


CGSL 10 MOST OUTSTANDING SIERRA LEONEANS 2018

TOP 30 NOMINEES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER¹

No	Nominee	Photo	About the nominees ^{***2}
1	Abdul FATORMA		<p>For nearly one and half decades, Abdul M Fatoma has been one of Sierra Leone’s foremost defenders of human rights and, in particular, anti-corruption campaigner. Abdul’s actively working in the field of human rights protection and social injustice activism He started working as human rights activist with United Nations Peace keeping mission in Sierra Leone and later as a court monitor for the U.N. back Special Court for trail those who bear the greatest responsibility during Sierra Leone 11 years civil war This is dangerous work to be involved with, and last year(2017), January he paid the cost when he was arrested and detained, following the release of a report which accused the Sierra Leonean Parliament of lack of accountability. Though released on bail, his passport was withheld for 45 days, preventing him from being with his family in the UK. He continued to receive death threats. Abdul and his CHRDI’s Organisation continue operate in an environment where public accountability work is incredibly challenging and often dangerous. Abdul Fatoma’s drama started when police officers, without warrant, arrested and frog-marched Fatoma from a radio studio, where he was being interviewed and took him forcefully to parliament. Once inside the walls of Sierra Leone’s parliament, Fatoma was arraigned in front of angry-wig-totting MPs. One-by-one they spoke, and they described Fatoma with the most unpleasant of adjectives. The members of parliament, the speaker of the house, his deputy speaker, and their other colleagues – the avant-garde of the law-making body of the land – were all obviously furious and angry. They are seeking revenge against a civil society activist. Politicians in the past government had instructed the police action to detain and intimidate him. Why did politicians advise police to detain Fatoma? Because Abdul Fatoma is a Sierra Leonean human rights activist with a proven record of reporting on economic and social rights and human rights abuses in Sierra Leone, through his organisation has been able to free hundreds of prisoners in the country. Through his work he has advocated for access to justice, access to right to health and campaign against social injustice in Sierra Leone, Abdul’s Work has influenced the government and other political parties to respect human rights and the rule of law. Abdul got involved in Human Rights activism</p>

¹ Final 10-man shortlist will be published after a thorough review of the top 30 nominees by the Awards Committee

²Disclaimer: Details about the nominees were provided by those who nominated them

work - because He had wanted to represent the voiceless people so that what He went through will not be repeated or experienced by others. Abdul want the world to know that women and youths are the greatest assets we have towards making this world a better place. He want to see bright smiles on the faces of as many Women and youths as he possibly can. During his tireless work his efforts have been critical to the pursuit of justice against people who bore the greatest responsibility for the commission of serious crimes during his country brutal civil war. The trial of the former war lords at the Special Court for Sierra Leone where the Civil Defence Forces, Armed Forces Revolutionary Council, Revolutionary United Front and ex-president Charles Taylor has formed a watershed in his Human Right career as he have been a Court Monitor at the Special Court to see fair trial and to promote Justice for victims of the War but also to see that perpetrators of unspeakable crimes face Justice..." For the past several years, Abdul have been with the other Human Rights Campaigners at the forefront of the campaign to enhance the status of women children and the disabled in the country by successfully lobbying the Country's Parliament to pass the Gender Bill, the Refugee Bill, the Child rights Bill and the Bill on the Rights of Disabled persons . To make the passing of these Bills possible He had to attend campaign meetings, attend Parliamentary Hearings, Workshops, Conferences and issuing Press Statements highlighting the position of his Organisation on these matters... He continued to work relentlessly as a young Human Rights activist. He have cultivated a life of fighting every day to uphold the Rule of law in his Country because he know it is the strongest weapon against dictators and a formidable guide to good citizenship.

2 **Anthony
NAVO (JNR.)**



His AYV Media Empire remains the leading media institution in Sierra Leone designing cutting edge programs and promoting youth empowerment and entertainment in Sierra Leone

3 **Asmaa
JAMES**



As the Station Manager at Radio Democracy, She has made sure that timely and important news are relay to the public, especially the " Good Morning Salone" program that has attracted imminent personalities . This platform has bridge the gap of information. Her radios influential role in the 2018 elections is well documented. Recently her foundation engaged in teenage girl's advocacy to raise awareness about rape and sexual violence.

4 **Akiwande
LASITE**



Mr. Lasite drew the curtain down to a 48 years' service to the Sierra Leone Grammar School and the Nation at large. Over the years, he has raised gentlemen that the country can boost of, He is known for his discipline and integrity. He graciously bowed this year out and I believe he is the most outstanding Sierra Leonean in 2018

5 **Christopher
Ayodele
GREENE**



Star pupil, Sierra Leone Law School. His remarkable excellence in education is worth noting. Widely acclaimed for graduating from the Sierra Leone Law School with the best result in almost a decade—a Second Class Upper.

