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PRESS RELEASE

LMDI / UNDP Event... WITH SUPPORT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP), THE LMDI EMBARKS ON A TRAIL OF DEBATE STYLE ANTI CORRUPTION FORUMS WITH YOUTHS... THIS FOLLOWS AN ALREADY LAUNCHED SERIES WITH 16 HIGH SCHOOLS IN BONG COUNTY. LMDI/THE DIALOGUE/DUCOR DEBATES-ZEE-MAANNEH---ZEE-MAANNEH (PEACE & ENJOYMENT)... PLEASE VISIT AND VIEW OUR NEW WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE AT www.lmdilib.org and www.facebook.com/lmdilib.org. PLEASE FOLLOW AND KNOW ALL ABOUT US AND LIBERIA AND ALL THAT WE DO TO SUSTAIN LIBERIA'S POST CONFLICT DEMOCRACY.

ZEE-MAANNEH---ZEE-MAANNEH (PEACE AND ENJOYMENT)

GANTA Liberia... Friday 10, 2017... The Liberia Media for Democratic Initiatives, the owner and facilitator of THE DIALOGUE and DUCOR DEBATES, the People To People DIALOGUE and DEBATE Flagship platforms used by a partnership of the LMDI and the Public Trust Media Group (PTMG) to roll out Liberia's first National Legislative Aspirants and candidates and regionalized presidential and Vice Presidential debates announces the start of a series of youth (students) anti corruption interactive forums under the platforms.

With support from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP under the Strengthen Transparency Accountability, Oversight and Participation Small Grant 2017 Program (STAOP), this LMDI led series of forums under THE DIALOGUE and DUCOR DEBATES is seeking to raise public and stakeholders awareness through targeted media and community outreach blended initiatives around transparency.

Accountability and Integrity Issues across Liberia.

LMDI Director John Kollie says his organization has already launched what he described as a pilot initiative involving the over arching participation in organized debates in schools and communities around Liberia to directly engage mainly young people about the effects and dangers of corruption to the survival and growth of any nation.

John Kollie says the LMDI embarked on the first batch of the youth sensitive anti corruption forums recently at Gbarnga in Bong County with the participation of 16 high schools from across Bong County gathered at the William V.S. Tubman Gray High School at Gbarnga.

During that gathering, students of the TRIPPLE-A- HIGH SCHOOL debated amongst themselves, corruption as a debilitating force against the growth of any society and nation with Liberia specifically in focus. Split into two groups to treat topic, " IS CORRUPTION GOOD, IF IT'S ACRUED BENEFITS ARE USED FOR THE SO-CALLED GOOD OF THAT

EXPLOITED SOCIETY?), the students debated and concluded that corruption, whether its benefits are used for so called humanitarian purposes, destroys the victims; government or people.

Graced by at least 600 of their counterparts from their school and other institutions, the TRIPPLE-A- debaters effectively propounded to defend arguments on the two sides. In continuation of the youth sensitive anti corruption series, the LMDI is embarking on a weeklong tour of Nimba County on a trail to conduct several of similar forums.

As ever the deliberations from the series of forums and subsequent ones in the coming weeks and months are being broadcast on our partner network 45 National and Rural Community Radios around Liberia.

Please also follow us on our new website at www.lmdilib.org and also visit our face book page at Liberia Media for Democratic initiatives-LMDI You can send comments to info@lmdi.org and john@lmdi.org THE DIALOGUE & DUCOR DEBATES at this time are generally in association with the UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP) across Liberia.

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