



**LIBERIA ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION
(LACC)**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

During the period under review (January-December 2013), the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) executed series of program activities, including investigation and prosecution of corruption cases, creation of awareness about the ills of corruption, execution of the income, assets and liabilities declaration and Verification regimes as well as the provision of the requisite administrative support to the program activities. The activities included the following:

1. Investigation of Corruption Cases
2. Education and Prevention Activities
3. Income, Assets and Liabilities Declaration and Verification Regimes
4. Administration Activities
5. Capacity Building (Training)
6. Collaboration (Internal and External)
7. Delegations hosted by the LACC

In the pages that follow, a detail of activities and their corresponding appendixes and schedules are discussed.

2.0 PROGRAMS

2.1 INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT

2.1.1 Cases Reported to the Commission

During the reporting period, January-December 2013, a total of sixteen (16) cases of corruption were reported to the Commission.

Item	Case Title	Nature	Remarks	Amount (US\$)
1.	National Commission on Human Rights #104	Complaint from Independent Human Rights Commission on Financial Malpractice.	On-going	500,000
2.	National Security Agency	Originated from the NSA on tax evasion and Alien claiming citizenship	Tax evasion settled and Case transferred to (BIN) on citizenship claim.	

3.	Montserrado Student Union/LINSU,#00106	Complaint from student Union on allegation of financial mal-practice involving leadership.	Investigation on-going	50,000USD	
4.	Smythe Institute/Africa Motor, #00-17	Complaint from the student leadership of Smythe Institute claiming refund: Undone deal.	Completed Amount refunded	10,000.00USD	
5.	Independent Mano River Transport Union	Complaint against Union leadership on allegation of financial mal-practice.	On-going	No amount stipulated but will be determined by the Investigation.	
6.	Federation of Road Transport Union of Lib.#	Alleged Failure to repay a loan of US\$50,000.00	Case closed		US\$50,000.00 Total amount involved if the investigation.
7.	National Bureau of Investigation.#00111	Complaint from employees of the NBI alleging financial mal practice involving leadership on Unilateral Reduction in employees' salary.	Completed.		
8.	Montserrado Co. CDF and SDF Financial Mismanagement#00112	Alleged Financial improprieties involving some Representatives of Mont. Co.	. On-going.	About US\$400,000 plus	
9.	Liberia Aviation Authority Ellen Corkrum #00113	Alleged Transferring of unauthorized funds from the LAA Account.	Closed at the LACC. Referred to MOJ	US\$250,000.00 plus	
10.	Complaint from Liberia Domestic Airport #00114	Financial improprieties	Closed.	Not yet determined.	
11.	24 th Street demolition exercise with Hon Youngblood #00115	Residents complained about the involvement of Hon Youngblood in a settlement payment to them.	Non cooperation from MOF	US\$200,000.00 plus	
12.	Case #00117 complaint from the National Housing Authority Workers Union against the Managing Director, Samuel W.	Allegation of Financial impropriety and violation of the PPCC Law	On-going	45,475	

13	Thompson Case.#00118 complaint from the House of Senate against Robert L. Kilby and Pearine Davis-Parkinson	Conflict of Interest in the award of a contract to a Company called Independent Software Incorporated by the General Services Agency (GSA)	Case has been completed	250,000 plus
14.	Case #00119 complaint from the Director of Trade Union, Madam Hannah McCauley of the Ministry of Labor against the personnel Director at the Ministry	Allegation of extortion levied against complainant by MOL authorities	On-going	To be determined by investigation
15.	Case.#00120 complaint from the House of Senate against Superintendent Milton Teahjay	Allegation of Financial impropriety and violations of the PPCC Law, Budget Law, and PFM Regulations	The case is ongoing	To be determined by investigation
16.	Case #00121 complaint against Superintendent Allen M. Gbowee of Gbarpolu County	Allegation of Financial impropriety and violation of the PPCC Law, Budget Law, and PFM Regulations	On-going	

2.1.2 Cases On-going

During the period under review, a total of seven (7) cases were on-going whe the annual report was being prepared.

Item	Case Title	Nature	Remarks	Amount (USD)
1.	Liberia National Police,#00096	On-going		To be determined.
2.	National Petroleum (NP)		Acquisition of documents from the LPRC is a problem.	To be determined.
3.	Wollor Topor	Money wrongly extorted from him by LSG	Closed.	

4.	Complaint from some aggrieved members of the Federation of Road Transport Union of Liberia case #00110	Alleged Financial impropriety and failure to pay back US\$50,000.00 loan taken from FiBank	Needs more information.	US\$50,000.00 plus
5.	Aggrieved employees of National Bureau of Investigation case.	Unilaterally reduction of employees' salary.	Ministry of Finance cooperation needed.	Yet to be determined.
6.	Grace Kpan/Montserrado CDF and SDF funds mismanaged.#00112	Alleged Financial Malpractice (Social Development Funds & County Development Funds	Noncooperation from the Representatives involved.	US\$400,000.00 plus
7.	National Housing Authority	Financial Malpractice	On-going	Over US\$50,000.00

2.1.3 Cases Finalized

A total of five nine (9) cases of corruption were finalized during the period.

