



National Public Health Institute of Liberia

Preventing and Controlling Public Health Threats

Press Release

One Health Coordination Platform confirms the Government of Liberia's commitment to the institutionalization of the One Health approach in Liberia

Monrovia, Liberia, October 9, 2017. Hon. Joseph N. Boakai, Vice-President of the Republic of Liberia, in his capacity as chairperson of the One Health Coordination Platform (OHCP), endorses the Declaration of Commitment to institutionalize the One Health approach in Liberia. This Declaration of Commitment was signed by representatives of line ministries and agencies at the official launch in June 2017. This is the first meeting of the Coordination Platform since it was launched.

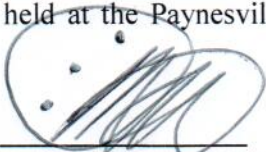
The OHCP underscores the Government of Liberia's commitment to address issues relating to potential threats of emerging and re-emerging diseases of public health concern globally, by strengthening multi-sectorial collaborations. It will also contribute to the operationalization of the OHCP activities.

The **specific objectives** of this meeting were to update participants on the progress and challenges encountered in the implementation of the One Health approach in Liberia, discuss the membership and structure of OHCP, as well as, the responsibilities of various collaborating parties. The annual work plan and funding requirements were also discussed.

The One Health approach is a proactive, integrated approach that calls for multi-sectorial and interdisciplinary engagement across the human, animal (including wildlife), and environmental health sectors, to better predict, prevent, detect and respond to interconnected health threats affecting animal, human, and ecosystem domains. This mechanism allows multiple sectors of government institutions, including private sectors, to work together, share information, jointly evaluate issues and propose solutions that may require using resources from multiple ministries or agencies.

The event was held at the Paynesville City Town Hall, this morning, Monday, October 9, 2017.

Signed by: _____


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