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Brig. Rtd. Julius Maada Wonie Bio is the current president of The Republic of Sierra Leone . He was re-elected after winning the June 24, 2023 presidential elections without a run-off. He is a Sierra Leonean politician who was the Head of State of Sierra Leone from January 16, 1996, to March 29, 1996. He is best remembered for initiating the peace process that brought back peace to a bitterly divided country, returning Sierra Leone to democracy and handing power to a democratically elected government.

He is also currently an active member of the Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP) and was its presidential candidate in the 2012 presidential election.

As president, he pledged to develop human capital, science and technology, and to fight corruption. He also promoted free education and economic efficiency. He has worked to improve the lives of citizens and promote investment.

The international standing of Sierra Leone has increased under the leadership of President Bio. Sierra Leone is Coordinator of the African Union Committee of Ten on the Reform of the Security Council, (C-10) with the mandate to promote, defend and canvass the Common African Position. President Bio was honoured to be endorsed as the Chair of the Africa Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) at the 35th Ordinary Session of Heads of State and Government of the AU. President. Dr. Julius Maada Bio is Co-Chair of the High-Level Steering Committee for SDG4, focusing on the Transformation of the Education Sector. This is an initiative of the UN hosted by UNESCO.

Sierra Leone was overwhelmingly elected on June 6, 2023 for a seat in the non-permanent category with 188 votes out of 192. Sierra Leone last occupied the seat in 1970/71, over 51 years.