6 **Emerson
BOCKARIE**



As a musician. Emerson's songs have always sought to provoke social change. His clever lyrics routinely speak against corruption and tribalism. Between 2017 and 2018, Emerson's songs were very influential in shaping voters perceptions ahead of the elections.

7 **Fantacee
Wiz
KAMARA**



FANTACEE WIZ is the Founder/CEO of Sierra Unity Playas (a Performing art org That does short films on issues affecting women & girls & also do school & community sensitisations), CEO/Founder of Badenya Foundation a Charity That helps women & children's also assisting the flood & mudslides victims. She's the only Folksinger in Sierra Leone.

8 **Fatima BIO**



Instrumental in helping her husband win the presidency. Has been redefining the role of women in Sierra Leone in general and the Office of the First Lady in particular. Her "hands off our girls" campaign has also been very timely

9 **Francis
MAMBU**



Pastor Mambu is a faith leader and Sierra Leone and has continue to influence lives through his work as a Pastor. He organizes one of the largest crusades in the country annually bringing hope to the sick and underprivileged. Therefore I nominate him as the most outstanding Sierra Leonean of 2018

10 **Francis Ben
KAIFALA**



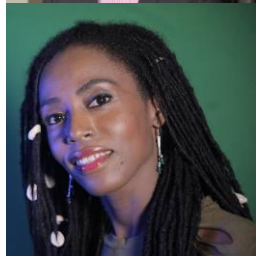
As a very young man with no previous experience in government, he has, in a matter of months in his position as ACC Commissioner, recovered billions of Leones previously misappropriated or stolen by former ministers and other government workers. This is the first time in the history of the commission that this much state loot has been recovered. Mr Kaifala also has to his credit tremendous feats in academia, having multiple degrees from both Sierra Leone and renowned overseas universities. He is also a very successful lawyer.

11 **Ishmael
Alfred
CHARLES**



Ishmael is a humanitarian and development specialist with keen interest in societal transformation. Social Work. In just one year he helped to raise funds for over 7 kids some privately some publicly. Baby Mustapha, baby Marian and baby Mariama are some of the most popular ones

12 **Jane
PETERS**



I'll like to nominate Jane Peters for Ten Most Outstanding Sierra Leoneans. Jane Peters is a lady working in the MGO world at the same time one of Sierra Leone's best female musician who is well known for her live performance. Jane Peters is the country coordinator for the International Education And Resource Network (iEARN Sierra Leone) and the program director for the U.S Department of State funded scholarship program called Kennedy Lugar youth exchange and Study (KL-YES). Every year the program takes group of students from Sierra Leone to the United State for one academic year. This cultural exchange program allows students to stay with American host families, attend American high schools, share cultures, community service involvement and many more. Students are address by the U.S Politicians in the Senate House every and Amadu G.Kabia in 2011 and Joseph Jawa Kebbie in 2016 were fortunate to speak on behalf of over 800 students from across the world at the Senate house to American leaders. When students return to Sierra Leone, Jane and her team at iEARN works closely with these youths and bring them into the KL-YES Alumni association for community development. Jane works with them to raise funds to implement project in their local communities' example. Tamba Abdulai in Kono has been paying school fees and providing school materials for over 100 students for the past 3 years in the Kono district. Amandu G Kabia constructed a community dam at the Tree Planning Leicester road community in Freetown. In Makeni, Kadiatu Abdul Sesay advocating against teenage pregnancy in documentaries. Joseph J Kebbie from CKC Bo but now living in Freetown developed an

app for the West Africa Examination council to make it easy for students to access WASCE syllabus for their exams which is now widely used in the whole of West Africa Her good heart to develop Sierra Leone knows no discrimination. For over 11 years she has dedicated her life to supporting humanity and education in Sierra Leone by being the National Coordinator of iEARN Sierra Leone. Over these years she also led a free IT and other Talent trainings from which many stars in music, video production and IT professionals have emerged. To name but a few Miles B of Bravado production, King Justice of king J Media, Cecil of SL Entertainment Industry, Mahmoud Jalloh of Freetown TV, Lash of new face production and many more. I happened to also work with her for several years before she empowered me to start my NGO. All these Jane Peters has being working day and night with Schools, Community Leaders, Ministry of Education, Peace Corps, Embassies including U.S Embassy, National Youth Commission, Ministry of Youth Affairs and other parastatals to spot these young talents all over the country. Furthermore She is the CEO of Jane Peters Entertainment Jane Peters launched a youth empowerment music program called Sing With Jane Peters where the winner took home Thirty Million Leones (30,000,000) plus a Recording deal from The Jane Peters Entertainment. Jane Peters has been working honestly in the quiet so she dearly deserve to be rewarded in the light as one of the Ten Most Outstanding Sierra Leoneans.