Item	Case Title	Nature	Remarks	Amount (US\$)
1.	Jallah Town Community	Misapplication of Development fund	Completed. Case forwarded to PM(ENF) for onward submission to the BOC	10,000
2.	Hon. Cletus Sieh/Ministry of Information	Placement of names of MOI payroll that are not employed	Completed	
3.	Flashpoint/David Kotee/Min. of Public Works	Alleged Financial Mismanagement	Completed. That Flashpoint makes restitution.	US\$12,000.00
4.	National Social Security and Welfare Corporation	Alleged Financial Improprieties	Allegations not substantiated.	US\$45,000.00plus
5.	Japanese Oil Grant, #00070	Price irregularity, no bidding process, et al	That Aminata and Sons makes restitution. Completed	USD 16, 000.00 plus
6.	Tailor Union,#00092	Draft Report finalized	Completed.	93,000
7.	Smythe Institute/Africa Motors,#00107	Cannot get the Proprietor due to departure from Liberia	Completed	Refund

8.	National Social Security and welfare Corporation	90% completed and final draft due soon.	Completed.	10,000
9.	Liberia Aviation Authority(LAA) Ellen Corkrum et al #00113	Alleged unauthorized transfer of funds from LAA account	Closed. Referred to MOJ	45,000 US\$200,000.00plus

2.1.4 Cases Closed

A total of fourteen (14) cases of corruption of different magnitude are presently pending.

Item	Case Title	Nature		Amount (US\$)
1.	Mano River Transport	Forgery at Labor Ministry	CLOSED	To be determined.
2..	GAC Audit report/Bassa County	County Development fund Misapplied	CLOSED	
--3.	GAC Audit Report/Bong county	County Social Development Fund Misapplied.	CLOSED	To be determined.
4.	GAC Audit Report on LEC 2006,2007and2008	Financial Improprieties	CLOSED	To be determined.
5.	GAC Report National Postal Address System	Financial Malpractice	CLOSED	To be determined.
6.	Gbi-Doru Adm. District Nimba County	Misapplication of Funds and Materials.	CLOSED	To be determined.
7.	Tubman University	Corrupt officials at the University	CLOSED	To be determined.
8.	Liberia Service corporation	Financial Malpractice	CLOSED	
9.	Montserrado County Student Union	Financial Malpractice	CLOSED	
10.	Mano River Transport	Forgery at Labor Ministry	.CLOSED	
11.	GAC Audit report/Bassa County	County Development fund Misapplied	CLOSED	
12.	GAC Audit Report/Bong	County Social Development	CLOSED	

13.	county GAC Audit Report on LEC 2006,2007and2008	Fund Misapplied. Financial Improprieties	CLOSED	
14.	GAC Report National Postal Address System	Financial Malpractice	.CLOSED	
15.	Gbi-Doru Adm. District Nimba County	Misapplication of Funds and Materials	.CLOSED	
16.	Tubman University	Corrupt officials at the University	CLOSED	
17.	National Commission on Human Rights Case #00109 originates from LACC partners World Bank	Financial Misapplication Financial impropriety in a WB project at the Ministry of Public Works	ICLOSED Search and seizure was performed and forensic examination is being conducted overseas by the World Bank.	CLOSED
19.	National Custom Brokers association of Liberia#00116	Alleged Financial Malpractice	Assessment is ongoing.	CLOSED
	24 th Street demolition/Hon Youngblood and Dep. Min. of Justice.#00115	Alleged Financial Malpractice.	Residents claimed there was foul play in the payment of their benefits.	CLOSED

2.1.5 Cases Brought Forward

A total of fourteen (154) cases of corruption were brought forward from 2012 to 2013. This situation usually occurs due to several reasons including but not limited to non-cooperative attitude of witnesses, refusal of institutions to release documents to the LACC documentations etc.

Item	Case Title	Nature	Remarks	Amount (US\$)
1.	National Petroleum (NP)#00071	Contract not being implemented accordingly	Difficulty in getting documents. LPRC Management should be written by the BOC to cooperate with the investigation team.	Yet to be determined
2.	GAC Audit report Social	Financial Malpractice	Lack of logistical support	Yet to be determined

