

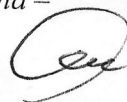
**Strengthening Development Cooperation:
Liberia 2022 Action Dialogue
Ministerial Complex, Monrovia, Liberia
March 16, 2022**

Joint Statement

The Government of Liberia (GoL), Development Partners (DPs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and the Private Sector commit to:

1. **Strengthen Coordination:** Establish a multi-stakeholder platform under the Pro-poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD) National Steering Committee to advance the effectiveness of development cooperation in Liberia.
 - This platform will be chaired by the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP) and co-chaired by the Liberia Cooperating Partners Group (CPG)
 - This will have a clear road map and timeline for engagements, initially meeting quarterly.
 - The platform will receive technical support from the UNDP and other interested partners.
2. **Increase Alignment:** Improve and strengthen the capacity, accountability, and transparency of country systems in order to overcome barriers to the use of country systems; and increase the alignment of DP programs and activities to the Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD) at policy, program and activity levels.
 - Promote and support national ownership and generate perspectives of DPs on alignment to strengthen country systems particularly improving on reporting, accountability and transparency for review and possible actions by all parties.
 - Hold quarterly development cooperation meetings and jointly participate in Sectors Working Group (SWG) meetings in the framework of the PAPD coordination mechanism ensuring that relevant sector ministries and DPs including CSOs and private sector participants are contributing to the PAPD results framework as indicated in the National Aid and NGO Policy of Liberia.
 - Improve coordination of information before programme development and appraisal to promote better alignment. This is to ensure that quality pipeline programs and activities are strongly considered and discussed among parties with the aim of increasing development outcomes and minimizing challenges that could hinder results for the people of Liberia.
 - Support appropriate capacity enhancement initiatives to pave the way for effective planning, execution, supervision and comprehensive reporting that link with national budget execution across all spectrum of development.
3. **Improve Results:** Enhance implementation and achievement of high-level results by following up and monitoring of PAPD and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

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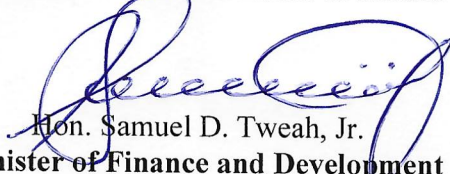
indicators as well as jointly verifying, and sharing lessons learnt to overcome common challenges, in order to boost development effectiveness.

- Conduct joint monitoring field visit of development projects (GoL/DPs) yearly, led by MFDP with sector leads, DPs, CSOs/NGOs and the private sector.
- Track, collect and report monitoring data as evidence of results in regard to PAPD and the SDGs.

4. **Promote Mutual Accountability:** Further develop national framework tools such as the National Aid and NGO Policy (NAPL) and the Liberia Project Dashboard (LPD).

- Periodically monitor the implementation of the NAPL
- Provide high quality and timely data to the LPD, importing DPs' IATI data where possible.
- Use the data in GOL/DPs coordination fora to support key decisions on new initiatives and programs.
- Regular follow up of commitments in the PAPD by the Government of Liberia as well as Development Partners.
- Annual reporting by GoL on PAPD.

On behalf of the Government of Liberia



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