Mr. Samuel Sepha, Library and Publications Manager

Mr. Samuel Sepha was born in Bonthe, Southern Sierra Leone, in June 1957. He holds a B.A Hons. degree in Geography and a Post-graduate Diploma in Education from Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone. The Certificates were awarded in 1985 and 1986 respectively. He also holds an M.Sc. degree in Information and Library Studies, awarded in 1990, by the University of Strathclyde, United Kingdom.

A Librarian and Indexer by profession, Mr. Sepha started his career at Fourah Bay College, where he was an Assistant Librarian and Tutor in Library, Archive and Information Studies from 1986 to 1996. Prior to joining WAIFEM in January 2006, he was a Manager in the Research Department of the Bank of Sierra Leone, with responsibility for the Library and Archives. At WAIFEM, Mr. Sepha’s duties include the day-to-day Management of the library and coordinating production of the Institute’s publications.

Mr. Sepha is a member of the Sierra Leone Association of Archivists, Librarians and Information Scientists (SLAALIS) and the Nigerian Library Association (NLA).

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Mr. Gimoh Linus, Principal Accountant

Mr. Gimoh Linus was born on 27th November, 1974; he is from Edo State, Nigeria. Mr. Gimoh Linus attended Auchi Polytechnic, Auchi, Edo State between 1991–1992 where he obtained OND in Accounting. He proceeded to Edo State University, Ekpoma, Nigeria between 1995 and 1998 where he earned B.Sc. (Hons) Accounting with second class upper division. In 2004, he obtained M.sc in Banking and Finance from University of Benin, Nigeria. He became an Associate Chartered Accountant in May 2005. He also obtained M.Sc. in Economics at the University of Lagos, Nigeria in 2011.

Until his appointment with WAIFEM in November 21, 2005, he worked with Federal Ministry of Health from January 5, 1994 to November 20, 2005 as Accountant 1. He is currently the Principal Accountant of the Institute. He has attended series of seminars and workshops both locally and internationally.

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Mr. Victor F. Emmanuel, Internal Auditor

Mr. Victor F. Emmanuel is a Nigerian by Nationality. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree B Sc. (Hons) in Accountancy from Abia State University, Abia State, Nigeria, and Master of Business Administration [MBA] from the University of Calabar, Cross River State. Also obtained his Master of Science [MSc] in International Accounting and Finance from University of Liverpool, UK.

In addition to the academic qualifications, Victor has attended several workshops and international courses organized by the West African Institute for Financial and Economic Management (WAIFEM) and Institute for Capacity Development in the West African Countries and beyond.

He is a student member of the Association of Chartered certified Accountants (ACCA) in the United Kingdom. Until his appointment as Internal Auditor of the Institute on 18th October, 2010, Victor Emmanuel was working in the same capacity with Promasidor Nigeria Limited, a multinational Company in Lagos, Nigeria.

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Mrs. Josephine Amen Robert, Executive Assistant to the Director-General

Mrs. Josephine Amen Robert holds a Bachelor Degree in Public Administration (BPA) from Ambrose Ali University, Ekpoma, Edo State a National Diploma (ND) in Secretarial Administration from the College of Continuing Education, University of Port-Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria.

She joined WAIFEM in 2004 as a Secretary in the Admin and Finance Department and was later promoted to Confidential Secretary. She is currently the Executive Assistant to the Director General of the Institute. She has attended various short term courses in Secretarial Administration and Management.

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Mr. Emmanuel Ekpo, Senior Manager, Monitoring and Evaluation

Mr. Emmanuel Ekpo, a Nigerian, holds a bachelor’s degree (B.Sc) in Accounting from the University of Uyo and a Master’s degree in Business Administration (MBA) from the same University. In addition to his academic qualifications, Mr. Ekpo is an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of taxation of Nigeria (ACIT) and the Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (CNA).

Prior to his appointment and assumption of duty as Manager, Administration with WAIFEM in April 1, 2011, he was the Ag. Head of Finance and Accounts in Akwa Ibom Property and Investment Company Ltd (APICO) a one stop agency for housing delivery.

Mr. Ekpo has attended several national and international courses in different West African Countries and beyond sponsored by the West African Institute for Financial and Economic Management (WAIFEM) and the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) in the areas of Financial Management and Procurement Practices, International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), Monitoring and Evaluation, and Information Management System.

On April 15, 2016, he was appointed the Monitoring and Evaluation Expert later re-designated as Senior Manager, Monitoring and Evaluation.

Mr. Ekpo is happily married with 3 children.

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Miss Rebecca Ikpeme, Systems Administrator

Miss Rebecca Ikpeme was appointed Systems Administrator of the Institute in June 2006. She is from Cross River State, Nigeria. She attended Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu from 1988 to 1991 where she earned a B.Sc. (Hons) degree in Business Administration. She also holds an MBA from University of Calabar.

Miss Ikpeme holds certificate in e-Technology computing from NIIT, Certificate in Server and Database Administration: Solaris and Oracle 10g from Oracle University and NIIT. She is a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE), Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA), and Microsoft Certified Database Administrator (MCDBA).

Prior to her appointment as the Systems Administrator, she had worked with Frontline Support and Systems Limited 1993 - 1995, Innovative Systems Limited 1995 - 1998, and has served as IT consultant to WAIFEM, Nigeria Youth Aid Programme (NYAP), Gender And Development Action (GADA), Don Mitchell and Company among others between 1998 and 2006.

She has a vast experience with the Commonwealth Secretariat Debt Recording and Management System (CS-DRMS) and has attended several short term courses on CS-DRMS and Debt Management with the Commonwealth Secretariat, UNITAR and WAIFEM.

She is an experienced Facilitator who has been building capacity in Information Management, MS Word, MS Excel and MS PowerPoint in the sub-region.

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