	De. Fund Bassa Co,#00074			
3.	GAC fiscal outturns, 2008/2009 #00076	Compliance from GAC on fiscal outturns	Lack of sufficient documents. Investigators are still collecting more documents to facilitate assessment.	Yet to be determined
5.	GAC Audit Report on LPRC/Monrovia Oil Trading Corporation#00077	Debt Settlement	Insufficient documents to commence investigation.	Yet to be determined
7.	Concerned Citizens on Employees of NASSCORP#00079	Financial Malpractice	Lack of Evidentiary materials	Yet to be determined
8.	Solomon A. Konneh#00080	LEC Substation saga	Lack of evidence	Yet to be determined
9.	Diahn-Blae Statutory District Bassa Co#00081	Financial Malpractice	Logistical support needed to get there.	Yet to be determined
10.	Zuluyee Town Nimba county#00083	Mr. Brown confiscated money belonging to the town	Need more information to commence the case.	Yet to be determined
11.	GAC Report LEC 2006,2007,2008 #00086	Financial Malpractice	The audit report is being perused to determine reasons for investigation.	Yet to be determined
12.	GAC/National Postal Address System#00087	Financial Malpractice	Needs more information from the GAC.	Yet to be determined
13.	Gbi-Doru Adm. District Lower Nimba Co.	Misapplication of trusted funds and materials	Needs logistical support to get on the scene.	Yet to be determined
14.	Tubman University #00091	Financial Malpractice	Logistics needed to get there.	Yet to be determined

2.1.6 Prosecution

During the reporting period, the Commission successfully prosecuted one case, the Munah-Sieh-Brown et al versus the Republic of Liberia, involving the procurement of uniforms and accessories for the Emergency Response Unit (ERU) of the Liberia National Police (LNP). The former Inspector General of the Liberia National Police (LNP), Munah Sieh-Brown and four other persons were charged with economic sabotage, theft of property, criminal facilitation and criminal conspiracy respectively when they alleged that they purchased uniforms and accessories valued at US\$199,800.00 for use by the Emergency Response Unit (ERU) of the Liberia National Police; our investigation did not establish any proof of the purchase and delivery of the uniforms and accessories in question.

The final investigative report of LACC was forwarded to the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) in late 2010, recommending prosecution of persons alleged to have been involved in the alleged procurement of uniforms and accessories corruption scandal. The MOJ declined to implement the recommendation of the LACC on grounds that the evidence was not sufficient to prosecute. Notwithstanding the MOJ position, the LACC, pursuant to its statutory mandate and the weight of the evidence gathered during the investigation, indicted Beatrice Munah Sieh-Brown and others in 2013 and after regular jury trial obtained a unanimous guilty verdict against them in March 2013.

Lawyers representing the accused filed a motion for re-trial on grounds that the jurors were tempered with by Prosecution Lawyers. The presiding judge, after listening to the pros and cons, granted the defendants Motion for re-trial, specifically on grounds that the jury failed to follow his instruction in bringing down the guilty verdict contrary to the law applicable for the granting of a re-trial. Thereafter the LACC filed a motion for relief from judgment which motion was also denied by the presiding judge. The LACC in the exercise of its constitutional right as an independent institution appealed from the ruling denying the motion from relief from judgment.

Predicated upon the above, the LACC filed a petition for the writ of mandamus with the Justice in Chamber to compel the presiding judge to grant its appeal which petition is now pending before the full bench of the Honorable Supreme Court.

2.2 EDUCATION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM

2.2.1 Taking LACC to the Schools.

The Commission through its Education and Prevention Division, during the period continued its interactive forum with students in and around Monrovia. The period witnessed interactive discussions with one (1) high school with approximately 300 students benefiting from the knowledge sharing that was exchanged. The school include the below:

2.2.2 Mapping of Corruption Risks in the Education Sector

The Commission, through its Education and Prevention Division, during the period continued the implementation of a UNDP sponsored pilot project entitled; “**Mapping of Corruption Risks in the Education Sector**”. The project aims to identify public schools within Montserrado County, ascertain the level of corruption that is being practiced by schools administrations (administrators, support staff, teachers as well as students).

This project has been finalized by the presentation of the findings by the National Consultant at a validation workshop held at the National Election Commissions. The final report contains recommendations, including a Risk Reduction Plan, amongst which includes the production of school bulletin boards on which information on how funding are channeled in schools for students who are the direct beneficiaries are to track such funds and give feedback, if need be.

Activity/Interaction	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
High schools fora	1	1	-0-	-0-	2
Mapping corruption risks in high schools survey finalized, report is awaiting official launch. *	-0-	-0-	1	-0-	1
Risk Reduction plan prepared.	1	-0-	-0-	-0-	1
Bulletin boards (2) to test	2	-0-	-0-	-0-	2

monitoring by students of the school administrations on the usage of funds intended for their schools have been completed and will be launched along with final report and the risk reduction plan.					
Total	4	1	1-	-0-	6

- **A pilot project funded by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

2.2. 3 International Anti-Corruption Day

The United Nations General Assembly designated December 9 of each year as International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD). This day is aimed at raising awareness of corruption and of the role of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) in combating and preventing corruption worldwide. On December 9, 2013, Liberia joined the rest of the world in celebrating IACD.

The global theme for the celebration is “Zero Corruption, 100 % Development”, while the national theme is “War against Corruption in the Education Sector” and “**CORRUPTION: YOUR NO COUNTS**” remains the global slogan.

