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Evaluation:

**Legislative Induction Workshops
for Newly Elected Members of the Legislature
9 – 14 December 2005**

Comments of participants (Legislatures) during w/shop evaluation

“I wish to congratulate the facilitators for this well organized workshop that’s so educating and worthwhile”

“Thanks for this productive/educative workshop. I recommend that such workshops be conducted for the next legislature. I’m also grateful for the additional workshops that will be conducted in December,”

“As a new law maker, the workshop gave me a broader idea of my role and responsibility”

“We are indeed impressed and grateful to the EU/Konrad Adenauer Foundation, NDI, UNMIL and UNDP for their support in the implementation of this meaningful program in Liberia and hope that phase two be extended internationally”

“This exercise was very important for the augmentation of my legislative skills”

These are but a few of the comments written anonymously (collected from evaluation) by participants of the recently concluded induction workshop for Senators and representatives-elect of the 52nd Liberian Legislative Assembly.

Background information

EC/KAF, in collaboration with the National Democratic Institute (NDI), the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), successfully conducted the first workshop series for the incoming members of the Legislature under the theme “Strengthening Democracy through the Legislature: Induction Workshop for Newly Elected Liberian Senators and Representatives”. The sessions were conducted from November 21-30, 2005.

The Objectives of this workshop series were:

1. To introduce participants to the basic information about the working of a legislature in a democracy, with focus on Liberia;
2. To familiarize participants with information on the role of a legislature in representation, law-making and oversight
3. To highlight some ‘tips’ and ‘secrets’ to being a successful legislator.



4. To provide participants a forum to bond, develop team spirit and a common approach to their legislative function, including conflict management

The 94 members-elect were initiated in three separate sessions of approximately 30 members each. Each session included a “Climate Setting” module which outlined the participants’ expectations and set the tone for the entire 3 or 2 day session.. All sessions (modules 2-8) addressed the identical 7 key topic areas:

Module	Facilitator
Overview of Parliament, Parliamentary Procedures,	Spkr. George Koukou/Former Spkr. Morris Dukuly Spkr. George Koukou/Former Spkr. Morris Dukuly, Dr. Heiko Meinhardt (Hamburg)
The Separation of Power	Sidi Diawara, NDI
Good Governance	James Logan, Country Director-Action Aid Liberia (Former Legislator)
Legislative Oversight	Conmany Wesseh (NTLA Member)
Conflict Management	Sunny George (Formerly w/ Lutheran Church Trauma Healing Div.
Human Rights	Dempster Browne (IHRC)

Feedback from participants has been encouraging. The majority of participants thanked the sponsors for the information provided. One key indicator that demonstrated the members-elect strong support for these workshops is the fact that they have voluntarily signed-up for the follow-on sessions in large numbers.

As a follow-up to the induction series, the above referenced organizations will continue to co-sponsor additional “stand alone” sessions that were unable to be incorporated into the first set of workshops due to time constraints, etc. The objectives of the upcoming sessions beginning on Wednesday, December 7th will be similar to those of the Induction. However, the approach will be slightly different in that the sessions will be a little longer in order to allow for more in depth coverage of topic areas. December’s topics and facilitators are listed below.

The Rule of Law in Post Conflict Societies December 7, 2005

Facilitators: Mr. Cecil B. Griffiths, LINLEA
& UNMIL Facilitator

Separation of Power – Structural Stability December 7, 2005

Facilitator: Sidi Diawara, NDI

Transparency & Accountability December 9, 2005

Facilitator: Mr. Jasper Cumme, CENTAL

The Liberia Budget Process December 9, 2005

Facilitators: Charles Allen &
Julius Caesar (Budget Bureau)

Mainstream Policies in Gender Issues December 12, 2005

Facilitators: Isha Dyfan, UNMIL & Hon. Ruth Caesar

Concepts of Human Rights December 12, 2005

Facilitator: Aloysius Toe,
Cllr. Clarence L. Simpson, Jr.

Conflict Management December 14, 2005

Facilitator: Mr. Sunny George, Conflict Mgt. Exp.

Liberian Reconciliation December 14, 2005

Facilitator: Mr. Gerald Coleman, TRC

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