“Opportunities and Challenges for Truth and Justice in Liberia for Past Crimes”

Location: Corina Hotel, Monrovia, Liberia

November 9, 2018 - 9:00 AM
9:00 – 9:30  Registration
9:30 – 10:00  Introduction: Adama Dempster, CSO- PLATFORM

Keynote Address  Country Representative for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights - The Importance of Justice for Past Crimes
10:00 – 11:15  Session One: High Level Opening Remarks
Moderator  Aaron Weah

• Ambassador Stephen Rapp, former Ambassador at large on War Crimes – The Prosecution of Charles Taylor and the Rise of Accountability in Africa
• Representative of the Liberian Parliament
• Representative of the Independent National Human Rights Commission

Q&A from Media (30 minutes)

11:15 – 11:30  Tea Break
11:30 – 1:00  Session Two: Progress on Reconciliation and Accountability for Past Crimes
Moderator: Jennifer Prestholdt, The Advocates for Human Rights
A. Hassan Bility, GJRP – The Lack of Justice to Date, with Litigation Moving Forward in Europe and the U.S.
B. André Afanou, CCPR – The UN Concluding Observations and Priority for Accountability for Past Crimes
C. Massa Washington and John Stewart, former Commissioners of the TRC – The Proposal for an Extraordinary Criminal Court in Liberia: Why the TRC Recommended Accountability and Reconciliation for Liberia

1:00 – 2:00  Lunch

2:00 – 3:30  Session Three: Goals for Justice for Liberia at Present
Moderator: Danieletta Sleyon, FOHRD
A. Representatives from Grass Roots Organizations – Calls for Justice from the Grass Roots, What are the Common/Shared Goals (5 minute remarks from each organization)
B. Elise Keppler, HRW – Modern Examples of Justice in Africa

3:30 – 3:45  Break
3:45 – 5:00  Session Four: The Road Ahead
Moderator: Adama Dempster, CSO- PLATFORM
Discussion and Preparation of a Call to Action: What recommendations do we have for next steps in pushing forward accountability in Liberia as a coalition?
Feedback from the floor (30 minutes)

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