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ULAA NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION RELEASES PROTOCOL FOR POLITICAL DISCUSSION

WASHINGTON, March 16, 2016 – The Union of Liberian Associations in the Americas, ULAA, officially announces protocol for political consultative sessions. In a communication dispatched to the offices of the National Secretariat, the Inaugural Committee Chairman Abraham Massalley says all is set for the political consultative session slated for the morning of March 26, 2016. The event will begin with a Joint Board of Directors, National Leadership and National Administration from 9:00 a. m. - 10:45 a. m., follows by the political consultative session which begins at 11:00 a. m. According to Inaugural Chairman Massalley, key political and national leaders from the Republic of Liberia, the Diaspora USA, Europe and West Africa are expected to make presentations.

Meanwhile, the following are the key dates & times for the Inaugural Event:

Saturday, March 26, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 A.M.

First session

9:00 a.m. – 10:45 A.M.

Second session

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p. m.

Diaspora Political Consultative Session

- 1. 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**
 - a. Civil society leaders**
 - b. Community activists**
 - c. Political and National leaders**
 - d. Government of Liberia**
 - e. The Office of the Vice President**

Topics

- a. The Sedition and Defamation Laws and its impact of Free Speech and the Liberian political process
- b. The current security and safety conditions in Liberia
- c. The implications of UNMIL withdrawal as the country moves towards the 2017 elections
- d. The role of grassroots community organizations in promoting reading among young children
- e. Voters education and the impact on the 2017 elections
- f. The 1973 Alien and National Laws and its impact on Dual citizenship
- g. Social, healthcare services and you
- h. The Liberian press: is it for sale?
- i. Business, government and society: can one survive without the others?
- j. What is UCEP, and what is its role in and vision for ULAA and the Republic of Liberia?

Presenters include:

1. Cllr. Jallah Barbu, Head of Liberia Law Review
2. Ms. Laura Golakeh, Executive Director of Liberia Read Project and Recipient of Nelson Mandela Award
3. Mr. Jeremiah C. Sulunteh, Liberian Ambassador, Washington, D. C.
4. Mr. Simeon Freeman, Political Leader of the Movement for Progressive Change
5. Mr. Anthony V. Kesselly, Policy Advisor, Office of the Vice President, and VP Joseph N. Boakai Designated Representative to ULAA Inaugural
6. Arthur K. Watson, Acting Chairman, ULAA Council of Eminent Persons
7. Mr. Franklin Wesseh, Executive Director, Center for the Exchange of Intellectual Opinions
8. Mrs. Jennifer Gray-Brumskine, Executive Director, National Social Service Commission, ULAA
9. Among many others.

Please note that the political consultative session will take place at the Clarion Hotel, 76 Industrial Highway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

For all other information and latest news, please call the Union Toll free at: 1-866-592-4480 or local number at: 202-688-2792. Also, you can call Inaugural Committee Chairman at 215-868-2822.

NOTE: Attire is strictly restricted to business or African dress codes, and absolutely, NO jeans pants and sneakers are allowed.

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