

Governance and institutional reform

Increasing transparency and efficiency in Liberian public finances

Support to the General Audit Commission of the Republic of Liberia

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General Audit Commission of the Republic of Liberia

Facts and Figures

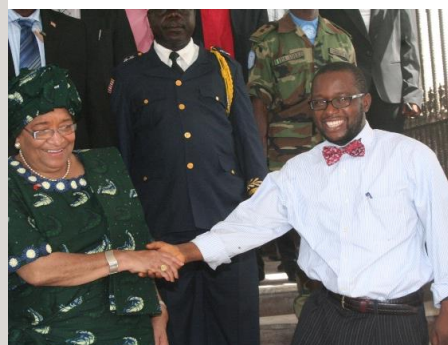
- EC contribution: €7.2 million (100% of the total)
- Duration: 2006- 2013



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"Our responsibility at the General Audit Commission is to create value for money for Liberian taxpayers, as well as taxpayers of the European Union and other development partners. Mechanisms have therefore been put in place to protect Liberian and donor funded programmes."

John Sembe Morlu II. Auditor General
Republic of Liberia



Context

A General Auditing Office has existed in Liberia since 1972, with the mandate to audit all accounts of the government. In 2005, an act was passed to amend the 1972 law and create the General Auditing Commission as an independent commission reporting to legislature and to move in line with international best practices. An important challenge faced by the Auditing Commission was the need to build the capacity of the staff and increase the institution's credibility.

Objectives

- Increasing accountability, transparency, effectiveness and efficiency in the management of public finances in Liberia.
- Strengthening General Auditing Commission capacity and to ensure sustainable human resources management systems for the future.

Impact

- Enactment of necessary financial reforms, enabling the decision of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank to grant Liberia a total debt relief of US\$ 4.6 billion in June 2010.
- Production and submission to the National Legislature of 37 audit reports over the period 2007-2010.
- 353 staff at the General Auditing Commission have successfully attended training.
- Establishment of a quality assurance department and quality control manual within the General Auditing Commission.