**INDEPENDENT INFORMATION COMMISSION**

**10TH STREET, MONROVIA, LIBERIA**

**Press Release**

**(Monrovia - Feb. 24, 2014):** The Independent Information Commission (IIC) announces the launch of a six-month project to increase public awareness of the Freedom of Information Law and its relevance to open governance and development in Liberia.

The project officially rolls out this Wednesday, February 26, 2014 in Zwedru, Grand Gedeh County with a two-day regional sensitation workshop for local officials and other actors.

Hundreds of local officials, civil society actors, university students, traditional leaders, and public information officers across the country are expected to broaden their understanding of their basic right to access public information and complaint processes in case of denial under the project.

Among other key issues, the project will provide basic record keeping knowledge to the Commission’s staffs and public information officers at government agencies and private bodies covered under the Freedom of Information Act as well as FOI stakeholders.

The project which is funded by the Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA), also seeks to build and strengthen the capacity of the Commission to carry out its mandate effectively.

While in Zwedru, the Commission’s Chairman, Cllr. Bedor-Wla Freeman is also expected to address the quarterly assembly of the Liberian National Bar Association convening in the provincial city on the FOI Act.

The Independent Information Commission is working to promote access to information in Liberia and answer some of the basic questions about the Freedom of Information Act established 2010, for purpose of giving citizens and residents’ greater access to government information.

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