Qatar, Sierra Leone, South Africa, and Togo.

Capago assists more than 200 000 visa applicants per year.