



# LIBERIA ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION



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## Press Statement

### **LACC CHAIR STRESSES NEED FOR PARTNERSHIP IN FIGHTING CORRUPTION**

**March 29, 2017:** The Executive Chairperson of the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC), Cllr. James N. Verdier, Jr. has stressed the need for partnership between the LACC, Civil Society Organizations and the Media in the fight against corruption.

Speaking at the opening of a two-day workshop for civil society organizations, Cllr. Verdier said the LACC cannot fight corruption alone. He noted that Civil Society Organizations and the Media as watchdogs of society can help the LACC fight corruption by exposing and raising public awareness about the existence and threat posed by corruption.

The LACC boss pointed out that Anti-Graft bodies depend on Civil Society Organizations and the Media to enlighten and present them with accurate information that helps reveal fraud and expose dishonesty. “Civil Society Organizations and the Media play crucial role in the fight against corruption because they provide information with which citizens can hold both public and private institutions accountable”, Cllr. Verdier told participants.

Also making remarks at the opening of the workshop, the Acting Chief of Party of the USAID/Legal Professional Development & Anti-Corruption (USAID/LPAC) project, Dr. Samson Sempasa said corruption continues to impede development worldwide and spoke about the need to strengthen civil society organizations in the fight against corruption. Dr. Sempasa then pledged his organization’s support to integrity institutions so as to strengthen them and make their voices heard in advancing the corruption fight.

The workshop seeks to enhance partnership between the LACC and Civil Society Organizations as well as make them active participants in the fight against corruption. The two-day workshop which runs from March 29-30, 2017 brings together over thirty (30) civil society organizations and is being sponsored by the LACC and USAID/LPAC project.

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