

Auditor General Gaye Dedicates World Bank Project



DAG Foday G. Kiazolu and Auditor General Yusador S. Gaye

Liberia's Auditor General has dedicated the newly renovated West Wing of the Commission on Ashmun Street in Monrovia for auditors. Performing the dedicatory ceremony on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, Auditor General Gaye expressed heartfelt gratitude to the World Bank and other international partners for their support to the implementation of the 'West Wing' Project. She also thanked the World Bank's Financial Management Analyst Mr. Saidu Dani Goje, for his level of cooperation.

She noted that the 'West Wing' project will provide accommodation for more than twenty auditors, as well as a number of managers and supervisors.

Speaking on behalf of the international partners Mr. Goje, who also cut the ribbon to the 'West Wing', congratulated the GAC for such a commendable development, expressing the belief that the completion of the project will provide a conducive work environment for staff. He said he was of the strongest conviction that the project will increase the level of staff productivity in some ways. The World Bank Financial Management Analyst also indicated that the partners were aware of the positive developments ongoing at GAC, including its Capacity Building Plan which is intended ensure the professionalization of staff, as well as the enactment of the new GAC Act of 2014.

“The law itself affords the GAC this opportunity for financial autonomy and the needed independence for you to be able to carry out your oversight functions,” said Mr. Goje during the dedicatory ceremony.

He also spoke highly of the collaboration between the Commission and Public Accounts, Expenditure and Audit Committee (PAC) of the Legislature as it relates to public hearings and the scrutiny of audit reports, describing such collaboration as a good development in the history of the legislature and GAC.

The World Bank Analyst said: “We believe it can be sped up, particularly, by following or developing a systematic way of following up on the audit recommendations for implementation.

Mr. Goje further stated that partners have always expressed satisfaction with the level of implementation, particularly, on audits conducted by the Commission.

He thanked the Auditor General, her deputies and staff for their achievements and wished them the best in their endeavors to professionalize the Commission.

However, Deputy Auditor General for Administration Hon. Foday G. Kiazolu indicated that the World Bank and other development partners, through a multi-donor trust fund (IPFMRP) have been very helpful to the GAC. The Integrated Public Financial Management Reform Project (IPFMRP), Mr. Kiazolu said, has strengthened the Commission not only through capacity building, but also by means of the provision of logistics.

“This project is a good one in the view of GAC. It has been a very huge impact on our operations. It is our hope that similar projects can be crafted whereby we do not have to rely solely on national government for our operations,” emphasized Mr. Kiazolu.

Deputy Auditor General for Audit Service Winsley S. Nanka also expressed gratitude for the renovation.

“The Renovation is very timely because we had logistical challenges in the past and we still do,” Mr. Nanka said, assuring that the facilities would be used for the intended purpose.

Meanwhile, a number of professional activities in consonance with the core function of the GAC are underway at the Commission.