

## **Sierra Leone: Peace Museum to launch design competitio**

FREETOWN: A competition to design the memorial for Sierra Leone's new Peace Museum will be launched Monday, 1 August 2011, at the Special Court for Sierra Leone. The memorial will aim to depict the suffering of the victims of Sierra Leone's decade-long civil war, and promote the idea of peace, justice and human rights.

The ceremony will take place at 2pm in the Special Court Security Building, the future home of the museum. Interested competitors and media are invited.

The competition is sponsored by the Peace Museum Project Management Team, comprising government ministries, national institutions, civil society groups, UNIPSIL and the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

### **Place of reflection**

The memorial is a component of the Peace Museum, which will serve as a place for reflection on the war and progress in consolidating the peace. The museum will also host archives, consisting of texts and materials relating to the war and peace. The exhibition will narrate through artifacts the history of the war and the story of the struggle for peace.

The Peace Museum will be the primary institution in Sierra Leone dedicated to preserving the history of the conflict and serving as a permanent memorial to the sufferings of the victims. In addition, it will demonstrate our resolve to consolidating the peace.

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