

UNSD BEGINS CAPACITY BUILDING ASSESSMENT MISSION IN LIBERIA

Monrovia, January 8, 2019 – The United Nations Statistical Division based in New York the United States of America is currently in Liberia on a short term assessment mission on the Sustainable Development Goals implementation. Speaking during the delegation meeting with Government Line Ministries and Agencies, the Director General of the Liberia Institute of Statistics and Geo Information Services LISGIS, Professor Francis F. Wreh noted that the team's visit is as the result of request made by LISGIS last year to the UNSD to assess the capacity needs of Government Ministries and Agencies in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals in line with the Government of Liberia's Pro Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development the (PAPD).

According to the LISGIS boss, the interactive meeting will be followed by the UNSD team visitation to the various Government Ministries and Agencies.

For her part, Madam Elena De Jesus, head of UNSD capacity building Assessment mission to Liberia who made a power point presentation noted that the team will look at indebt statistical capacity assessment in Liberia with regard to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) monitoring. According to the UNSD head of delegation, areas to be looked at also include but not limited to, developing data on the SDGs, creating and upgrading national data platforms, engaging with users of SDG indicators to determine data availability per indicator, technical assistance mission, meetings, workshops and study visit.

Speaking further, the UNSD consultant to the Liberian mission, Mr. Alper Eucumangil noted that over twenty (20) countries around Africa and Asia have signed to the full implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and that there are 232 SDGs indicators to be monitored across various line ministries and agencies.

Over twenty Government line Ministries and Agencies participated in the assessment meeting at LISGIS training hall on Capitol Hill. Some of the Ministries and Agencies present during the meeting were: Ministry of Finance and

Development Planning, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Labour. Agencies in attendance included: Liberia National Police, Liberia Immigration Service, Central Bank of Liberia, Civil Service Agency among others.