2.2.4 Goal and key objectives of the 2013 international anti-corruption day:

A. Goal

The goal of the International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD) campaign is to support a positive and pro-active stance against corruption, promoting the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) as the first legally binding, international anti-corruption instrument and key tool to fight corruption worldwide as the impetus for a global and forceful movement.

B. Key objectives

1. To raise awareness amongst governments, anti-corruption stakeholders and citizens around the world on the negative impacts of corruption on every society and ways to fight it;
2. To promote “a call to action” against corruption and promote the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC); and
3. To encourage public participation and community, especially youth involvement in the fight against corruption.

In fulfillment of this international obligation, the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC), in collaboration with the National Integrity Forum (NIF) and the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), jointly planned and executed the program in 2013 in Monrovia and Kakata, Margibi County respectively. A key feature of the planning and execution of the 2013 program this year was the inclusion of the youth population, with the full participation of the Youth Integrity Forum, a group of young Liberians that participated in a regional Youth Camp organized and held in Nigeria. Several activities characterized the weeklong event which included the following:

- A. Youth Integrity Forum
- B. Soccer Tournament
- C. Street Parade and Indoor Program

2.2.5 National Youth Integrity Forum (Friday, December 6, 2013)

A National Youth Integrity Forum was held on Friday, December 6, 2013 at the Head Offices of the Young Men Christian Association (YMCA) on Crown Hill, Monrovia and was attended by over one hundred students of various youth groupings. Sister Mary Lauren, President, Stella Maris Polytechnic University served as the keynote Speaker followed by three other young people (students) who also presented papers on youth integrity. Each presentation was followed by a question and answer session and was highly interactive.

A. Soccer Tournament (December 7, 2013)

A soccer tournament was staged amongst four institutions in Kakata, Margibi County and included the below named schools:

1. Booker Washington Institute (BWI)
2. Kakata Community College (KCC)
3. Langolippaye High School
4. St. Augustine High School

At the end of the day, the Booker Washington Institute (BWI) emerged winner and was awarded a trophy while the Kakata Community College (KCC) came second and was also awarded a trophy.

As a way of promoting and creating visibility and awareness creation, each participating school was issued eighteen (18) T-Shirts, with the inscription **”ZERO CORRUPTION, 100% DEVELOPMENT”** that were worn as jerseys and souvenirs during the games.

B. Street Parade and Indoor Program (December 10, 2012)

The street parade, led by the BWI band, commenced at 9:00am from the Kakata Administrative Building and continued through the principal streets of Kakata and concluded at the Nancy B. Doe Sport Stadium where the indoor program was held.

The keynote speaker was a young Liberian, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Youth Exploring Solutions, Mr. Stephen B. Lavalah. The occasion was graced by stakeholders, the donor community and well-wishers. The audience was entertained to several cultural performances by the Margibi Cultural Troop performing artists.

Ten schools with 30 students each participated, totaling 300 students as below:

No.	Name of school	# of students
01	Booker Washington Institute (BWI)	30
02	Kakata Community College (KCC)	30
03	Langolippaye High School	30
04	St. Augustine High School	30
05	G. B. Gibson Memorial High School	30

06	Pentecostal Conquerors Academy	30
07	Frances Mitchelle High School	30
08	John Joseph Community High School	30
09	St. Christopher High School	30
10	KRTTI Demonstration School	30
TOTAL		300

3.0 HIGHLIGHTS ON SPECIAL GRANTS:

3.1 World Bank Grant

The World Bank grant is geared towards building the institutional capacity of the LACC by way of providing basic logistics and training the human resources to handle the three core functional areas of the Commission. Up to date the project has provided training to six (6) Secretariat staff in various functional areas that will enhance the work of the Commission. Under the project, three media charts have been held as a way of highlighting activities being executed by the Commission.

The grant is assisting tremendously in moving the Income, Assets and Liabilities Disclosure Regime that was put into place by the LACC some three years ago. Added to this task is now the Assets Verification Exercise for which the Commission has produced two reports during the period under review. The Income, assets and Liabilities Disclosure Form which has been queried by some declarants because it is time-consuming and bulky, has gone through the first draft of reducing its bulkiness.

A good quantity of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials have been produced under the project and are available to be distributed to communities and schools and colleges when interactive forums are held. Field works, especially the interactive active forums, with schools, is about to commence, but will begin with assessment in five (5) counties to determine the schools with which to hold the interactive forums. The counties earmarked include:

1. Bomi County
2. Grand Cape Mount
3. Grand Bassa
4. Margibi County
5. Bong County

Several logistical equipment to facilitate the work of the Commission have been procured. The items include but not limited to the following:

1. Computers and related accessories
2. Desks and related accessories
3. Fire proof safes for safe guiding Income, Assets and Liabilities Disclosures files,
4. Training of six (6) staff of the Commission in various courses in Ghana,
5. Establishment and equipping of the Assets Verification Section/unit
6. Server for the installation of several soft ware (Accounting, Income, Assets and Liabilities Disclosures storage and retrieval, Corruption investigations and storage and retrieval, etc.)

