

## ***2025 Annual Newsletter***

### **Welcome From SWA-SL Executive Director**



Dear Friends and Partners,  
It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome you to the first edition of our Newsletter. This publication is more than just an update. It is a reflection of our shared commitment to building cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable communities in Sierra Leone. In this issue, you will find stories of impact, updates on ongoing initiatives, and insights into the strategies shaping the future of waste. We hope you will enjoy reading it.

Warm Regards  
Keima Borsuah

### **Message from the Program Director**



Dear Partners, Supporters, and Friends,

Solid Waste Alliance Sierra Leone (SWA-SL) is delighted to share highlights of our achievements for 2025 as we continue our mission to promote sustainable waste management and environmental stewardship across Sierra Leone.

A significant milestone was the launch of the SWA-SL Eco Green School Project on waste management. This initiative is empowering students and educators to adopt sustainable practices, fostering a new generation of environmental champions within our schools.

We successfully organized three webinars addressing critical topics such as textile waste and plastic pollution. These sessions provided valuable insights, encouraged dialogue among stakeholders, and inspired innovative approaches to waste reduction.

In celebration of World Environment Day, SWA-SL proudly participated in the Green Run organized by the Environmental Protection Agency Sierra Leone (EPA-SL). This event brought together environmental advocates to raise awareness and promote collective action for a cleaner environment.

Recognizing the vital role of waste workers, we hosted safety training sessions and donated essential safety wear to both the Kenema City Council and the Tonkolili District Council Waste Workers. These efforts are part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the health and safety of those who serve on the frontlines of waste management.

Our team also engaged the public through a series of radio discussion programs, reaching diverse audiences with important messages on waste reduction, recycling, and environmental protection.

July marked our active participation in Plastic Free July, during which we intensified advocacy for reducing single-use plastics and encouraged the

adoption of sustainable alternatives through community events and educational campaigns.

A landmark achievement was the signing of a Service Level Agreement with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change. This partnership strengthens our capacity to deliver impactful waste management solutions and reinforces our shared commitment to environmental sustainability.

These accomplishments reflect the dedication of our Staff, Interns, Board Members, partners, and the engagement of our communities. Together, we are making meaningful progress towards a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable Sierra Leone.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards  
Kenneth Juana

## Membership And Partnerships

As we continue to advance our mission of promoting sustainable waste management practices through strong collaborations, strategic memberships, and partnerships. As part of our commitment to driving impactful change, SWA-SL is proud to highlight its active membership and partnerships with leading organizations at global ,regional, and national levels.

## Membership

### Membership with ISWA

SWA-SL is a recognized National Ambassador of the **International Solid Waste Association (ISWA)**, the leading global network dedicated to promoting sustainable, professional, and integrated waste management practices. Through this membership, SWA-SL contributes to global dialogues, shares local expertise, and gains access to international best practices, research, and innovations in waste management. This partnership strengthens our voice in shaping global waste management policies and solutions.



## Membership with ISWA Africa Regional Chapter

As a member of the **ISWA Africa Regional Chapter**, SWA-SL actively collaborates with other African countries to address the continent's unique waste management challenges. This regional platform fosters knowledge exchange, capacity building, and joint initiatives that promote circular economy practices, resource recovery, and sustainable urban development across Africa. SWA-SL's involvement ensures that we are part of a united African effort to transform waste into opportunities for growth and resilience.





## Membership with SLANGO

SWA-SL is a proud member of the **Sierra Leone Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (SLANGO)**, the umbrella body for NGOs operating in the country. This membership strengthens SWA-SL's local partnerships, enhances collaboration with civil society organizations, and ensures alignment with national development priorities. Through SLANGO, SWA-SL contributes to collective advocacy, policy engagement, and community-driven initiatives that support sustainable development in Sierra Leone.



## Service Level Agreement With Ministry of Environment and Climate Change



### SWA-SL Partnership With Ministry of Environment and Climate Change

This year, SWA-SL has officially signed a Service Level Agreement with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change. This agreement marks a significant step towards strengthening waste management systems, promoting sustainability, and advancing climate action efforts in Sierra Leone. Together, both parties are committed to building

cleaner, healthier, and more resilient communities.