13 **Julius Maada
BIO**



Won the 2018 Presidential elections as an underdog. Since becoming president, he has introduced several reforms in mobilizing resources. He has also launched a nationwide Free Quality Education scheme. His robust stance in the fight against corruption makes him one of the most outstanding men in Sierra Leone in 2018.

14 **Kandeh
Kolleh
YUMKELLA**



He's been a very inspirational and motivational speaker throughout the year. He was able to influence positive thinking Sierra Leoneans from sticking to the two old political parties in SL (APC & SLPP). He's broken the backbone of APC in the Kambia District and became the most outstanding parliamentarian of all time. I vehemently nominate the Hon Yumkella of "Country Fos" fame.

15 **Lara
TAYLOR-
PEARCE**



Lara has been one of the most outstanding Sierra Leoneans, Her service to the Nation is exemplary as she has deliver timely, fair and sound audit for MDAs. She has stood her grounds and has manage to unearth some financial and procedural errors in our MDAs

16 **Len
GORDON-
HARRIS**



Dr. Len Gordon-Harris has been serving in d medical field for over forty years. He is presently one of the most outstanding Medical Personnel/ Radiologist in Sierra Leone. His Surgery is at 35 Bathurst St, Freetown

17 **Marcela
SAMBA-
SESAY**



One of the most outstanding female activists in Sierra Leone. During the 2018 elections, her National Elections Watch provided the largest group of independent elections monitors across the country which was critical at the time for ensuring that the polls were free and fair. Using innovative technology, NEW was able to correctly predict the 2018 election making rigging a lot more difficult.

18 **Mohamed
N'fa-Alie
CONTEH**



The Commissioner was at the helm of things in the 2018 election and stood his ground to deliver a free and fair election.

19 **Mohamed
Basiru
SANUSI**



His consistency in giving youths a platform to be heard and contribution to youth advocacy during the media

20 **National
Reformation**

For leading efforts to inspire democratic reforms within the All People Congress

***Movement
of the APC³***

21 ***Precious
Amabel
LEBBY***



Contract Stringer at West Africa Democracy Radio - English Service/Executive Producer, and Live host of Moment With Precious Chat Show at Moment With Precious. Precious was a source of factual and credible information throughout the elections

22 ***Salamatu
Irepsalone
KAMARA***



Salamatu is a blogger who uses her large social media platforms to promoting Sierra Leonean art/entertainment and the country's tourism potentials. She comes across as very hardworking.

23 ***Samura
Mathew
KAMARA***



Flagbearer of the APC in the 2018 elections. Magnanimously accepted the outcome of the elections thereby deescalating tensions

³ The only nominated group/organization

24 **Sward
KOROMA**



Sward Koroma is a graduate with BSc. Honours in Commerce, from Fourah Bay College University of Sierra Leone. Also a Model since 2017 doing commercials like billboards for Sierra tell and musical videos with famous artists in Sierra Leone. However, she is more passionate about Child Empowerment and Community Development which is why she used up all her savings to found a charity organization called "Every Child's Dream Foundation" on the 6th June, 2017. Every Child's Dream Foundation (E.C.D.F), is a community based organization that seeks to help deprived kids have increase access to funds for education and there basic needs in other for them to actualize their full potential. To make her foundation more sustainable, she took a loan from her parents and cofounded a branding business in 2018 with her younger brother Samuel Lamarana Koroma. They purchased products like raffia bags, waist bags, sandals, slippers etc. and add value to them by branding them with textile designs and sell the finished products to customers and donors at affordable prices. The proceeds are divided into two, half for the continuation of the business the other half goes to the foundation for executing charity projects. Also, Part of her modelling contract salary goes towards the foundation Since 2017 , her foundation has helped about 300 deprived kids, 100 mudslide survivors, and 36 nursing Moms in Freetown. By providing scholarships, food and health supplies, learning materials, shoes and clothes. To help improve the standard of education in our country, She organized a National annual Spelling Bee and Math Quiz competition in January 2018 at British Council Hall for primary and secondary public schools. 4 winners emerged and each took home a cash prize of 1 million Leones and customized trophies. Everybody was refreshed and given complimentary stationeries. In October 2018, she executed a community school (Obez Memorial School) renovation project. Now, about 300 pupils can thrive in a safe and conducive learning environment. All of these projects were sponsored by her, her team, and few inconsistent donors. She has been an activist since 2012, working with Kids Advocacy Foundation as the Whip in charge of disciplinary actions. Also served as member of the planning committee for Student and Youth Anti Violence Movement Sierra Leone. Sward Koroma, is an Alumni of YALI (Young African Leaders Initiative) legacy of former President of USA Barrack Obama. She was chosen amongst few others to undergo an intensive leadership training in Ghana this August. She is a dynamic and result driven person with background in Sales, Marketing, Administration and Management. Which she gathered from her previous employments as sales representative at IDT Labs and Kizuri Consulting as Human Resource and Admin Officer in 2017. She has also worked as protocol officer for the inauguration ceremony for our present president and as voters Identification officer during the recent elections. All of these success stories are a proof of why I think Sward Koroma is an outstanding Leader.

