



Press Release

MONROVIA, 27 April 2023; Thursday; the National Elections Commission (NEC) has reaffirmed its unwavering resolve to enforce the 2023 Revised and Published Guidelines on Campaigning and informed all registered political parties, coalitions, alliances, and would-be aspirants that as of 5 May, NEC will begin the documentation of violations of the Guidelines and apply the appropriate actions against non-compliance.

During a news conference on Wednesday, 26 April 2023, following the Inter-Party Consultative Committee (IPCC) Information Sharing Meeting, Chairperson Davidetta Browne Lansanah reiterated that the campaign period of the 2023 Presidential and legislative elections is 5 August to 8 October 2023 and emphatically warned that any campaign activities done before the campaigning period are considered pre-campaigning, punishable by a fine of not less than US\$1,000.00 or more than US\$5,000.00 or its equivalence in Liberian Dollars payable into government revenue.

According to the NEC statement, the Chairperson noted that the Commission distributed copies of the Campaign Guidelines to all registered political parties in March 2023 and recently during the informational workshop held with executives of the parties, in Buchanan, Grand Bassa County, from April 18-19, 2023.

The guidelines, amongst others, she explained, define campaigning as any verbal expression or symbolic speech of an aspirant, candidate, political party, coalition, or alliance done to elect or promote an aspirant or candidate for elective public office.

The NEC release says the Commission will implement its mandate in line with Chapter 2.9 (h) of the New Elections Law mandates NEC to formulate and enforce guidelines controlling the conduct of elections for elective public offices.

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