3.2 STAOP Project

The Strengthen Transparency, Accountability, Oversight and Participation (STAOP) Project is a Government of Liberia and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) project signed in June 2013 to promote transparency and accountability in state institutions, including the civil society and the media. To date the project, which is being led by the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) as the key implementing partner (IP) and three implementing agencies (IAs) including the Governance Commission (GC), the Public Procurement and Concession Commission (PPCC) and the Liberia Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (LEITI) is making headway. Under the STAOP project, the following activities have thus far been executed:

1. Recruited of three national staff members (National Project Officer, Project Assistant and a Driver) for the Project Office;
2. Provision of an Office Space by the LACC to the STAOP Project;
3. Recruited a National Consultant that produced a Collaborative Framework Document that is now a working amongst integrity institutions;
4. The conduct of a Collaborative Framework workshop held in Tubmanburg, Bomi County and a framework document has been subsequently validated and released to stakeholders and the donor community;
5. STAOP 2014 Annual Work Program (AWP) has been finalized,
6. Corresponding 2014 Annual Work Plan Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Plan finalized,
7. 2014 Consolidated Procurement Plan for the AWP has been finalized,
8. All plans have been forwarded to the Office of the National Secretariat of the National Implementation Modality support Unit (NIMSU).

2.3 ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES

2.3.1 Preparation of Reports

During the year under review, the Commission prepared and distributed project activities reports to the government of Liberia and donor organizations concerned. The reports are:

1. LACC Annual Report covering activities for 2012,
2. First, Second and Third Quarterly Progress Reports of the LACC for 2013 and distributed same with the Office of the President and the National Legislature,
3. First and Second Quarterly Reports of the UNDP (Public Administration Reform and Civil Engagement (PADM),
4. The 2012 International Anti-Corruption Day Celebration Report,
5. Preparation of draft Expressions of Interests (EOIs) for acquiring the professional services of Consultants to undertake specific assignments during the implementation of a World Bank Grant on strengthening the capacity of the LACC,
6. Report on the conduct of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCANC) three-day training workshop,
7. Reports on various training opportunities exploited by the LACC,

2.3.2 Recruitment of An Internal Auditor

The Commission has been without an Internal Auditor since June 2013 as a result of the resignation of the previous Internal Auditor to attend Master degree program. Predicated upon this decision, the Commission solicited applications for the purpose of filling in the vacancy.

Considering that the Commission wanted a transparent process, it requested and got the approval of five (5) other integrity institutions to form part of an Independent Vetting Committee with the following membership:

1. General Service Agency (CSA)-----Chairman
2. Ministry of Finance (MOF)-----Member
3. General Auditing Commission (GAC)-----Member
4. Internal Audit Secretariat (IAS)-----Member
5. Public Procurement &Concession Commission (PPCC)-----Member

At the end of two weeks of intensive interactions with applicants by the Independent Vetting Committee, the Committee recommended the following candidates for the job, but with one being considered first place. He is Mr. Isaac Chea Davis followed by Mr. Morris V. Ware. Mr. Davis as the most recommended candidate commenced official duties as of December 1, 2013.

2.3.4 Preparation and Submission of 2013/2014 Fiscal Budget

The Commission, given an indicative Planning figure within which to cast the Commission’s 2013/2014 fiscal budget, prepared and submitted its budget to the Budget Department, Ministry of Finance (MOF), though highly insufficient to meet the needs of the Commission. The Commission prepared and submitted its annual budget in the tune of \$1.8million to the Ministry of Finance.

2.3.5 Income, Asset and Liabilities Disclosure

2.3.6 Disclosures

During the period under review, the Commission received a total of thirty-six (36) declarations filed by Public Officials (see table below for a summary of declarants and Appendix C for details).

ASSETS DETAILED SUMMARY (2013)

TITLE OF DECLARANTS	NUMBER OF DECLARANTS
Ministers	1
Chairman	1
Co-Chairman	1
Commissioners	2
Deputy Commissioners	2

Ambassadors	2
Deputy Ministers	7
Assistant Minister s	7
Director-Generals	2
Deputy Director-General s	1
Executive Directors	3
Superintendent s	3
Comptrollers	2
Judges	1
Personnel Officers	1
TOTAL DECLARANTS	36

2.3.7 Income Assets and Liabilities Verification Exercise

During the period under review, specifically beginning February 2013, the Commission constituted a five-man committee for the sole purpose of verifying declarations that have been filed with the Commission. Two verification exercises have been conducted and the reports released both to the Office of H.E. President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, and to the public through the media.

2.3.8 Objectives of the Exercise:

The objectives of the exercise include the following:

- (1) To ascertain which assets have been declared,
- (2) To establish whether assets have been truthfully declared– no material omission or misstatement and
- (3) To establish how those assets were acquired – whether the assets are commensurate with income.

