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National Elections Commission (NEC) and its partner the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has teamed up with the National Democratic Institute (NDI) through the Strengthening Political Parties Program (SP3) to provide training for over 400 representatives of political parties and independent candidates' and their representatives. These trainings will cover topics such as: election procedures, the role of political party agents, training of their party members, election monitoring deployment plans, the collection of field data, tallying procedures, and complaint procedures. Furthermore, in close collaboration with the Liberia Peace-Building Office (PBO), the training will be also dedicated to prevention of electoral violence, early warning, and response. All political parties and coalitions/alliances registered to contest in December 8 Election are invited to send a proportional number of representatives to participate in the training, the total number will be dependant on the number of counties they are contesting. Independent candidates are also invited to participate or nominate their representatives.

The Training of Trainers sessions will take place in Monrovia from 13 November, while additional trainings will be conducted in regions namely Ganta, Tubmanburg, Buchanan. The two-week program will end on 1 December with the final session on electoral violence prevention.

Participants of the Training of Trainers session will in turn act on behalf of their political parties to train their own members in areas such as electoral procedures, deployment plans, the roles and responsibilities of party agents, and the collection of field data.

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