

General Auditing Commission (GAC) Launches 5-Year Strategic Plan

---Stresses Trust and Professionalism as key Priorities



Auditor General Yusador S. Gaye

A five-year Strategic Plan documenting the direction of the General Auditing Commission (GAC) has been formally adopted by the Commission and its collaborating partners.

The 2016-2020 Plan of Action covers three primary goals. They include an enhancement of greater impact of GAC's audit recommendations, increased trust in GAC as a credible organization and to drive a culture of high performance that will guide the Commission in its operations and programs over the five-year period.

The Auditor General of Liberia, Madam Yusador S. Gaye, who officially launched the Strategic Plan, expressed the hope that the new GAC would be a professional Supreme Audit Institution that promotes trust, accountability, transparency and value for money in the management of public resources.

According to Auditor General Gaye, the new Strategic Plan seeks to also play a vital role in assisting the Joint Public Accounts and Expenditure Committee (PAC) of the National Legislature to hold the government to account for its stewardship of public resources and funds provided by development partners, as well as ensuring transparency in government's operations.

She indicated that the new GAC Strategic Plan is more service-oriented in terms of what to be done as required by its mandate, assuring that every effort would be exerted to ensure the implementation of the new Plan. She asserted that it would also require the inputs and efforts of collaborating partners, including Liberia's integrity institutions, emphasizing the need to be on the same 'frequency' devoid of duplications of efforts.

The Auditor General, however, noted that one challenge that may be 'far-fetched' in the new Strategic Plan is a new home for the GAC, considering the fact that the Commission is currently being housed in the Old Executive Mansion.

She expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Government of Liberia, European Commission, the World Bank, INTOSAI Development Initiatives (IDI) and other development partners for providing funding and technical assistance for the development of the Plan, which she described as practical and achievable.

Speaking earlier during the formal launch, the Manager of Strategic Planning and Operations, Mr. Emmanuel David, named good infrastructure and working environment, performance measurement system, enhanced Learning and professional staff development function, enhanced performance, financial and compliance audit function, establishment of a Quality Assurance Function and an enhanced Communication function as key capacities to be considered in the 'operational roadmap'.

The ceremony which was held on Friday, June 10, 2016 in the Conference room of the GAC, was graced by the Commission's partners which include the European Union (EU), the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP), as well as Integrity Institutions such as Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC), the Governance Commission (GC) and the Internal Audit Agency (IAA).

The Strategic Plan will be revised and reviewed on a periodic basis to meet the needs and demands of the rapidly changing environment.