2.3.9 Ministries and agencies that were randomly selected for the exercise

2.3.10 Phase 1: Ministries and Agencies

1. Ministry of Finance (MOF)
2. Ministry of Public Works (MPW)
3. Ministry of Health & Social Welfare(MOH/SW)
4. Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA)
5. National Port Authority (NPA)
6. Liberia Maritime Authority (LMA)

2.3.11 Phase 2: Ministries and Agencies

1. Ministry of Education (MOE)
2. Ministry of Justice (MOJ)
3. Ministry of Defense (MOD)
4. Liberia Petroleum Refining Company (LPRC)
5. Liberia Telecommunication Authority (LTA)
6. National Oil Company of Liberia (NOCAL)
7. Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC)
8. Three (3) senior staffers from the Liberia Maritime Authority (LMA)

2.3.12 Training/Workshops/Seminars (External and Internal Training)

During the reporting period, a total of fifteen (15) personnel of the Commission benefitted from various training opportunities under the sponsorship of bi-lateral and institutional fellowships (See schedule A.).

2.3.13 Collaboration

During the period under review, the Commission collaborated with nine (9) national and international organizations in the fight against corruption (see schedule B)

2.3.13 Delegations Hosted at the LACC

During the reporting period, a total of eleven (11) delegations were hosted by the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC). Some of the delegations visited the Commission for one or two reasons as stated below:

1. To acquire information on the workings of the Commission, to include progress, problems and prospects,
2. To acquire information from the Commission to assist some of them prepare proposals to bid for the implementation of donor funded projects intended to assist the Commission, yea Liberia in the fight against corruption

(Schedule C in the appendix)

2.3.14 Commissioners' Meetings

Part VII, Section 7.2, Meetings mandates the Commissioners to meet as frequently as necessary for the effective discharge of the responsibilities of the Commission, but not less than once a month. From its own internal Bylaws the Commissioners (BOC) meet as a body two times/month, first and third Tuesdays of the month. During the year under review, the Body of Commissioners (BOC) met in twenty-four (24) Regular Meetings.

Additionally and whenever there was the need and/or an emergency, the Commissioners met to take major decisions. The reporting period saw the Commissioners meeting in twelve (12) Special Meetings and major policy decisions, totaling fourteen (14), taken as below:

1. Meeting to listen to the presentation, by the National Consultant, findings from the Mapping Corruption Risk in the Education Sector,

2.3.15 General Staff and Secretariat Meetings

During the period under review, the held eighth (8) General Staff Meetings and major policy decisions reached as below:

1. General staff request for the review of the Group Insurance between the Commission and Secure Risk Insurance Company. At the end a new Group Insurance Policy was entered between the Commission and Saar Insurance Incorporated.

Activity	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
2012 Annual report	1	-0-	-0-	-0-	1
LACC Quarterly Report	1	1	1	-0-	3
Donors' Reports	1	1	2	1	5
Total	3	2	3	1	9

5.2 Meetings

Activity	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
Commissioners' Meetings	6	6	6	4	22
Special Meetings	2	2	2	-0-	6
General Staff Meetings	2	2	2	2	8
Senior Staff Meetings	1	1	1	-0-	3
Total	11	11	11	6	39

SCHEDULES:

I. Training (External and Internal) (SCHEDULE A).

No	Name of Course(s)	Venue	Beneficiary	Duration	Sponsorship
01	Advocacy and Human Security in Africa	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Regina Teah	Two weeks	African Center for Peace and Security Training (ACS)
02	1. West Africa Regional Anti-Corruption Workshop, 2. Financial Investigation course	Accra, Ghana	1. Cllr. Othello S. Payman, I. 2. Patrick K. Nyumah 3. Marc K. Kollie	Two weeks, but in two phases.	US Bureau of State International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs
03	Master of Science (M.SC>)	Luxemburg,	1. Aaron H. Aboah, 2. D. Blamo Kofa,	Eighteen (18)	Sponsorship provided both by the International

	Degree in Corruption Studies.	Austria	3. Babar Borkai	months	Anti-corruption Academy and the Government of Liberia
04	Fraud and Corruption: Transparency, Governance and Leadership in Africa	Pan African Training Center, Pretoria, South Africa	Johnetta Neal Lewis	Five (5) days	Pan African Training Center, Pretoria, South Africa
03	Master of Science (M.SC) Degree in Corruption Studies.	Luxemburg, Austria	4. Aaron H. Aboah, 5. D. Blamo Kofa, 6. Babar Borkai	Eighteen (18) months	Sponsorship provided both by the International Anti-corruption Academy and the Government of Liberia. Study is still on-going.
04	Fraud and Corruption: Transparency, Governance and Leadership in Africa	Pan African Training Center, Pretoria, South Africa	Johnetta Neal Lewis	Five (5) days	Pan African Training Center, Pretoria, South Africa
01	Financial Investigations	Accra, Ghana.	1. Cllr. Othello S. Payman, I., 2. Patrick K. Nyumah, 3. Marc K. Kollie	One week	United States Department of States Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL)
	Trans-National Crime (Money Laundering) Investigation	Accra, Ghana.	1. Cllr. Othello S. Payman, I., 2. Patrick Nyumah, 3. Marc Kollie	One week	United States Department of States Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL)
02	Procurement Management Course	Accra, Ghana.	1. Dalmon A. Cooper	Two weeks	World Bank Grant
02	Effective methods and Techniques of managing Public and Donor Fund	Accra, Ghana.	2. Diannamae Gulley, 3. Precious Teasley	Two weeks	World Bank Grant

