

## **LACC PRESS RELEASE**

### **LACC KICKS OFF INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY (IACD)**

**Monrovia, Liberia – Monday, December 4, 2023** - The Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) joins other anti-graft institutions around the world to celebrate International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD).

International Anti-Corruption Day is celebrated every year on December 9 to raise awareness of the negative effects of corruption on all areas of life.

As December 9 falls on a Saturday, the LACC will kick off the celebrations beginning Monday, December 4 to end on Friday, December 8.

The International Theme for this year's Celebration is **“Uniting the World Against Corruption”** while the local theme is **“Promoting Integrity and Accountability for Increased Citizen's Participation in the Fight Against Corruption.”**

The activities for this year will include radio appearances on talk shows on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> on TRUTH FM and ECOWAS Radio.

A **Street Blast** will take place on Thursday, December 7, when LACC staff will be in the streets giving out fliers on anti-corruption.

The Main Event will be a Symposium on Friday, December 8, 2023.

The symposium places a spotlight on the seven thematic areas during this year's celebration.

These seven thematic areas include:

- I. Empowerment of youth through education
- II. Promoting freedom and human rights
- III. Safeguarding sports
- IV. Encouraging Judicial integrity
- V. Bolstering gender quality
- VI. Advancing business integrity
- VII. Protecting the environment

On 31 October 2003, the General Assembly adopted the United Nations Convention Against Corruption and requested that the Secretary-General designate the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) as the secretariat for the Convention's Conference of States Parties (resolution 58/4). The Convention is the only universal legally binding instrument that comprehensively addresses the issue of corruption. It covers five main areas: preventive measures, criminalization and law enforcement, international cooperation, asset recovery, and technical assistance and information exchange.

The Assembly also designated 9 December as International Anti-Corruption Day, to raise awareness of corruption and the role of the UNCAC, as well as parties in combating and preventing corruption. The Convention entered into force in December 2005. At this point, 189 states across the world have joined the convention and committed to its obligations.