



Conservation and Sustainable Use of Liberia's Coastal Natural Capital Engagement Meeting with UNDP SMALL GRANT UNIT

**September 22, 2020 held at CI-Liberia Office on 13th Street Sinkor, Beachside
Monrovia, Liberia**

OVERVIEW OF THE MEETING

The general objective of the meeting was to initiate coordination and collaboration on Small Grants Programme in Liberia and aligned Liberia's Natural Capital Accounting project Component 2 that mainly focused is on Innovative financing schemes for conserving coastal natural capital wherein a Small grant mechanism is to be established to support coastal conservation.

Against this backdrop, the GEF NCA Project Team meet with the UNDP Small Grant Team to get an understanding of how the small grants programme is working, what current projects are being implemented along the coast; lessons learned and ensure that we coordinate and avoid duplication.

The meeting highlighted amongst many things the current UNDP Small Team works over the years including lesson learned, challenges, opportunities, and successes. Additionally, the UNDP Team informed the NCA Team that there is a National Strategy for implementing the programme.

Below are key takeaways:

- Hold continue monthly/quarterly coordination and collaboration meeting
- UNDP Small Grant Team to share with the CI Team overview and lesson learned of small grants implementation in Liberia regarding Biodiversity, Mangroves and other Ecosystem related activities, and
- UNDP Small Grant Team will share with the Country Program Strategy for Small Grants in Liberia

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