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## **LRA Commissioner General Hails Sweden’s Support To Liberia; Seeks Partnership & Technical Assistance**

***Monrovia, June 17, 2016*** - The Commissioner General of the Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA) Mrs. Elfrieda Stewart Tamba has applauded the contribution of the Swedish Government to the development of Liberia, including the Liberia Revenue Authority.

Sweden has been helping with Liberia’s postwar development program in several areas including strengthening of the financial sector through its development arm—Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA).

“The Swedish government has been good partners to Liberia....especially in your goal to reduce poverty,” Commissioner General Tamba stated recently when she led an LRA delegation to the Swedish Embassy in Monrovia. The visit was a follow-up to the one paid to the LRA by the Swedish Ambassador to Liberia Ms. Lena Nordström in late January.

The Commissioner General acknowledged the Swedish Government’s goal to support poverty reduction and indicated that the more private sector trade is improved in the country, the better it will be for Liberia and Liberians.

“We have come to concretize our relationship with the Swedish Government,” the country’s chief tax collector said, adding, “Though we have benefited from the

Swedish Government through the SIDA basket, we come to seek a more direct Technical Assistance from the Swedish Government.”

The Commissioner General then presented an official letter requesting technical support to enable the LRA to achieve its strategic objectives and outcomes, and to establish partnership with the Swedish Revenue Authority.

The Swedish envoy indicated that her government intends to help people living in poverty better their lives because it is part of Human Rights.

The head of Development Cooperation at the Embassy added that Sweden’s support focus on Strengthening Democracy, Gender Equality, and increasing respect for human rights.

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***LRA Commissioner General-led delegation and Swedish Ambassador and Embassy officials following the fruitful meeting and exchanges***



***Ambassador Lena Nordstrom (far left) takes notes as other Embassy officials during the meeting listen during the two-hour long meeting***