

**NATIONAL REPORT OF LIBERIA
MONROVIA, LIBERIA**

**REPORT ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE BRUSSELS PROGRAMME OF ACTION**

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Introduction

The National Report of Liberia which entails the Report on the Status of Implementation of the Brussels Program of Action for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs), for the decade 2001 – 2010 is very significant, first and foremost to bring to focus the Republic of Liberia implementation standing and to intensify the interaction between the UNECA and UN-OHRLLS Executive Secretariat and the National Focal Point – Liberia; in its handling and/or coordination of the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action for the remaining five (5) years. In view of the new national dispensation which assures: peace, democracy, good governance, regional cooperation and integration, economic viability, etc.

This Report on the Status of Implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action (BPOA) in Liberia encompasses end points as well as actions that should be taken to achieve the effective and efficient accomplishment of the BPOA. Also, preparatory steps taken towards the effectuation of the BPOA and the hindrances or impediments that occasioned the non-starter of giving practical effect to the BPOA are indicated.

Constraint/Set Back

Before the Brussels Programme of Action was circulated to member states for implementation, Liberia was already a pariah state; under sustained dissident attacks, UN sanctions, heighten insecurity, and bad governance at home. From the year 2000 – 2003, the Liberian Government priority was narrowed down to national defense/security. October 2003 – January 2006, Government was engaged with the transition from a devastating fourteen (14) years civil war that engulfed the entire country to building and sustaining the peace; from relief to recovery; redeeming Liberia's tartar image and resuscitating government institutions, programmes and policies.

Achievement

The institutional mechanism has been set up to ensure that policies and programmes of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa are translated into implementation activities at the Country level – the ECA National Unit/National Focal Point-Liberia is fully structured and manned. It was given a rebirth in December of 2005 to lay the basis for the coordination of the implementation of the Brussels of Programme of Action and other programmes and policies.

Next Step

Increase interaction between the National Focal Point-Liberia and the Executive Secretariat of the UN Regional Commissions (UNECA and UN-OHRLLS); capacity building through participation in seminars, workshops and other training sessions organized by UNECA & UN-OHRLLS; adequate information sharing; and the provision of logistics; will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the National Focal Point-Liberia to carry into effect the Brussels Programme of Action and other policies and programmes meant to support the economic and social development of Liberia, foster regional integration, and promote international cooperation.

The Brussels Programme of Action implementation process will be fast track, for Liberia to measure up to an acceptable standing within a period of eighteen (18) months.

Conclusion

Economic and social development, regional integration, and international cooperation is a highly interactive process aimed at harmonizing and improving upon national development policies and programmes. Consequently, the mission between the National Focal Point-Liberia on the one hand and the UNECA and UN-OHRLLS on the other, should be characterized by an increase and strengthen interaction, capacity building, and information sharing: to ensuring Liberia's maximum participation and contribution to the regional integration and development process.