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Millennium Challenge Account-Liberia Holds Roundtable Discussions On Strategy To Drive Gender And Social Inclusion



The Millennium Challenge Account-Liberia Tuesday launched a three-day working session on Social and Gender Integration Training Plan that will promote electrification of markets in Monrovia. The working session brought together national and international partners, holding sectional roundtable discussions on strategy to drive gender and social inclusion, challenges in Liberia and beyond. The working session focused on customers' service center with aim to promote access, market electrification, MSME productive usage of electricity.

"The section is geared towards promoting investment to ensure economic growth which could be measured in terms of increase in

GDP and per Capita income including vulnerable groups," Millennium Challenge Account-Liberia Chief Executive Officer, Monie R. Captan said.

"In order for development investment to impact all sectors of the population, it must be inclusive in that the benefit should be globally accessible. A country with a decent GDP growth could very well place low on the Human Development index." He said planning for such integration is paramount to social and gender inclusion, which has an objective of MCC's poverty reduction strategy. He added that investment also focuses on wider beneficiary base. The Ministry of Gender Children and Social Protection including the Ministry of Commerce expressed willingness to sup-

port the initiative to ensure that government achieves its pro-poor agenda. For her part, MCC Resi-

dent Director, Kateri Clement said: "The US Government remains committed to supporting Libe-

ria's development initiative." **Writes Titus E. Dessie**