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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

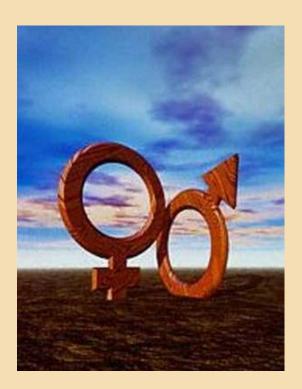
Organizer: CSO Platform on Decentralization and Governance

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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