

# **Liberia's SAI Highlights Achievements, Targeted Activities**

## **....Holds 2017 General Staff Meeting**



**Auditor General Yusador S. Gaye, CPA,CGMA**

As the New Year begins, the family of Liberia's Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) – the General Auditing Commission (GAC) reunited in a general staff meeting chaired by Auditor General Yusador S. Gaye on Monday, January 9, 2017 at the Centennial Memorial Pavilion in Monrovia to retrospect the Commission's activities in 2016, as well as unveil targeted activities for the New Year.

The Auditor General commenced her presentation admonishing staff of the Commission to be people of integrity and professionalism in the execution of their duties and functions.

During a Power Point presentation, Auditor General Gaye outlined the importance of the Vision, Mission and Core Values of the GAC, which include Integrity, Transparency, Independence, Professionalism and Diversity.

The head of the Liberian SAI strongly warned that she would be very rigid in enforcing the Political Neutrality Policy of the Commission, further noting to her staff that her administration will not condone any form of politicking as the country prepares for elections.

She stressed that employees desirous of participating in politics should choose between politics and auditing because, according to her, no employee of the GAC would be allowed to get involved in active politics while performing the institution's work as this could compromise staff independence.



**Partial view of Employees at the meeting**

She also warned employees against violating the Biometric door and CCTV system. A brief video presentation during the general staff meeting showed some employees evading the biometric system in 2016, something she said was against the Institution's policy; she cautioned employees that these violations could have serious security implications.

In recognition of their services, The Auditor General also memorialized employees who died in 2016. She named the fallen employees as Mr. Moses Y. Sonkarlay, Mr. Lahai A. Johnson, Mrs. Priscilla Claude-Massaley and Mr. Rufus Flomo.

She also informed the GAC workforce about the hiring of Mr. Adam S. Sheriff, CPA and Mr. Abraham T. Cooper, during the year under review, as Director of Regularity Audit and Manager II in Audit Services, respectively.

In a presentation giving an overview of the GAC's activities during 2016, the Director of Administration, Mr. John L. Greaves, II, recounted five major achievements. He mentioned foremost the launch of the GAC's Professional Certification Program and the completion and launch of its Strategic Plan of 2016-2020 and the Operational Plan of 2016. He also cited the Audit of GAC for the fiscal years ended June 2010 to June 2015. The audit, which is the first of its kind

since the restructuring of the GAC in 2005, was conducted was conducted from February to April, 2016 by the Office of the Auditor General, Kenya. Other achievements highlighted were a peer review of the GAC by a delegation from the African Organization of English-speaking Supreme Audit Institutions (AFROSAI-E) and the completion of restructure of the GAC's Administrative Department.

Mr. Greaves also highlighted the major activities targeted by GAC for 2017 to include mandatory professional certification to be enforced (contract already signed to hire a consultant to provide tutorial services); Audit of GAC for the year 2016; the implementation of Computer-Based Performance Management System in 2017; and Increased efforts in conducting the targeted number of audits; Mandatory Enrollment into the Professional certification program. He also addressed a number of issues which he said should be considered by staff for the year 2017. These included the filing with HR of schedules for staff who were students or teachers, indicating that those in school or teaching must inform Management so that the required number of hours are allocated to work.



**Director, Administration, Mr. John L. Greaves, II**

In continuation of the projected plan of action, he named the enforcement of the GAC dress code, updating of NASSCORP ID cards for staff and completion of all current audits by February 28, 2017. Emphasis was also stressed on the implementation of Strategic and Operational Plan, among others.

Earlier, at the start of the meeting, Deputy Auditor General for Administration, Hon. Foday G. Kiazolu, welcomed the entire workforce, expressing heartfelt gratitude to the Almighty God for crossing the GAC family over to 2017.

## **TWO GAC STAFF COLLECT OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES' SERVICE AWARD**



**Mr. J. Bomo Whiegar - Audit Services  
- Administration**



**Mr. Tommy Toe**

Two employees have won the General Auditing Commission's **2016 OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE'S SERVICE AWARD**. The Award, according to Auditor General Yusador Gaye, is purposely intended to motivate employees on the job.

The two employees represented both the Departments of Audit Services and Administration. Mr. J. Bomo Whiegar, Audit Manager, received the award as employee of the year for the Department of Audit Services, while Mr. Tommy Toe of the Asset, Fleet and Facility Unit was awarded the Employee of the year award for the Department of Administration.

Making initial remarks, Auditor General, Madam Yusador S. Gaye, lauded the two employees and called on others to emulate the good examples demonstrated by the two honorees. "When I got to the GAC, Bomo Whiegar was one of the many employees I came across and what I have seen in him is all about commitment and dedication", Madam Gaye emphasized. She attributed the selection of Mr. Whiegar to hard work and his dedication to accomplishing whatever task given him in spite of difficult circumstances.

For his part, Madam Gaye lauded Mr. Tommy Toe for his efforts since his transition from his earlier role as a security guard to that of a janitor. Madam Gaye stressed that Mr. Toe has worked the extra mile to ensure cleanliness in the various bathrooms and offices to which he has been assigned. Each of the honorees received a certificate and a token of appreciation for their dedicated services rendered the Commission over the year at a mass staff meeting held at the Centennial Memorial Pavilion in Monrovia.