



National Electoral Commission (NEC)  
OAU Drive, Tower Hill, Freetown



### OFFICIAL STATEMENT

**Freetown, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2018** – In accordance with the ruling by the High Court today, the National Electoral Commission (NEC) will resume all election preparations, with immediate effect.

However, due to logistical delays resulting from the injunction, polling cannot be conducted on **27<sup>th</sup> March 2018**, as originally planned.

The run-off Presidential election will now be conducted on **Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018**. This exercise will include the election of Member of Parliamentary in Constituency 123, (Western Area Urban District), Mayor of Bonthe Municipality, and Councilors in Wards 55 (Kenema District), 278 (Bo District), 353 (Pujehan District).

The Commission calls for peaceful conduct and participation of all eligible voters.

Regardless of their ethnic group, religion, gender or physical ability, the NEC will enable the people of Sierra Leone to exercise their constitutional right to participate in political decision-making, in an environment of peace.

NEC continues to assure all stakeholders that it is committed to conducting credible elections.



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