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Press Release

UK Tax Experts Access LRA Capacity For Support

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A delegation of two tax experts from the United Kingdom has concluded its weeklong



mission aimed at accessing the capacity of the Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA) for support and collaboration in enhancing tax administration in Liberia.

LRA Commissioner General Elfrieda Stewart Tamba received the two experts and expressed the need for a stronger working partnership with Her Majesty Revenue and Customs Agency.

LRA Commissioner General Elfrieda Stewart Tamba and the UK Tax Experts including Mike O’Doherty and Juilan Ainley following their meeting at the LRA headquarters



The LRA Chief welcomed the UK Tax Experts including Mike O’Doherty and Juilan Ainley and looked forward to increasing collaboration between the two agencies.

UKTax Experts including Mike O’Doherty and Juilan Ainley and officials and staff of the LRA in smiles after their briefing meeting

She expressed specific need for capacities to

strengthen tax inspection or audits of both the traditional and non-organized structures such as manufacturing, trading, and telecommunication and the natural resources sectors.

The delegation's visit was in fulfilment of calls for technical assistance and external partnerships initiated by the LRA Commissioner General as part of sustained efforts to grow the national revenue base through increased use of best practices, institutional capacity development and improved operational effectiveness.

While in the country, the UK delegation focused on accessing the LRA capacity with the aim of identifying possible areas for collaboration and support. The delegation also focused on strengthening the LRA's capacity in micro revenue forecasting, and as well as developing a transformation and modernization framework for the LRA.

Meanwhile, at the close of the weeklong visit, the delegation recommended the establishments of three strategic units including Modernization, Tax Policy and an Independent Debt Collection Unit.

The modernization unit, the team indicated, should keep separate and clear functions of planning, design, and delivery, while the Tax Policy Unit will engage in interpreting the tax code and providing guidance to taxpayers. The Independent Debt Collection Unit will focus on collecting unpaid taxes due the state.

The partnership was developed through representation made on behalf of the LRA Boss to the UK in August 2015 by the Authority's Manager for Policy and External Affairs, Mr. Wellington Jah.

Messrs. Mike O'Doherty and Juilan Ainley expressed overwhelming interest to work with the LRA, with the aim of expanding the scope of engagement, and took note of need assistance for the LRA.

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