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### Press Release

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#### **CGSL Announces Ten Most Outstanding Sierra Leoneans 2021**

Chozen Generation Sierra Leone is delighted to announce that it has concluded all the stages of the Ten Most Outstanding Sierra Leonean Award and has arrived at a list of the ten Sierra Leoneans who use their services, businesses or crafts to inspire change and to help build the much-craved positive image of Sierra Leone in 2021.

Every year, we start this process by asking you (the public) to nominate Sierra Leoneans who you know performed exceptionally in their field of work in the year under review. For the 2021 award, we received hundreds of nominations and set up a committee of seven professionals (in various walks of life) who take your nominations to the next level – conducted background checks and using indices (Leadership track record, Patriotism/Love for Sierra Leone, Accomplishment in 2021, National impact/reach, General suitability for the award) to score each candidate

The 2021 final list comprises Journalists, lawyers, musicians, environmentalists, a football team, fashion designers and entrepreneurs. The collection shows Sierra Leoneans in all works of life are leading by example and are creating an impact in their area of work.

*“We do this to recognize Sierra Leoneans in all walks of life. We want to encourage them to keep doing what they are doing and to improve on it for the betterment of the country. We have seen many countries around the world celebrate their own, but we do little of that in Sierra Leone, said CGSL National Coordinator, **Harry Henry Kargbo***

2021 ten most outstanding Sierra Leoneans in alphabetical order.

**1. Abu Bakarr Turay (Kabaka) – Lawyer, entrepreneur**

For promoting Sierra Leonean musical talents through KME and for creating inroads for Sierra Leone at the continental and global music arena through ECOFEST

**2. Ahmed Sahid Nasralla – Journalist**

For successfully lobbying the government to expunge the obsolete part five of the Public Order Act and for enabling a better space for free speech in the country.

**3. Alhaji Ahmed Siraj Bah - Entrepreneur**

For your innovative ideas towards protecting the environment

**4. Amb. Anthony Navo Jr – Entrepreneur**

For creating the space for young people to showcase and improve their talents and for your strides to showcase Sierra Leone’s authentic culture and stories to the world through the AYV on DSTV initiative

**5. Augustine Sensei Bangura – Entrepreneur**

For your strides in combating hunger and malnutrition in the African continent

**6. Augustine Sorie Sengbeh Marrah - Lawyer, civil rights activist**

For defending the Sierra Leone constitution, relentlessly speaking truth to power amidst intimidation and for being a model for young people

**7. Benjamin Menelik George – Drizilik, Entertainer**

For consistently finding and showcasing Sierra Leonean Sounds and culture to the continent and the world

**8. John Keister – Football Coach**

For guiding the Leone Stars to the AFCON 2021

**9. Leone Stars – National Football Team**

For qualifying and representing Sierra Leone in the AFCON 2021 and for bringing a huge sense of national pride and patriotism among Sierra Leoneans.

**10. Mary-Ann Kai Kai - Entrepreneur**

For recreating Sierra Leone clothing brand, supporting girls and for your effort to fight the COVID 19 pandemic in Sierra Leone

**About the Ten Most Outstanding Awards**

The Ten Most Outstanding Sierra Leonean Award is an award given out by Chosen Generation Sierra Leonean – a youthful Sierra Leonean group of professionals – to recognize Sierra Leoneans who raised the country's flag high or helped their community in the year under review.

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