## Exploring Partnership Opportunity: SWA-SL Meet the EPA-SL Team



The Solid Waste Alliance Sierra Leone (SWASL) initiated partnership request and had a meeting with the Environmental Protection Agency of Sierra Leone (EPA-SL) team to discuss potential areas of collaboration aimed at strengthening sustainable waste management across the country.

## Join SWA -SL

The Solid Waste Alliance Sierra Leone (SWA-SL) is a national platform dedicated to promoting sustainable waste management, environmental protection, and community-driven solutions. By becoming a member, individuals and organizations can actively contribute to building cleaner, healthier, and more resilient communities across Sierra Leone.

### Why Join?

- Be part of a united voice advocating for better waste management policies.
- Member only access to training, workshops, and resources on waste, circular economy, and other related environmental topics
- Networking opportunity with global, regional, and national, professionals, organizations, and community leaders.
- Contribute to innovative projects that improve environmental and public health
- Showcase commitment to corporate social responsibility and community development.

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# SWA-SL Activities



## SWA-SL Eco-Green School Launch

Earlier this year, we officially launch the **Eco Green School Program** in partnership with the **Huntingdon Junior and Senior Secondary School in Freetown**. This groundbreaking initiative marks a significant step toward fostering environmental stewardship and sustainable practices within schools and communities. By integrating waste management education into the school environment, the program empowers students to become champions of sustainability and active participants in building a cleaner, greener future.

## Safety Training in Kenema and Tonkolili District

This year, SWA-SL conducted two comprehensive safety training program for waste management workers in both Kenema and Tonkolili districts. This initiative was designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of frontline workers who play a critical role in maintaining clean and healthy communities.

### Training Objectives Includes;

- Equipping workers with practical knowledge on occupational health and safety.
- Promote the correct use of personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Raise awareness on safe waste handling, segregation, and disposal practices.
- Reduce risks of workplace injuries and exposure to hazardous materials.

These trainings empowered waste management workers with tools and confidence to perform their duties more safely and effectively. This initiative reflects SWA-SL's strong commitment to sustainable waste management practices and the well-being of the communities we serve.



## Kenema City Council Waste Worker Safety Training



## Tonkolili District Council Waste Worker Safety Training



## Webinars

This year, we hosted three webinars focused on advancing sustainable waste management and environmental awareness including; zero waste in African fashion and textiles, building a plastic free lifestyle, and plastic pollution crisis and possible solutions.



[View Webinars Here](#)





## SWA-SL At The EPA-SL Green Run

This year, SWA-SL Program Coordinator Theresa Kamara joined the Green Run organized by the Environmental Protection Agency Sierra Leone to celebrate World Environment Day. This year's celebration focuses on creating awareness about the impacts of plastic pollution on our environment and possible solutions. SWA-SL participation in this event reflects a strong commitment to raising awareness on waste management, environmental protection, sustainability, and inspiring collective action for a cleaner and greener Sierra Leone.

## SWA-SL Celebrates Plastic Free July

This year, we joined the rest of the World to celebrate **Plastic Free July** by hosting a special webinar on building a plastic-free lifestyle. The event featured **Rebecca Prince-Ruiz**, the founder of the global Plastic Free July movement, who shared insights and practical steps for reducing plastic use in everyday life. SWA-SL also made a strong commitment this year by pledging to go **plastic-free for all future events**. This step reflects the Alliance's dedication to leading by example and inspiring communities to embrace more sustainable choices.



This Plastic Free July, I'm refusing single-use cups





**SWA-SL Green Team  
at the Huntingdon  
Junior/Senior  
Secondary school  
held their first Green  
Team Meeting and  
Created their Eco  
Code " Green Team:  
We keep the  
environment clean".**

**SWA-SL Wishes you  
and Your Loved Ones  
Merry Christmas and  
A Prosperous 2026**



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