



LIBERIA ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION

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Press Statement

LACC HOSTS REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON ANTI-CORRUPTION CONFERENCE

Wednesday, September 2, 2020: The Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) formerly opened the first of three regional consultations in Zwedru, Grand Gedeh County on August 26, 2020

The regional consultation which was held under the theme; *“Re-Shaping Perception on Corruption and Identifying New Approaches to Addressing Systemic Corruption in Liberia”* brought together local government officials and civil society organizations from Sinoe, Rivergee, Maryland, Grand Kru and Grand Gedeh Counties.

Speaking at the opening ceremonies, Grand Gedeh County Superintendent Kai Farley called on participants to discuss the fundamental issues of corruption that he said has tied the country down since the formation of LIBERIA and has also affected all sectors of society including award of contracts, trucking voters during elections and other difficult areas in the fight against corruption.

He said corruption has also deeply affected value system of the country and its people and pledge the full support of Grand Gedeh in the fight against corruption.

Making remarks on behalf of the Superintendent’s Council of Liberia, River Gee County Superintendent Philip Nyenuh said corruption has been an impediment to the development of the country for so long

While pledging the full support of the Superintendent Council, Mr. Nyenuh praised the work of all stakeholders in ensuring that local government has a voice in the fight against corruption in the society.

For his part LACC’s Head of Delegation to the Consultation James Kingsley who is the Program Manager for Education said the Commission was seeking to know the real issues in

the fight against corruption and also stated that since the formation of the state, the country has been confronted with the issue of corruption.

He said a collective approach to reducing incidents of corruption is important.

Topics discussed at the consultation included a cross section of themes related to the fight against corruption.

At the end of the consultation, participants called for the development of national whistle-blower system, and deliberate improvement of the country's justice system as cardinal means to dealing with the fight against corruption.

Local government officials, elders from south-east Liberia, Youth groups, Civil Society and Media who gathered for the consultative meeting also called for the development of a special curriculum on corruption to be included in the teaching curriculum for Liberia secondary schools.