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

Date: July 13-14, 2011
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
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.
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
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- 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
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- 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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