

Hello All,

\*Thank you for all your support throughout our term!!\*

On behalf of the outgoing Executives Committee of SDF, I write to express my profound gratitude to you all for nominating us to serve you from 2020 to 2023.

I have never failed to be enthused, inspired and motivated by the Team and by you for supporting the aspirations and operations of SDF. I am hugely appreciative of and indebted to the Team members that motivated and propped me up and worked with me and for you for 3 years. With the resources (financial and human) you and our donors willingly placed at our disposal, the Team tried to continue the excellent work of the Team before us and sought to identify new projects which we also worked on and registered much progress over the last 3 years for our people. Thank you! We thank Allah (swt) for making this possible in peace and in good health.

It's our hope that we will all continue to work in harmony and give the necessary support to the new Team so that they too can address the challenges of our people- these are also our challenges.

I hope we can all agree that to effect any sustainable and meaningful progress, we must anchor our development projects on unity. Indeed, this is why the Constitution of SDF places a lot of premium on unity, and therefore, frowns upon any discourse that seems to sow seeds of discord, is disputatious and potentially fractious. Clearly, with unity of purpose and sound organisational structures that are underpinned by recognised provisions within a constitution that the members have signed up to, much can be achieved. This is what is obtained in the Constitution of SDF. Therefore, we hope such an understanding can be nurtured, sustained, and made to remain relevant in the way we design, conduct and steer our affairs.

I am sure there are areas where we may not have met your expectations. If true, let's work together and help enhance our future output. So, if anyone would like to help the new Team meet the expectations of the people of Sika, this is another call for any such individual(s) who are willing and able to please make themselves known so that they can be called to come and join the incoming Team (which starts its term on January 1, 2024) and serve our people. It's a thankful and admirable assignment.

As per the Constitution, a handover report has already been prepared and shared with the President, Uncle Kemo Sonko.

Finally, I send you all very good wishes for 2024 and beyond to you all and I wish the new Team very well in their roles.

Goodbye and thank you all!

Omar Janneh.

President, Outgoing Executive Committee of SDF, 2020-2023.