



## **S.L.P.P CHAIRMAN/LEADER JOHN OPONJO BENJAMIN VISITS THE UNITED KINGDOM**

The Sierra Leone People's Party United Kingdom and Ireland branch wishes to inform members and all Sierra Leoneans of the eminent visit to the UK of our national Chairman and Leader of the Party **John Oponjo Benjamin** (JOB).

This is the first visit to the UK by the Chairman/Leader of the Party since the election of the current National Executive. JOB will arrive on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July and spend a week in London following a recent whistle tour of the United States of America where he galvanised support for the Party and sought to bolster the determination and efforts of the Diaspora branches in ensuring the Party returns to power when elections are held in Sierra Leone, in 2012.

The SLPP UK/Ireland Branch has established a broad based planning committee to put in place modalities to ensure JOB's visit becomes not only a historic event but one that heralds a new beginning for the Branch and progresses the consolidation of effort to support the Party's aspirations to regain power.

A series of events have been organised to make the visit of our National Chairman /Leader of the Party a resounding success. These include:

- Meetings with United Kingdom Government officials from the Foreign Affairs Committee and other relevant departments;
- Meetings with UK press to share the party's vision for Sierra Leone and the current challenges of governance and how the party intends to address the issues;
- A community forum meeting with UK Party Members on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2009 - at the Walworth Methodist Church Hall, 54 Camberwell Road, London SE5 9EN, starting at 5.30 pm;
- A Grand Reception/Fundraising Gala, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July at Wavelengths Leisure Centre, Griffin Street, Deptford, SE8 4RT, from 6 pm to 1 am.

The Chairman, Council of Elders, Executive and planning committee of the UK/Ireland branch invite all members to join in welcoming our National Chairman and request that you make time to get involved in reflecting and sharing ideas on the way forward for the Party with our leader during his visit by attending the forum and reception.

Members of the public are also welcome to attend both events and to meet with JOHN OPONJO BENJAMIN; the dynamic National Chairman /Leader of the Sierra Leone People's Party. JOB returns to Sierra Leone on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

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