03	Better Memories for Secretaries and Administrators	Accra, Ghana.	1. Saybah Massah, 2. Frances Fleming	One week	World Bank Grant
04	Assets Management	Accra, Ghana.	1. Benjamin J. Teh	One week	World Bank Grant
05	ACRC Training, International Anti-Corruption Practitioners Course	Seoul, South Korea,	1. Cynthia M. Holder	Two-weeks	South Korea Bilateral Fellowship

II. Collaboration (SCHEDULE B)

No	Description of collaboration	Collaborating Institutions	Comments
01	<p>The collaboration with the Governance Commission and the Center for transparency and Accountability in Liberia is under the National Integrity Forum (NIF) and centered on a proposal to hold a symposium that will assess the National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NAS) to determine what aspects of the strategy that have not been implemented and by which of the stakeholders.</p> <p>To date the three-member Planning Committee involving the Governance Commission, the Center for Transparency and Accountability in Liberia and the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission has concluded the below documents for onward submission to the principals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concept Note, 2. Budget, 3. Implementation plan 4. Souvenir Program 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Governance Commission (GC); 2. Center for Transparency and accountability in Liberia (CENTAL) 	<p>Commitment to fund the program has been made by the African Development Bank (AfDB).</p>

	The LACC collaborated with the UNDP in the implementation of the Mapping of Corruption in the Education Sector.	UNDP/Monrovia	This project has been completed and official release of the report and bulletin boards in two high schools to be launched soon.
02	The collaboration centered on the desire of the Commission to want to expand. AS a result of this verbal request to the Office of the President, the Commission prepared a Quick Impact Project for consideration by some friends of the president who were arriving in Liberia to attend the Panel of High Level UN Experts meeting which took place in January 2013.The specific objectives of the proposal were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To decentralize the Commission by the establishment of two regional offices in Gbarnga and Zwedru, 2. To enhance prosecution by the hiring of more lawyers and equipping the Legal Unit of the Commission. 	Executive Mansion	The LACC has yet to receive feedback from the proposal
03	Under the Open Government Partnership (OGP), the Commission collaborated with other government stakeholders in validating the Draft Country Action Plan (DCAP) of the Republic of Liberia,	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Ministry of Information, 2. LACC, 3. Other stakeholders 	
04	The LACC participated in the National Budget Committee meeting.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministry of Finance (MOF) 2. LACC, 3. Other spending institutions 	
05	The Commission worked along with other integrity institutions to plan a symposium to assess the National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NAS).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LACC, 2. GC, 3. CENTAL 	This initiative is being discussed by the Steering Committee of the NIF.
06	Presentation of the “Overview of Current Fiber optic development and e-government initiative” by the Liberia telecommunication Authority (LTA)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LACC, 2. Other stakeholders 	

07	“Open Government Partnership video conference that was organized by the Center for Media Studies and Peace Building (EMESP) was attended by the LACC.	3. LACC, 4. Other stakeholders	
08	Two-day workshop for procuring entities.	1. PPCC, 2. LACC, 3. Others stakeholders	The PPCC organized and sponsored the workshop which provided some level of education on how spending agencies should manage their procurement.
09	The new Harmonization Approach to Cash Transfers (HACT) that has been adopted for the transaction of business between UN agencies operating in Liberia and Ministries and Agencies of the GoL was explained.	1. PPCC, 2. LACC, 3. Other implementing Partners (IPs) and Implementing Agencies (IAs)	
10	Multi-year project Meeting at the Ministry of Planning and Economic Affairs (MPEA).	1. PPCC, 2. LACC, 3. Other implementing Partners.	
11	The LACC is collaborating with the World Bank as well as other Liberian stakeholders in considering a proposal entitled, “Licensing Toolkit” and advanced by the Bank. The development objective of the project is to support improvements in transparency and accountability in granting of critical licenses and concessions in sectors on which the economy depends with the aim of improving the quality of market entrants in critical sectors at high risk for corruption.	1. MOF, 2. PPCC, 3. LACC, 4. GC, LEITI, MOJ, NIC, EPA, etc.	Stakeholders attending these discussions feel very strongly that what the Bank is proposal is already into place and want the Bank to re-enforce and /or support already established integrity institutions and systems