25 **Thomas
MOORE-
CONTEH**



Through the Citizens Advocacy Network (CAN), Thomas has been vocal on issues surrounding human rights and good governance, earning himself the distinguished reputation as a voice for the voiceless in Sierra Leone

26 **Umaru
FOFANA**



His contribution in giving the authentic news to the public especially in an era of fake news

27 **Vickie
REMOE**



Popular social commentator, blogger and marketing guru with a large following whose pieces educate, inspire and publicly challenge the status quo.

28 **Yusuf
Keketoma
SANDI**



Press Secretary at State House. Has made the position prominent for the first time in the history of Sierra Leone. Very effective in drawing attention to the activities of the Office of the President.

29 **Yvonne AKI-
SAWYERR**



Mayor of Freetown who has been demonstrating remarkable leadership in giving Freetown a facelift particularly on community sanitation and

30 **Zainab
SHERIFF**



Zainab Sheriff is a female musician and model who has represented her country locally and internationally. She is famous for her contributions in modelling and has played an integral role in showcasing young people's talent and the rich culture Sierra Leone possessed. Zainab Sheriff has contributed enormously in the entertainment industry, prominent among them is her recent "Big Sister" show which has sparked a wider attention in not only Sierra Leone but within the sub region. This outstanding feat was not just a program to showcase talent, but to alleviate women from the subordination of men, and lack of empowerment, leading to various inequalities ranging from gender, economic to wealth inequality. Several thousands of women today have

emulated Zainab Sheriff as a mentor and role model to society. This significant achievement has widened the social capacity of men and women in thriving to develop an inclusive environment. For the first time in the history of this country, for Sierra Leoneans to glue on television, 24hrs watching this remarkable event in a -30 -day period. This achievement did not only send a signal of the imminence in developing a psycho social support system but more importantly taught us that education is not the only end to success. The winner of the "Big Sister Show", "China Nicky" is now the subject of attention of many success stories without acquiring formal education. Zainab Sheriff's program "Big Sister" has brought in the insurgence of many social programs gearing towards empowerment. It is my firm conviction that In a country that gives due attention and respect to whom it deserves, Zainab Sheriff would not only have been an Icon, but would rewrite history as well. If the myth of centralizing success only with education is diminished, and the refocus of determining success with principal agents like hard work and talent and among other things, which in turn requires resilience, that accolade is due to some people like Zainab Sheriff.

ABOUT THE TEN MOST OUTSTANDING SIERRA LEONEANS AWARDS

Every year since 2017, **Chozen Generation Sierra Leone**⁴ recognizes the men and women who performed extraordinary feats. **The 10 MOST OUTSTANDING SIERRA LEONEANS** award seeks to identify and recognize exemplary leaders in business politics, sport, academia, entertainment, technology/innovation, advocacy etcetera. The award prides itself in transparency and meritocracy. The team at CGSL believes that in an era when Sierra Leone is experiencing a dearth in quality leaders, mentors and role models, it is important that a credible recognition scheme be devised to award the hardworking Sierra Leoneans who consistently demonstrate excellence and leadership in their various fields

NOMINATION ANALYSES

Total number of nominations = 388

Number of individuals nominated= 80

Groups nominated = 1

Category of nominations	% of total nominations
1. Charity/Philanthropy/Humanitarian work	26.54%
2. Politics	23.46%
3. Arts/Entertainment/Culture	11.73%
4. Media/Journalism	11.11%
5. Advocacy	11.11%
6. Religion	4.32%
7. Academia	3.09%
8. Public Service	2.47%
9. Business	1.85%
10. Engineering	1.23%
11. Medicine	0.62%
12. Sports	0.62%
13. NA	0.62%
14. Blogger and promoter	0.62%
15. Innovation/Technology	0.62%
Grand Total	100.00%

GENDER OF NOMINEES



43%



57%

AGE CATEGORY OF NOMINEES

UNDER 35 YEARS = 44%

ABOVE 35 YEARS = 56%

⁴ To learn more about **Chozen Generation Sierra Leone**, visit <https://chozengenerationsl.org>
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