

# PICTORIAL OF RAINBOW ALLIANCE FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Rainbow Alliance has held its First National Convention in Monrovia bringing together nearly six hundred executives, partisans and observers from all across Liberia. According to Deanna T. Morris, National Secretary General, the Convention was held at the Crown Hotel Events Center in Paynesville on October 29, 2022 amidst much enthusiasm and expectation that an alternative political institution has emerged on the national scene one year before the crucial presidential and legislative elections.

The Rainbow Alliance was established three years ago by seven political parties, making it the largest collaboration of political parties in the history of Liberia. In spite of the fact that several of the original parties that formed the Alliance have withdrawn their membership, the Rainbow Alliance remains well governed, and is widely perceived as a matured political institution devoid of public confusion and internal conflict as seen in other areas of the opposition community.

During the First National Convention, in accordance with the Framework Document, which calls for consensus in the election of the Standard Bearer, National Chairman and other National Executive Committee members, there was peace and harmony during the process. The Standard, and all national officers were elected on white ballot.

Those elected included Reginald B. Goodridge, Sr., Standard Bearer; Cllr. Emmanuel A. Tulay, National Chairman; Nyah K.V. Vehyee, National Vice Chairman for Administration; Z. Kwaque Coleman, National Vice Chairman for Media and Propaganda; J. Liama Kammu, National Vice Chairman for Planning and Research; Steen O. Adam, National Vice Chairman for International Affairs; Joe K. Williams, National Vice Chairman for Political and Governmental Affairs; Deanna Tulay Morris, National Secretary General; Daniel D. Boynah, National Assistant Secretary General for Finance; S. Barbington Coleman, National Treasurer; Dukuly S. Mambu, National Youth League Chairman; Hawa Johnson, National Women League Chairperson; Dominic Fiayah, National Youth League Vice Chairman for Operation and Mobilization; Neke Walters, National Women League Vice Chairperson for Administration; Musu N. Tulay, National Treasurer, Women League; Rev. J. Betieor Coleman, National Chaplain General.

The Convention was organized by an Ad Hoc Convention Committee comprising Henry W. Sayee, Z. Kwaque Coleman and Deanna Tulay Morris; while the Election Commission that guided the elections process was headed by Dr. Kettehkumeuhn Murray, Former member of the House of Representatives.

The occasion was graced by a number of executives from opposition political parties including Richmond D. K. Yarkpah, National Chairman, Peoples Restoration Party; Tarnue Jarboi, representing the All Liberian Party; Allen M. Gbowee, representing the Movement for Progressive Change Party; Momo Lobe, representing the Unity Party. Also, Moses Kiyeon Kwehai, Secretary General, Peoples Unification Party; and Vasco Gbelley Johnson, National Vice Chairman for Operations, New Liberia Party; both founding members of the Rainbow Alliance were in attendance.

History was made during the Convention for the first time when a young female high school graduate, Precious Zarweah, was selected as the keynote Speaker in line with the Rainbow Alliance's key policy of youth empowerment.



## RAINBOW ALLIANCE YOUTH KEYNOTE SPEAKER LASHES NATIONAL LEADERS

Ms Precious Zarweah, the first youth to serve as keynote speaker at a political party convention, has lashed out at officials of the Liberian government for being insensitive to the plight of the Liberian people. Speaking during the First National Convention of the Rainbow Alliance, Ms. Zarweah, a recent high school graduate

said, unless the current leaders of Liberia invest in the youths of Liberia, the future of the country is in jeopardy.

She called on the leadership of the Rainbow Alliance to be serious as a political opposition institution to correct the mistakes of the past as a means of becoming a true alternative to the current government.



Ms Precious Zarweah



## GOODRIDGE ELECTED STANDARD BEARER OF RAINBOW ALLIANCE

Hon. Reginald B. Goodridge, Sr., former Minister of Information, Culture and Tourism has been elected Standard Bearer of the Rainbow Alliance. Hon. Goodridge, along with other officers of the National Executive Committee were elected on a white ballot at the Rainbow Alliance's First National Convention held on October 29, 2022 in Monrovia.

The Rainbow Alliance is a conglomeration of registered political parties established three years ago as an alternative political institution for the governance of Liberia. Hon. Goodridge served as the founding Interim National Chairman of the Rainbow Alliance prior to the convention.