THIRD LIBERIA NATIONAL URBAN FORUM THANK-YOU NOTE - MONROVIA

The Ministry of Internal Affairs, UN-Habitat and Cities Alliance would like to thank all of you, who attended the Third National Urban Forum at the Monrovia City Hall on November 26th, 2019. We thank you for the good, and vibrant discussions on the Liberian National Urban Policy, and we look forward to engaging more in other platforms to keep the conversation going; towards the development of a locally responsive urban policy. We hope that your engagements will lead to a sustainable and resilient policy framework for urban development in Liberia.

We thank everyone for bringing their expertise and experience to the Forum, and for engaging in constructive, fruitful and open discussions. We especially thank all stakeholders that attended from government ministries, departments and agencies, development partners, civil society, academia, private sector, youth, women, street vendors, local governments and climate change and environment practitioners.

Going forward, we look forward to more engagements as we develop the policy, and kindly request that we all commit ourselves to the letter of the communiqué that we adopted at the Forum. The communiqué is attached below for your reference.

MONROVIA COMMUNIQUE

National Urban Policy For Liberia

Venue: Monrovia City Corporation, Monrovia, Liberia. Date: 26th November 2019

Under the Joint Facilitation of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), and Cities Alliance;

WE, over 220 participants of the Third National Urban Forum held at the Monrovia City Hall on 26th November 2019, with representation from Government of Liberia Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), Civil Society, Local Governments, Academia, County Officials, Greater Monrovia District representatives, Development Partners and the Private Sector fully participated in all Forum sessions;

WE recognize the responsibility bestowed upon us as stakeholders in the development of the National Urban Policy in Liberia;

WE took note of the progress made so far in the preparation of the diagnostic report and the consultations outcomes for South Central and North Central regions;

WE discussed the priority issues to be considered in the urban policy development process particularly for youth, women, local authorities, slum dwellers, petty traders and climate change;

WE believe that the National Urban Policy needs to focus on the needs and potential of all Liberian cities and human settlements, large and small;

WE shared our respective views on the desired National Urban Policy for consideration and recognized the need and importance of developing a National Urban Policy for Liberia;

WE underscore the importance of a National Urban Policy to support the transformative Liberia’s Vision 2030 and Pro-poor agenda for Prosperity and Development for Liberia;

We are committed to using the National Urban policy as a means to implement the Sustainable Development Goals, Paris Climate Agreement and the New Urban Agenda;

WE are committed to promote and support the inclusive National Policy Initiative for a mindset change that would lead to social and economic development for prosperous and resilient cities and human settlements in Liberia;

WE call on national and local government, and all development partners, to recognize the leadership role of women in promoting new urban policies;

WE will actively engage in the policy development process to ensure adequate political will, meaningful stakeholder engagement for effective coordination and shared vision of future urban development in Liberia;

WE commit to furnish the National Urban Policy development team with relevant information that will improve the quality of analysis and improve the development of a NUP for Liberia;

WE will advocate for the systematic strengthening of local capacity and financial resources in the development, implementing, monitoring and evaluating the Liberian National Urban Policy;

WE commit to be champions for the National Urban Policy in our respective local communities and jurisdictions;

WE are grateful to the Ministry of Internal Affairs, UN-Habitat, and Cities Alliance for taking leadership on the National Urban Policy Programme for Liberia.
## National Government

1. Ministry of Internal Affairs
2. Ministry of Public Works
3. Ministry of Finance and Development Planning
4. National Housing Authority
5. National Disaster Management Agency
6. Environmental Protection Agency

## Local Government

15. Monrovia City Corporation
16. Paynesville City Corporation
17. Bentol City Corporation
18. Greenville City Corporation
19. Harper City Corporation
20. Robersport City Corporation
21. Pleebo City Corporation
22. Barclayville City Corporation
23. Kakata City Corporation
24. Cestos City Corporation
25. Fishtown City Corporation
26. Voinjama City Corporation
27. Sanniquilie City Corporation
28. Foya City Corporation
29. Gompa City Corporation
30. Kolba City Corporation
31. Zwedru City Corporation
32. Zorzor City Corporation
33. Gbarnga City Corporation
34. Tubmanburg City Corporation
35. Buchanan City Corporation
36. Montserrado County Superintendent Office
37. Margibi County Superintendent
38. Maryland County Superintendent
39. Bong County Superintendent
40. Rivercess County Superintendent
41. RiverGee County Superintendent
42. Bomi County Superintendent
43. Sineo County Superintendent
44. Grand Cape Mount Superintendent
45. Grand Kru Superintendent
46. Johnsonville Township
47. Virginia Township
48. Kingsville Township
49. Garwolrlohn Township
50. New Georgia Township
51. Tolberta Township
52. Whiteplain Township
53. Garworlohn Township
54. Dixville Township
55. Governor of New Kru Town

## Civil Society

66. Liberia Geographical Society
67. Engineering Society of Liberia
68. Agro Tech Liberia
69. Daily Observer
70. LYFT Africa
71. Front Page Africa
72. National Association of Community Based Enterprises (NACOBE)
73. Kids Development Initiative
74. Liberia Media Center
75. Ludepredent
76. Liberia EFA Technical Committee (Letcom)
77. Zorzor District Women Care (ZODWOCA)
78. Gofacout
79. New Liberia Newspapers
80. Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP)
81. Red Power FM
82. ICare-Liberia
83. More Than Me Academy
84. AWACD

## Participating Institutions

85. Press Union of Liberia
86. CSM-L
87. City Cleaners Liberia Inc.
88. New Public Transit
89. PMI Group
90. Copyright Society of Liberia (COSOL)
91. Tunes Liberia INC.
92. Liberia Institute of Architects
93. Liberia Civil Society
94. PFA
95. Radio Bushrod
96. Joy FM
97. NGT

### Women Groups

98. Crozierville Women Group
99. West Point Women for Health and Development Organization
100. White Plaine Women Group
101. Barnersville Women Group
102. Riverview Community Women Group
103. Sineo Women Platform
104. Women and Children Initiative
105. Concern Women Group
106. Society of Women Engineers
107. District 14 Women Group
108. Borough Women Group

### Youth Groups

109. Federation of Liberian Youth
110. Liberia National Student Union
111. Liberia Youth Foundation
112. YALI Liberia
113. Congo Township Youth
114. Youth Crime Watch

### Physically Challenged

115. Group of 77

### Liberia Program Partners

116. Cities Alliance
117. UN-Habitat
118. Habitat for Humanity International
119. YMCA
120. SDI/FEPTIWUL
121. WEIGO/ FEPTIWUL

### Development Partners

122. UNDP
123. Liberia National Red Cross