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Liberia Observes 2nd International One Health Day

On November 3, 2017, the Government of Liberia and partners through its One Health Coordination Platform (OHCP) will join the rest of world in observance of the 2nd International One Health Day (IOHD). The platform for Liberia was launched on June 28, 2017 by its chair, Ambassador Joseph N. Boakai, Vice President of the Republic of Liberia. In Dakar and Abuja a declaration of commitment for the ECOWAS Regional was signed for Policy Coordination Platform "One Health" to address zoonotic diseases and other related public health threats. Liberia, under the commitment is the second country in West Africa to establish and launched a National One Health Coordination Platform and the first country to host its platform meeting and signed a communiqué committing implementing agencies and partners to see one health approach institutionalize and in action. The country theme for this year observance of the 2nd International One Health Day is " Preventing the next epidemics through One Health Coordination and Collaboration in Liberia."

The Government of Liberia is fully commitment to the institutionalization of the "One Health Approach" across line Ministries, Agencies, Universities, the Private sector and Civil Society across Liberia.

The IOHD is a global program instituted by an international campaign coordinated through the One Health Commission, the One Health Initiative and the One Health Platform Foundation to initiate multi-sectoral approach to address human, animal and environmental health issues on emerging and re-emerging diseases across disciplines. Education and awareness on One Health is the key for this year observance.

A program will be held in observance of the day in Liberia at the University of Liberia auditorium on capital hill. Round table discussion amongst key stakeholders will focus "One Health collaboration for the control of emerging and re-emerging diseases in Liberia" aim at providing education and creating awareness on One Health Collaboration will be high on the agenda. One Health Collaboration is mechanism that allows sharing of information jointly and propose solutions that require using resources from multiple and diverse institutions through the one health approach to better predict, prevent, detect, and respond appropriately to interconnected health threats affecting animal (including wildlife), environmental and the health sectors.


In view of the foregoing, the Government of Liberia acknowledges the assistance of all partners in strengthening and sustaining the One Health Approach for a vibrant coordination in country.

Government Ministries and Agencies: (MOH, MOA, MOCI, MIA, NPHIL, FDA, EPA & NDMA)



Development partners: (USAID, FAO, World Bank, WHO, RERDICT and P&R/DAI)



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