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STRATEGIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS for INCREASED WOMEN'S POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

The conference also developed strategies and advanced some recommendations that, if promptly considered, could help smoothen the path to equal political participation for the women of Liberia:

- **Women's perspective of leadership to de-emphasize personal greed and instead focus on the pursuit of qualitative leadership at all times using past and present leaders as role models;**
- **Women seek to provide and pursue result-oriented leadership which is lacking in Liberia;**
- **Women abhor opportunistic tendencies in their pursuit of equal political participation;**
- **That women pursue and epitomize truth, honesty, transparency and justice;**
- **Women seek, at all times, to uphold and support fellow women in leadership positions, since the failure of one affects all;**
- **Increase awareness and sensitization in order to build women's self-confidence;**
- **Organize a Reconciliation Forum for women leaders to help remove suspicions, apprehensions and dispel wrong perceptions about others;**
- **Women Legislators and political leaders to speak out on issues and always seek to expose acts that hinder women's political participation;**
- **Potential women politicians to seek memberships in existing political parties;**
- **Women to fight envy, hatred, jealousy and the problem of disunity among themselves;**
- **Women in politics to arouse the interest of other women by making politics attractive through positive attitudes;**

- **Women to develop skills in lobbying, which are critical and crucial for a successful participation in politics, particularly in Legislative politics;**
- **That women avoid the wrong assumption that any woman will support the cause of gender equality in the political process;**
- **Women should seek and uphold integrity, which is crucial for winning public trust and confidence, truth, justice and transparency.**

Excerpts: Workshop Report page 8:

Gender Awareness and Gender Equality in Liberian Politics

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