

Mr. Mohamed Kenewui Konneh, Chief electoral commissioner and chairman NEC-SL brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the commission

He previously served as **Director, Financial Intelligence Unit**, Sierra Leone, responsible for the supervision of staff of the Unit, coordination of the activities of the Unit and the execution of the mandate of the Unit. Serves as Secretary to the Inter-ministerial Committee which is the supervisory authority of the Unit and serves as the National Correspondent for Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA) related activities in Sierra Leone.

Before his appointment as Director of FIU in January 2019, Mr. M K Konneh was a **Principal Investigation Officer at the African Development Bank (AfDB)** for about ten years, where he acquired hands-on experience in leading teams to investigate allegations of sanctionable practices including, corruption, fraud, and tracing proceeds of illicit funds relating to the implementation of the African Development Bank's funded projects in Africa and in its internal operations. Mr. M K Konneh had investigated several cases, some of which led to debarment of multilateral firms for sanctionable offences; recovery of illicit assets through negotiated settlements; and necessitated the implementation of compliance systems by the debarred firms, and/or improvement in the Bank's internal processes.

Mr. M K Konneh also worked at the Anti-Corruption Commission of Sierra Leone for nine years as **Investigation Officer, Senior Professional Standards Officer and Head of Asset Declaration Unit**, where he successfully managed the first public servants' Assets Declaration process in Sierra Leone and investigated corruption cases that led to successful prosecutions. Whilst at the Anti-Corruption Commission, he also extends his kindness to society by impacting knowledge to University students. As **Part-Time Associate Lecturer** (September 2006-2009); he Lectured and assessed students at undergraduate and graduate levels in: Managing People, Public Finance, and Business Strategy and Management.

Over the combined years, Mr. M K Konneh had demonstrated expertise in organizing and implementing operational processes and taking initiatives to improve policies/programmes to minimize the risks of financial crimes at national and international levels. One of his greatest strengths is the ability to engage, support and motivate others to identify efficient ways of delivering quality initiatives to enhance team's performance and result.

Mr. M K Konneh holds an **M.Phil. Accounting and B.Sc. Economics (Honours) in Accounting** from Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone. He is a **Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)**, a Professional **Member of the International Compliance Association (MICA)** with an **International Diploma in Financial Crime Prevention from International Compliance Association (ICA)**. He is also a member of the network of International Investigators in International Financial Institutions. Mohamed had attended several strategic professional development and management courses including:

- ❖ Fraud Investigation Management, Strategy & Techniques.
- ❖ Data analytics and Uncovering Fraud, using Financial Record Analysis.
- ❖ Planning and Conducting Vendor Audit and Contract and Procurement Fraud investigations.
- ❖ Institutional Risk Management: Monitory and Evaluation techniques.
- ❖ Money Laundering and Illicit Financial Flows and Financing Terrorism in Africa.
- ❖ Management and Leadership courses.
- ❖ Attended and made presentations at international conferences and workshops on fraud, investigation in procurement and money laundering.