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National Issues Forum

Informing the Policy Engagement of CSOs
Wednesday & Thursday February 12 & 13, 2014
CITY HALL -- MONROVIA

NDI is pleased to inform you of the first annual National Issues Forum (NIF), which is being organized by several Liberian civil society organizations (CSOs) and convened by NDI. The NIF is planned as an annual two-day event that will discuss multiple issues of national importance.

The National Issues Forum will be an important opportunity, at the start of each year, for a wide range of stakeholders to convene, gather evidence and expert opinion, and deliberate about policy and legislative options on diverse national and local issues important to citizens and CSOs. The NIF is designed to substantively inform the policy engagement and the advocacy campaigns of CSOs with the National Legislature and other branches of government throughout the upcoming year.



Issues like water, sanitation and hygiene and natural resources management will be discussed at the National Issues Forum. Photo left: a public toilet in WestPoint. Photo right: a palm tree.

PROGRAM DAY 1

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12th

9:00am – 10:00am
Opening & Overview of the
2014 National Issues Forum

*Aubrey McCutcheon - Senior
Resident Director, NDI*
*Frances Greaves - Chairperson,
National Civil Society Council of
Liberia*
*H.E. Sofia Strand - Ambassador
of Sweden*
*Thomas Du - Program Manager,
NDI*

Two Parallel Morning Sessions
10:00am – 1:00pm

Session 1
Natural Resource Management
*Organizer: CSO Consortium on
Natural Resource Management
(NRM)*

Session 2

PROGRAM DAY 2

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13th

Two Parallel Morning Sessions
10:00am – 1:00pm

Session 5
Labor Conditions & Youth
Employment

*Organizers: The Liberian Labor
Congress & The Federation of
Liberian Youth (FLY)*

Session 6
Education Reform

*Organizer: Liberia Education for all
Technical Committee (LETCOM)*

Two Parallel Afternoon Sessions
2:00pm – 5:00pm

Session 7
Constitutional & Electoral Reform
*Organizer: The Elections Coordinating
Committee (ECC)*

Session 8

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

Organizer: CSOs Network on Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)

Two Parallel Afternoon Sessions

2:00pm – 5:00pm

Session 3

Decentralization & Local Government

Organizer: CSO Platform on Decentralization and Governance

Session 4

Security Sector Reform

Organizer: Security Sector Reform Working Group (SSRWG)

Women's Rights & Gender Equality

Organizer: Southeast Women Development Association (SEWODA)



Register Now!

NDI invites to the National Issues Forum CSO-activists, academics, legislators, legislative staffers, civil servants, executive branch officials, the media, and representatives of political parties and local and county governments.

If you would like to attend, please register with NDI through the following e-mail address or telephone number. More details will follow on the agenda and hosts of each Forum session.

To register by e-mail: sbawo@ndi.org

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