

**JOINT POST-ELECTION PRESS STATEMENT BY THE AFRICAN UNION
AND ECOWAS ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSIONS TO THE 2023
GENERAL ELECTIONS IN SIERRA LEONE**

The African Union and ECOWAS Election Observation Missions to the Sierra Leone general elections of 24th June 2023:

1. **Commend** the people of Sierra Leone for their commitment to democracy and their civic duties by turning out to vote.
2. **Express** admiration for the voters discipline and the peaceful manner they conducted themselves.
3. **Urge** the people of Sierra Leone, especially the candidates, to exercise patience in the post-election period.
4. **Call** on the Electoral Commission of Sierra Leone (ECSL) to stand firm and fulfil its duties, without succumbing to pressure, to uphold the credibility of the institution and be accountable to the people of Sierra Leone.
5. Further **call** on the ECSL to undertake the tabulation process expediently and transparently within the provided time frame.
6. **Express** concern at the announcement of unofficial results by some political actors, and individuals and in this regard, **urge** all stakeholders to refrain from such action, and as such **reiterates** that the ECSL is the only body authorized by the constitution and laws of Sierra Leone to announce the results.

Done at Freetown, on 25th June 2023



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