



## LIBERIA MEDIA FOR DEMOCRATIC INITIATIVES

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**LMDI / WAEC LIBERIA Event... "THE DIALOGUE"... TODAY WEDNESDAY, LMDI & WAEC LIBERIA HOLD SECOND DEMYSTIFYING FORUM WITH HUNDREDS OF HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS ON LIBERIA'S MUCH FEARED WEST AFRICAN SENIOR SCHOOL EXAMINATION (WASSCE) AIMED AT REVEALING ITS BENEFITS FOR LIBERIAN STUDENTS AT THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CENTER NEAR THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION (NEC) AT 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN MONROVIA...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](http://www.lmdilib.org) AND [www.facebook.com/lmdilib.org](https://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.**

**Monrovia Liberia...Tuesday December 12, 2017...** Today Wednesday, hundreds of Liberian secondary or high school pupils across Monrovia, the capital of Liberia are expected gather at a interactive DIALOGUE forum for potential candidates of the much feared introduction of the West African Senior School Certificate WASSCE by the West African Examinations Council aimed at demystifying WASSCE, the fear surround its administration in Liberia.

The forum under THE DIALOGUE of the media and community outreach blended People To People flagship platform of the Liberia Media for Democratic Initiatives (LMDI) is sequel to the first held at the Tubmanburg regional Headquarters of the West African Examinations Council that heard the explanation of the administrative and beneficial details of the introduction of WASSCE to Liberian senior High schools.

According to DALE GBOTOE, the head of the Liberian National Office of the West African, Liberia has long eluded WASSCE as it's commonly called by thousands of Liberian senior high school students for fear of lack of preparation. "Students, parents teachers, school owners, administrators and even the Liberian government have all feared and resisted this simple but great testing procedure for Liberian schools, both public and private, claiming that the schools are not prepared for the introduction of the WASSCE. This is shameful", says DALE GBOTOE.

The WASSCE sensitive forum will sit at the Monrovia Christian Fellowship Center at 9<sup>th</sup> Street Sinkor near the Headquarters of the National Elections Commission (NEC) today beginning 10:30 AM (this morning) and will bring face hundreds of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students, as immediate and subsequent candidates and school administrators and teachers one hand and WAEC Liberia authorities and the Liberian government on the other. They are expected to discuss the introduction and administration of WASSCE and its benefits for Liberian high school pupils.

At the first of the forums recently, a virtual whole day of hard and frank discussions at an agreed trial version of THE DIALOGUE for possible partnership between the West African Examinations Council (WAEC) and the Liberia Media for Democratic Initiatives (LMDI) for urgently needed national public education on the introduction of WASSCE at the WAEC regional office at Tubmanburg, Bomi County in Western Liberia, hundreds of students teachers, parents and WAEC talked about Liberia's unpreparedness, but the urgent necessity to join the WASSCE exercise.

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Led by its head of National Office, DALE GBOTOE, the West African Examinations Council backed by a regional testing staff, Mrs. COMFORT ARGWU took up time to explain what WASSCE is, its benefits and administration procedures and the urgency for Liberia to join in.

In an apparent demystifying drive, Mrs ARGWU and DALE GBOTOE told the WASSCE fear gripped gathering at Tubmanburg that they had nothing to fear as WASSCE is simply a name change for the test Liberia has already been taking, only that the test will now be synchronized with the rest of the five nation member WAEC organization.

They said the introduction of the WASSCE to Liberia will be uttered to cope with Liberia's unpreparedness especially in practical areas that require the use of laboratory exercises which Liberia has contended is not prepared for. "We will give you a watered down version of the WASSCE until at a time your government tells us that you are fully ready for the full scale one, but we can no longer wait for Liberia alone among the WAEC member nations.

ARGWU and GBOTOE informed the forum that Liberian students stand to benefit more from WASSCE than the WAEC administered Liberian Senior High School Certificate Examinations which Liberian pupils have been taking, explaining that for WASSCE, except one fails all, you are not a total failure as opposed the Liberian High School Certificate which requires that candidates pass all subjects under it or be considered an outright failure.

Today's forum will seek to do the same, hearing from the students, teachers, school administrators, Parents, WAEC and the Liberian government.

As ever the deliberations from this forum and the series in coming weeks and months will be broadcast on our partner network 45 National and Rural Community Radios around Liberia.

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