

## **SIERRA LEONE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE (SLCCIA)**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the Chamber is open to all registered merchants, bankers, insurers, manufacturers, trading associations and other professional bodies being principals or agents interested in trade, commerce, agriculture, shipping, transportation, communication, industry and general development and welfare of Sierra Leone. The Chamber is financially self-reliant. Membership fees are determined based on several factors such as; business yearly turnover, membership category benefits, number of employees etc. Membership categories are as follows:

- a. Patron
- b. Corporate
- c. Associations
- d. Institutional (NGOs, Educational etc.)
- e. Medium
- f. SMEs
- g. Youth Entrepreneurs(Students and un-educated youths)

At the moment, Chamber Membership stands at 415. The Chamber opens to the public 5 days a week starting Monday through Fridays from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Please visit [www.slccia.sl](http://www.slccia.sl) for specific benefits of each membership category.

### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

#### **NETWORKING AND EVENTS**

Networking opportunities; 1) Chamber Annual dinner, 2) Business after Hours and at different business locations, 3) Annual Trade Fair in March/April; 4) Professional leadership development and Training opportunities planned throughout the year, 5) Networking sectorial meetings, 6) Chamber Annual Commercial League and 7) Chamber Jazz and Comedy Show.

#### **DISCOUNTS AND OFFERS**

Member to Member & Member only discounts and services. Saves you and your employees money

#### **INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

Taking Local Business Global

#### **SKILLS & TRAINING**

Maximize potential through your people

#### **REPRESENTATION**

Gain a powerful voice in the government for your business. Experience a sounding board liaison between business and government.

## **REFERALL LIST**

Members are put onto the Chamber's contact list and benefits from Customer referrals as well as Business to business contact referrals. This increases the likelihood of consumers doing business with your company. The list of members contact is available upon request to other Chamber members and is not sold to any other agency.

## **WEBSITE LISTING**

Members are listed on [www.slccia.sl](http://www.slccia.sl) website directory without extra cost. Over 10,000 unique visits are expected to log in a year. The website also offers a Visitor landing site that puts them in touch with your businesses.

## **WEBSITE ADVERTISING**

Give your business a front page advantage by purchasing a button ad on [www.slccia.sl](http://www.slccia.sl) Home page. Please contact the Chamber secretariat for the cost per month, quarter or year. A 20% discount is available per year for a full one year subscription.

## **NEWSLETTER/E-MAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/ARTICLES/FACEBOOK/TWITTER**

Doing something new? Let other Chamber members and the community know through Chamber newsletter, e-mail event notices and Facebook. Receive Chamber Newsletters which provide you publishing opportunities at no additional cost. Members may submit information about an event or business update to the Chamber office which may be included without charge as membership news. The newsletter reaches over 2,500 households.

## **EVENTS/LUNCHEON SPONSORSHIP**

Be featured in the quarterly newsletter and e-newsletters. You will have 5 minutes to tell members about your business, new products or services; this is a great marketing opportunity. Sponsorship includes branding opportunity on selected marketing communication materials, naming right, complimentary tickets/lunch/discounts plus a certificate of sponsorship.

## **ADDED CONVENIENCE**

Online payments using mobile money can be made on the website, [www.slccia.sl](http://www.slccia.sl) Convenient & easy! You can advertise and promote your business at a reasonable cost. In addition the Chamber now has the ability to accept Visa or Master Card via online at [www.slccia.sl](http://www.slccia.sl).

The website also now offers one stop shop of resources and information/useful links to promote business prosperity.

## **CENTER FOR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (CADR)**

Our CADR provides members and the wider community with a forum, rules and procedures for resolving international and domestic commercial disputes quickly. Developed in accordance

with international best practices, CADR has increased confidence in the private sector and is supporting the growth of businesses.

Some of the many benefits include;

- Saves you time and reduce Legal cost
- Choose your mediator
- Strict confidentiality
- Preserve working/personal relationships
- No scope for any Appeal
- Transparency in proceedings
- Total Impartiality, Fairness and Neutrality

### **THE AFRICAN GROWTH OPPORTUNITY ACT (AGOA) TRADE RESOURCE CENTER**

Our AGOA Resource Centre supports trade expansion between Sierra Leone and the US, as well as other countries. In addition to organizing events, we are here to provide you with everything you need make the most of the potential and opportunities that exist; such as up-to-date import and export data, market research, training and access to financial and tax incentives

We look forward to working with you in 2018. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to call on the following numbers;

#### **CONTACT US**

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