

About Joseta Neufville- Wento

Mrs. Joseta Neufville-Wento, Manager of the National Road Fund of Liberia (NRF), is the youngest head of a government agency under H.E. President Joseph N. Boakai and the youngest head of a Road Fund office in Africa.

Education:

Mrs. Wento is a Minerals and Energy Economist; she holds a Master of Science Degree from the prestigious Colorado School of Mines, USA, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Economics and Accounting with distinction. Mrs. Wento is an Italian-trained bridge inspector and maintenance practitioner from the International Road Federation (IRF) Group in Italy.

Currently, she is appointed as the chairperson of the Executive Board Committee for the West Africa Group during the 21st Annual General Assembly of the Africa Road Maintenance Fund Association (ARMFA) in Ivory Coast. Among many other things, the committee's primary goal is to devise a strategic plan for a more inclusive and robust association.

Early Career:

Through a competitive process, the Executive Office of President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf recruited Mrs. Wento as part of the special recruit class III of the President's Young Professionals (PYPP) in 2012. The President's

Delivery Unit (PDU) assigned her to monitor the annual five priority projects and resolve all bottlenecks on roads, energy, ports, health, and youth empowerment. During the two-year program, she was able to work in all five sectors, submitting a biweekly briefing to the President and Vice President, Now H.E. President Joseph N. Boakai, on the status of these projects.

Professional Experience:

Besides her academic background, she led the team from the Ministry of Public Works to operationalize the Road Fund and was part of the team to recruit the first Road Fund's manager. The board seconded her to serve as the Chief Administrative Officer of the National Road Fund office from May 2018 to April 2023, as she possessed the foundational understanding for the NRF's establishment. Her experience in the road sector as Chief of Staff to two Public Works Ministers, W. Gyude Moore and the late Mabutu Vlah Nyenpan, demonstrates her preparedness for her current position as NRF manager. As a manager, Mrs. Wento pledged her unwavering support to H.E., President Joseph N. Boakai, leading the administration in addressing the issues with road connectivity, following a meeting with his Excellency, where she provided a status update and suggestions for future changes to make the fund autonomous