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## LRA Staff, Others Trained In Customs & Trade Facilitation



*Partial view participants, trainees and officials at the close of the training*

(Monrovia, May 16, 2018): Twenty-One staffers of the Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA), mainly Customs Officers, and private sector partners working in the areas of logistics and supply chain management, have been awarded professional certificates in Customs and Trade Facilitation.

The recognition followed a recent weeklong training course in Monrovia focusing on building effective and efficient supply chains, efficient customs procedures, and supply chain partnerships. It was aimed at creating trade opportunities to facilitate revenue collection.

The Customs and Logistics training conducted by experts from evofenedex and STC-NESTRA was funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The initiative is part of massive efforts to boost the transformation and modernization of the LRA and at the same strengthen cooperation with partner institutions in the private sector as a means of augmenting domestic resource mobilization.

Speaking when she presented certificates to the participants, LRA Commissioner General Elfrieda Stewart Tamba praised the government and people of Netherland for the vital support to the LRA.

“We are very grateful to the government of Netherland and taxpayers for supporting this effort which plays a key role in helping to attain our transformation and modernization agenda,” CG Tamba noted.

She underscored the importance of the training as an essential component which links to the implementation of LRA’s cooperate strategic and business plans as well as its strategic goal and employees’ professional development.

Netherland Ambassador to Liberia Ron Strikker, in remarks, described customs and logistics operations as key for adequate port management in realizing effective domestic resource mobilization.



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LRA HR Senior HR Officer Simpson Klay (right) receives certificate from Commissioner General Tamba (middle) as Netherland Ambassador to Liberia Ron Strikker looks on with broad smiles

He said effective port management is an essential fundamental pillar for economic growth, but indicated that said drive must be supported by good logistical systems and transparent customs handling.

Ambassador Srikker assured that the Dutch Government remains supportive of Liberia's developmental drive.

The Customs and Trade Facilitation training was the first in a series of training activities supported by the Dutch Government, being implemented in phases.