



**POLITICAL PARTY POLL-WATCHING TOT
POLING AND COUNTING PROCEDURES
ELECTORAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION**



NEC CONDUCTS TRAINING FOR POLITICAL PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES' AGENTS ON POLLING AND COUNTING PROCEDURES & ELECTORAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION

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AT THE JACKIE GUEST HOUSE, GANTA CITY, NIMBA COUNTY

NEWSLETTER

REPRESENTATIVES OF NEC, PBO AND UNDP DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TRAINING WORKSHOP



BACKGROUND: The National Elections Commission (NEC) with support from UNDP Electoral Support Project, with contribution from Germany, and in collaboration with USAID through the National Democratic Institute (NDI) conducts training in polling and counting procedures and prevention of electoral violence for political party/candidates' agents across the country. The training which started on 13 November in Monrovia is designed to train representatives of each political party and independent candidates who will further train their poll-watchers to observe various polling stations during the 2020 Special Senatorial Elections (SSE). The training in Ganta have seen over 70 participants from Grand Gedeh, Nimba, Bong, Lofa and Maryland and Rivergee.

OPENING CEREMONY: In the opening ceremony, the UNDP, Peacebuilding Office who also participates in the program, and NEC representatives encouraged the participants to serve as ambassadors of peace and democracy for the rest of

their colleagues. Specifically, the NEC and PBO representatives cautioned the party agents to refrain from engaging in false claims and allegations that may lead to tensions and violence during the SSE. Instead, each person should endeavour to help others in ensuring a peaceful Liberia. The UNDP representatives specifically emphasised the partnership with the Government of Liberia and pledged to continue to support a transparent and violent-free electoral process and encouraged participants to ensure proper understanding of the procedures.



NEC Oversight Commissioner for the SSE Speaks at the Opening Ceremony



PBO Representative facilitate a training Session

POLLING AND COUNTING PROCEDURE: During the presentation, the NEC Head of Political Affairs presented the do's and don't's for the poll-watchers, E-day opening and closing procedures, as well as information on electoral disputes resolution. The training ended with the E-day simulation.

ELECTIONS VIOLENCE PREVENTION SESSION: The Representative of Peacebuilding Office highlighted the concept, trends, definitions, and triggers of electoral violence. He also presented the existing Situation Room that serves as early warning and response mechanism. Participants also learned more about prevention of Violence Against Women in Elections.

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