



## LIBERIA MEDIA FOR DEMOCRATIC INITIATIVES

Tubman Boulevard YWCA Building Oldest Congo Town Monrovia, Liberia-West Africa Tel.: 0777513080, 0886513080

Emails: [john@lmdi.org](mailto:john@lmdi.org); [info@lmdi.org](mailto:info@lmdi.org); [info@lmdilib.org](mailto:info@lmdilib.org); [admin@lmdilib.org](mailto:admin@lmdilib.org)

*Dialoging for Peace, Democracy & Development in Liberia*

### PRESS RELEASE

ZEE-MAANEH-----ZEE-MAANEH (PEACE AND ENJOYMENT)

LMDI/INTERNEWS/USAID Event...THE LMDI AND INTERNEWS LAUNCH SERIES OF INTERACTIVE FORUMS TO EDUCATE THE LIBERIAN PUBLIC ON ELECTIONS LAW AND ITS AMENDMENTS TOWARD LIBERIA'S 2017 ELECTIONS AS THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMMENDS THE MOVE AS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURING LAWFUL AND VIOLENCE FREE ELECTIONS.

KLAY TOWN, Liberia Jan. 9, 2017...The Liberia Media for Democratic Initiatives (LMDI) and INTERNEWS with support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) have launched a series of People To People (P2P) interactive public education forums on the Elections Law of Liberia with focus on the new amendments to the law.

At the launch of the forums under the LMDI People To People (P2P) interactive flagship platform, "THE DIALOGUE", CRISPIN TULAY, a proxy for Ms. JAN McARTHUR, IINTERNEWS Chief of Party and Country Director, told the gathering of 122 KLAY TOWN people in the audience that the INTERNEWS will work with the LMDI in the coming months toward the 2017 elections through its flagship platform, "THE DIALOGUE" in conducting outdoor community forums focused on the 2017 elections and its attending details.

CRISPIN TULAY said the LMDI and INTERNEWS partnership on the conduct of the public forums will be essential in ensuring that more people are informed about the elections process so that a level playing field is created for democratic free and fair elections later this year.

Also attending the forums' launch, INTERNEWS strategic Partnerships Manager, Mrs. OZIOMA ZAYZAY said the LMDI---INTERNEWS series of forums will seek to ensure big and informed voter turn-out in the 2017 representative and presidential elections.

Mrs. ZAYZAY said the LMDI / INTENEWS partnership is part of ensuring the representation of the plurality of voices of more Liberians through the media especially during this year of democracy for the Liberian Nation. This she said is one

[Type here]

of the general objectives of the INTERNEWS main project, the Liberia Media Development (LMD).

Earlier SENESEE FREEMAN, Director of Civic Voter Education (CVE) commended the INTERNEWS and LMDI for selecting the education of the Liberian public on the elections law and its new amendments, adding that public knowledge on the elections law would ensure lawful and violence free elections later this year, because according to him, knowing the right thing to do in an election is essential to free, fair and transparent elections.

The KLAY launch of the LMDI-INTENEWS series of forums saw the conduct of the first in the series of the pilot batch of four which will broadcast across all the 15 counties of Liberia through the LMDI network of 45 National and Rural community radios for the next three months.

The first forum heard the reading of key provisions of the Liberian Elections Law and their interactive discussion by the audience on one hand and the LMDI and NEC legal facilitators, TONIA GIBSON and TEAGE JALLOH on the other.. Most of the deliberations was done in pidgin Liberian English because KLAY is a rural town and most people in the audience were illiterate.

The occasion was graced by three of the many representative aspirants of Bomi District Two or KLAY who committed themselves to lawful participation in the 2017 elections, promising to embark on whistle blowing on any violation of the elections law.

Please follow us on our website at [www.lmdilib.org](http://www.lmdilib.org) and our face book page at Liberia Media for Democratic initiatives-LMDI. You can send comments to [info@lmdi.org](mailto:info@lmdi.org) and [john@lmdi.org](mailto:john@lmdi.org) .

John O. Kollie  
DIRECTOR