III. International and National Delegations/Missions Hosted by the Commission (SCHEDULE C)

The Commission during the period played host to international and national delegations. These visits usually solicit information on the workings of the Commission, achievements, problems and prospects. Those organizations and/or individuals that were hosted by the Commission include but not limited to the below:

No	Name	Position & Institution	Information requested
01	Errol Graham	Senior Economist, World Bank	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Government of Liberia is in discussion with the World Bank for a ten million loan, 2. That the World Bank is considering very highly to grant this loan, but that certain benchmarks have to be met, 3. That it is possible for the loan to be approved by June 2013.
02	H.E. Deborah Malac	Ambassador, United States Embassy near Monrovia.	<p>Issues discussed included the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mandate of the LACC, 2. Number of cases forwarded to the Ministry of Justice for prosecution, 3. Number of cases prosecuted, 4. How does the LACC get its cases investigated, 5. Challenges, if there are any, 6. Compliance by the other Branches of the Liberian Government (Legislature and the Judiciary) to the Income, Assets and Liabilities Declaration Regime, 7. On-going Assets Verification exercise recently sanctioned by the LACC
03	Charles Johnson	Chief Executive Officer, Development Alternative Initiative (DAI)	<p>The following issues were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The present activities of the LACC in the fight against corruption,

			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. That the fight against corruption is not mentioned in the Agenda for Transformation (AfT), 3. That this will not give prospective donors the opportunity to design an assistance package in the fight against corruption,
04	Svelleana Minbourn	Technical Director, Management Systems International (MSI)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Issues discussed included the following: 2. Mandate of the LACC, 3. Number of cases forwarded to the Ministry of Justice for prosecution, 4. Number of cases prosecuted, 5. Challenges, if there are any, 6. On-going Assets Verification exercise recently sanctioned by the LACC
05	Cleophas Torori	Country Director/Programme, UNDP	Cleophas Torori was introduced to the Commission as the new Country Director for Programming at UNDP/Monrovia
06	Development Alternative Initiative (DAI)	Charles M. Johnson	DAI is applying for USAID's up-coming assistance program to Liberia in the fight against corruption and was soliciting information to enable it launch its application.
07	Management System International	Madam Svetkana Winbourinne, Technical Director.	MSI is applying for USAID's up-coming assistance program to Liberia in the fight against corruption and was soliciting information to enable it launch its application.
08	United nations Development Programme (UNDP)	Ms. Nessie Golakai, Assistant Resident Representative/UNDP	Mr. Cleophas Torori, new UNDP Country Representative for Programme was introduced to the LACC Commissioners.
09	Swedish International	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marja Ruohomaki, 2. Joachim Harnack. 	Delegation discussed with the BOC members, Executive Director and two Managers of the

	Development Agency (SIDA).		Commission on possible funding of LACC activities.
10	Irish Aid Delegation.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Andrea Breslin, 2. Sinead Walsh 	Delegation was in country to review its Liberia program and to further determine next bilateral assistance for Liberia for 2013/2014
11	AFRICIARIDE GROUP, a Sierra Leone-based organization that is involved in unleashing Entrepreneurship, Trade and Investment in Africa and the Caribbean.	Madam Agatha C.J Johnson, President and CEO.	The Executive Director and Madam Johnson discussed the possibility of holding a two-day workshop in Liberia and Sierra Leone that will focus on Corruption, as it discourages the flow of investment to developing countries.

IV. Challenges and Recommendations

4.1 Challenges:

1. Inadequate prosecutors (LACC needs about ten (10) in-house prosecutors to facilitate the investigation and prosecution of cases of corruption.
2. Absence of critical complementary legal instruments to enhance the work of the LACC, e.g, Whistleblower act, Code of Conduct for Liberian Public Servants, Corrupt Offenses Acts, Illicit Enrichment Act, etc.
3. Lack of subpoena power
4. Lack of a Fast Track Court to deal exclusively with corruption cases.
5. The Commission is experiencing extreme difficulties in obtaining documents from some Ministries and agencies of Government, a situation which is posing hindrance to ongoing investigations,
6. Another aging problem is the issue of the availability of operational funds to enhance the work of the Commission.
7. The uncooperative attitude of some Government officials is causing a serious problem for the Enforcement Division in terms of receiving solicited documents and information from them to facilitate investigations.

4.2 Recommendations:

1. That the Legislature enacts into law critical anti-corruption legal instruments such as the Code of Conduct for Liberian Public Servants, Corrupt Offenses act, Whistle Blower act, illicit enrichment act, etc.
2. That the national Legislature should pass the proposed amendments to the LACC Act of 2008 to include granting the LACC subpoena power amongst others
3. That a Fast Track Court be established to deal exclusively with corruption cases,
4. That adequate in-house prosecutors (LACC needs about ten (10) be recruited for the Commission,
5. That more program support be made available to the Commission to enhance its statutory duties.