

Program + Timetable

5th Bi-annual National Meeting of the Heads of Member Organizations (ARD)
Gbapa, Nimba County
(December 13- 15, 2013)



A cross-section of the training session on Community Participatory Mapping at the last Bi-Annual Meeting

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Opening Session + Policy Dialogue (Friday, December 13, 2013)

Timetable

Time	Activity
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast and Registration
09:00 – 09:30	Introductory activities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a.) Self- Introduction of participants b.) Welcome address, NAEERR/Elders of Gbapa c.) Overview of the Policy Dialogue –Atty. Alfred L. Brownell, Senior Campaigner, Green Advocates/ ARD d.) Special statements: County Superintendent, others
09:30 – 10:30	Community Voices: Request for a seat at the table. List of partner institutions (10 minutes each). This experience sharing session will highlight the status of communities in Liberia on basic human rights or in-county and Community briefings of experiences on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR)
	<i>Regional experience</i> on community empowerment, Mohamed Magazuba, Project Manager in Bombali District, Mankind's Activities for Development Accreditation Movement (MADAM), Sierra Leone
10:30 – 11:00	Keynote Address, Honorable Amara Konneh, Minister of Finance&Economic Planning, Republic of Liberia
11:00 – 13:00	Policy Dialogue: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Members of the 53rd National Legislature b) Line Ministries and Agencies c) Local leaders d) The private sector e) Others
	<i>Floor discussion after all presentations</i>
13:00-14:00	LUNCH BREAK
14:00 – 17:00	Policy Dialogue + Experience Sharing, Cont...
17:00 – 17:30	Closing courtesies <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a.) <i>Special statements- by participants</i> b.) <i>Vote of Thanks</i>

NB: The Opening Session + Policy Dialogue will be presided over by the Steering Committee, Alliance for Rural Democracy (ARD). The Radio appearance, in Nimba, on ARD is planned before the Opening Session + Policy Dialogue

Community Training (Saturday, 14 December 2013)

Timetable

Time	Activity
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast and Registration
09:00 –09:20	Introductory activities: <i>a.) Self- Introduction of participants</i> <i>b.) Welcome address, Chairman, Alliance for Rural Democracy (ARD)</i> <i>c.) Overview of the training–Francis K. Colee, Program Coordinator, Green Advocates</i>
09:20 – 09:50	Position statement and experience sharing on women-specific challenges on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Liberia, Spokesperson, Natural Resource Women Platform (20 Minutes) <i>Questions/ comments from the floor (10 Minutes)</i>
09:50 – 10:20	Training course 1: Criminal Justice System, Cllr. Philip Z. Malik , Legal Counsel, Green Advocates/ARD (20 Minutes) <i>Questions/ comments from the floor (10 Minutes)</i>
10:20 – 10:50	Training Course 2: Company profiling, Tim Steinweg, SOMO, Netherlands (20 Minutes) <i>Questions/ comments from the floor (10 Minutes)</i>
10:50 – 11:20	Training Course 3: Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR), Bah-Wah Brownell, Green Advocates <i>Questions/ comments from the floor (10 Minutes)</i>
11:20 – 11:50	Training course 4: The right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC), Oscar Dolo, Chairman, Whistleblower Union, Grand Cape Mount County (20 Minutes) <i>Questions/ comments from the floor (10 Minutes)</i>
11:50 – 12:20	Training course 5: Community benefit sharing in the forestry sector, Mr. Steven Joe, Regional Representative, Steering Committee, ARD (20 Minutes) <i>Questions/ comments from the floor (10 Minutes)</i>
12:20 – 13:00	Training course 6: Any Rights and Resources Initiatives (RRI)-related activities (To Be Arranged) <i>Questions/ comments from the floor (10 Minutes)</i>
13:00-14:00	LUNCH BREAK
14:00 – 15:00	Training course 6: Awareness raising on the Alliance for Rural Democracy (50 Minutes) <i>Questions/ comments from the floor (10 Minutes)</i>
15:00 – 16:00	Training course 7: Monitoring and reporting Economic, social and

	Cultural Rights (ESCR), Bah-Wah Brownell&Francis K.Colee, Green Advocates
	<i>Questions/comments from the floor (10 Minutes)</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Closing courtesies a.) <i>Special statements- by participants</i> b.) <i>Vote of Thanks</i>

Strategic planning (Plenary) meeting (December 15, 2015)

Timetable

Time	Activity
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast and Registration
09:00 – 09:10	Introductory activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.) Self- Introduction of participants b.) Welcome and overview of the Plenary, Chairman, Alliance for Rural Democracy (ARD)
09:10 – 10:00	Steering Committee’s report to Plenary since Kon Town 2012 including progress, challenges and special tasks assigned (by the meeting) at Kon Town, Mr. Paul Larry George, Chairman, Alliance for Rural Democracy (ARD)
	Floor Discussions: Responses to and/or actions on Steering Committee’s report to Plenary since Kon Town 2012
10:00 – 11:00	Plenary discussion and adoption of draft Decisions as proposed by the Steering Committee, ARD
11:00 – 12:00	Working Group sessions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Resolution at 5th Bi-Annual Meeting on the status of economic, social and cultural rights across communities in Liberia; b) 2014 Work Plan for ARD
12:00 – 12:45	Plenary discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Adoption of Resolution and Message for the 5th Bi-Annual Meeting b) Adoption of 2014 Work Plan for ARD c) Decision on next meeting venue or venue of the next Bi-Annual meeting
12:45 – 13:00	Closing courtesies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.) Special statements- by the participants b.) Vote of Thanks
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK
TBA (To Be Arranged)	Social night and Cultural performances