

Sophie Johnson has over 35 years of experience in business, finance management, quality assurance, performance management, public relations, human resource management, consulting and advocacy. She has over 13 years experience in the Renewable Energy Sector in Sierra Leone. She is the Director of Solar Era Holdings SL Ltd and Africa Growth and Energy Solutions UK PLC. As the Country Manager for Serengeti Energy Baoma Ltd she has led the team in constructing and operating the first IPP solar utility plant operating in the country. Sophie is also a Founder and first President of the Sierra Leone Renewable Energy Association (REASL), a private sector association working with Governments and Donors to advocate for energy access through the use of distributed renewable energy solutions. Under her leadership the association played a key role in supporting the first off-grid market in the country and influences policies in the country. This catalysed the Renewable Energy Revolution in Sierra Leone.

A senior independent renewable energy consultant and possesses a demonstrable track record as a Country Project Lead on several consulting assignments, with extensive experience in consulting with UN agencies and other cooperation agencies. Sophie is currently working for Rainforest Builder SL Ltd, a leading tropical forest restoration company. She is now their Country Policy and Government Relations Manager. Sophie's innovative approach has consistently delivered exceptional value to every project she is involved with.

As a specialized energy access professional, she has demonstrated her ability to communicate effectively and work strategically alongside government institutions, donors, civil society, and private sector, to deliver on high impact interventions that have yielded tangible results in the energy sector in the Country. Her career includes leadership in high-pressure environments, where she has successfully built and guided top-performing teams. Sophie strives every effort to promote access to clean energy solutions and continues to support the transition of Sierra Leoneans to a sustainable energy future.

Her passion is to support, serve and mentor young people and vulnerable women and girls who are marginalized by society and exposed to a variety of vulnerabilities that poses risk to their wellness.

GOVERNANCE EXPERIENCE

- ♣ Senior Board Member - Miss Sierra Leone Ltd
- ♣ Vice President -Zonta International Freetown District 18
- ♣ Board and Committee Director - STACO Insurance Company
- ♣ Councilor - Sierra Leone Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture
- ♣ Mentor – Kenenye Initiative for National Development (KIND) ♣ Member - Women on Board Network SL
- ♣ Past President Non- Executive – Renewable Energy Association SL (REASL)