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Judiciary Branch Begins Training of MEA Staff for Robust Monitoring of the Court Systems

The Judiciary Branch of Government has begun an intensive training exercise for several staff of its Monitoring, Evaluation and Accountability department (MEA) tasked with the responsibilities to monitor and evaluate the workings of magistrates,



judges and general staff to ensure accountability and the pursuit of justice in the court system.

Speaking at the start of the four days training, on Monday October 6, 2025, Cllr. Michael Korkpor, Director of the Judiciary's Monitoring, Evaluation and Accountability department, said the strength of any judicial system does not only lie in the laws that are upheld but also in the trust that the Judiciary earns from the people it serves. And for that trust to be real and lasting, the Judiciary system must demonstrate transparency, fairness and continuous improvement.

Cllr. Korkpor expressed his delight about the start of the training program, noting that with the establishment of an MEA department, it is essential that the necessary trainings are acquired by staff of the department as well as the development of the department's work plan.

He noted that an MEA department is not only just important but also essential. Monitoring means that judicial processes are being implemented as intended. It tracks how judicial resources are used, how cases progress and whether establish procedures are followed. Evaluation takes it a step further by asking critical question if justice is being achieved?



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Cllr. Korkpor, looks forward to collaboration and support with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and other funding partners in the areas of technical expertise, logistical support, resource mobilization, capacity training and development.

Mr. Roberts L. Nyahn, Coordination Analyst, UNDP Liberia, in a brief remark said, monitoring and evaluation is an essential tool for any institution that envisages transparency and accountability. He acknowledged some of the challenges that the court and party litigants are faced with.

He recalled that over the years, the United Nations Development Program, in the interest of transparency has placed into the court premises bill boards that reflect court cost, fees and fines. According to Mr. Nyahn, over the last year, UNDP has collaborated and supported the Judiciary in its professional magistrate training program, case management system and development of the strategic plan amongst others. UNDP remains committed to its support to the Judiciary through the rule of law program. This year UNDP is working to develop a new rule of law program but during the development of the program, the Judiciary will be consulted to ensure that its priority activities are placed in the new program. He described UNDP as a traditional partner to the Judiciary.

Chief Justice Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay, Sr. in remarks described the training as a significant milestone in pursuit of justice and accountability. He stated that the establishment of the Judiciary Monitoring, Evaluation and Accountability department is very important.

“Even in your house, if your children are not monitor, they will be roaming the streets. Likewise, in the work place if the staffs are not monitored, everyone will do things differently. So, monitoring and evaluation is very essential. This department will monitor, evaluate and establish accountability in every aspect of the court system. We will make sure; the department will reach every court in the fifteen counties. This department will not only evaluate ordinary judicial personnel but most importantly judges,” stated Chief Justice Gbeisay, Sr.

The Chief Justice meanwhile called on the other two branches of government both the Legislative and Executive to join the Judiciary in making sure the issue of monitoring and evaluation is a top priority.



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Chief Justice Gbeisay, Sr. promised that the monitoring and evaluation department will work to ensure that the Judiciary is trusted, efficient and a beacon of hope for citizens and other nationals residing in the country.

For his part, Associate Justice Yussif D. Kaba said now is the time to introduce a more robust monitoring and evaluation system for the future survival of the Judiciary Branch of Government.

Justice Kaba opined that the MEA department plays a central role in making the Judiciary system effective, accountable and fair. It is a systemic way to measure how well court and justice institution perform, to identify problems and to guide and improve without undermining judicial independence.

Also speaking at the event was Cllr. Jerome Verdier, former Chairperson of the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission, who praised the chief justice for the initiative that would bring trust and confidence in the Judiciary system. He stated that one of the reasons the country went to war was because of the eroded confidence and trust in the court system. He hopes that Liberia can return to the situation where people believe in the judiciary system again.

Cllr. Verdier stated, *“We hope that we can come to the time where people believe in the Judiciary again. We hope for a time the people can willingly come to the judiciary system with trust knowing that they can get justice and be treated fairly. If we can see such a thing happen, than we know that we are making progress as a country.”*

He averred that one way to instill the people’s trust and confidence in the court system is by the Judiciary going through self-censorship. The Judiciary must now begin to put those systems and processes into motion that would allow for self-evaluation of its staff be it a judge or ordinary personnel and take measures to correct the problems. The Judiciary monitoring, evaluation and accountability measure is a perfect way to start.

