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UNCTAD Certificates LRA Staff As Int'l Trade Facilitation Trainer



Zechariah Geedehgar Munford

(Monrovia, March 7, 2018) The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has awarded a professional certificate to Zechariah Geedehgar Munford of the Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA) as an International Trade Facilitator Trainer.

Mr. Munford, a Senior Officer for Valuation in the LRA Customs Department, received the global recognition following the completion of a two-year intensive international trade facilitation training program.

Before being certificated, Mr. Munford completed the five modules of the empowerment program and also obtained satisfactory marks during the evaluations.

“With the level of training acquired from the [program], I am well placed to make vital contributions to quality trade reform initiatives in Liberia,” Mr. Munford said.

He expressed gratitude to the UNCTAD for the training opportunity and the professional recognition as a certified trainer. This, he said, will enhance his ability to produce quality results in trade facilitation training.

The training initiated by the UNCTAD begun in 2016 as a result of Liberia’s membership accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

The program was intended to strengthen members of the Liberia National Trade Facilitation Committee (LNTFC) to institute vital trade reforms including the provisions of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA).

Meanwhile, LRA Commissioner General Elfrieda Stewart Tamba has congratulated Mr. Munford for the achievement, describing it as a pride for the LRA and Liberia as a country.

The CG urged Munford to use the skills to positively impact the collection of lawful revenues in achieving the country’s domestic resource mobilization agenda.