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**UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA DELEGATION VISITS
MANO RIVER UNION COUNTRIES**

Freetown – A three-man delegation from the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) arrived in Sierra Leone on 24 September as part of its mission to brief senior officials and Heads of State of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone on the ECA Development for Peace Programme and also to lay the ground for the implementation of projects pertaining to the programme.

The delegation, led by Dr. Jeggan C. Senghor, Director of the ECA Sub-Regional Development Centre for West Africa and Coordinator of the Development for Peace Programme, will also hold consultations with the heads of UN agencies and locally based donors in the Mano River Union countries.

In addition, while in Freetown, the delegation will review, along with the Mano River Union Secretariat, the work being done by the ECA Senior Management Consultant together with the assessment missions that have been fielded in the sub-region over the past few months. The current mission, which is a follow-up to a similar ECA mission that visited Freetown in July, will also review other outstanding capacity-building activities of the Mano River Union Secretariat.

Other members of the delegation include Dr. Christopher J. Bakwesegha, a consultant at the ECA-Sub-region Development Centre for West Africa, and Mr. Benjamin C. Eghan, a senior management consultant. Accompanying them is Dr. Abdoulaye Diallo, the Secretary-General of the Mano River Union.