

**Ministry of Planning and Economic  
Affairs, Government of Liberia  
in collaboration with**

**Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and  
United Nations Development Program (UNDP)**

**Stakeholder Consultation Workshop**

**Building Capacity to Utilize Sustainable  
Development Principles  
in National Policy-Making in Liberia**



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# **Introductions to the Workshop, UN- DESA, Division for Sustainable Development and the Participants**

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# OBJECTIVE

- Introduction of United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and Division for Sustainable Development
- Division for Sustainable Development
- Workshop Objectives
- The Participants



# Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

## ■ DESA's Mandate:

- promote and support international cooperation in the pursuit of sustained economic growth, the eradication of poverty and hunger, and sustainable development for all.
- While focused on advancing the development pillar, the programme also seeks to contribute to a mutually reinforcing relationship among the three pillars of the United Nations work:
  - **Peace and security**
  - **Development**
  - **Human rights.**



# UN DESA – Division for Sustainable Development

- Mission Statement: To provide leadership and to be an authoritative source of expertise within the United Nations system on sustainable development that recognizes the rights of current and future generations.
- DSD serves as the Secretariat of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) and promotes sustainable development through: participation and partnerships, technical cooperation and capacity building.
- DSD advances the implementation of Agenda 21 and Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and other internationally agreed upon goals.



# Workshop Objectives

- Introduce the Conflict-Sensitive National Sustainable Development Strategies (NSDS) Project and Guidance Notes (Advisory Support)
- Reflect on Liberian development strategies of the past and present.
- Add Value to Liberia's conflict-sensitive sustainable development planning.
- Facilitate networking between stakeholders (internal and external) with different types of expertise and roles.
- Overview the preparations process for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development 2012 (Rio +20)

# GROUND RULES

## (1/2)

- **Keep an open mind; the key to development is progressive thinking.**
- **Speak freely, and allow others to do the same.**
- **Be a constructive critic. Respect differences.**
- **Be positive and goal-oriented.**
- **Stay productive. Please be attentive and do not distract others from doing the same.**

# GROUND RULES

## (2/2)

- Remain focused on the issue at hand. Silence all devices, cell phones, pagers, etc.
- Participate often. Ask questions. Propose solutions.
- Respectfully adhere to the agenda. Arrive and return from breaks on time.
- This is an exciting opportunity to make real change in Liberia. Be proud of your commitment. Have fun.



# Introduction of Participants

- Name
- Affiliation
- Role and responsibilities in Development Planning

# Thank You

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