

Bureau of Trade Services Achievements 2016 (in order of rank)

1.1.1 Business Roundtable: We have organized the Business-to-Business Roundtable and the Government-to-Business Roundtable to provide solutions to challenges faced by the Liberian business community.

1.1.2 Launch of the Tourism Strategy: We launched the National Export Strategy on Tourism. Two projects identified under the strategy were the Tourism website (www.experienceliberiatourism.com), which was launched, and the Kpatawee Waterfalls.

1.1.3 Liberian Business Registry

The business registry has introduced a transformative way to register your business, by introducing the Mobile Business Registration, which was launched in Grand Cape Mount County. The Mobile Business Registration combines business, tax and social security registration and consumer education awareness initiatives to ensure that GoL programs and services are devolved as close to the commercial hubs or public as possible.

1.1.4 ECOWAS Trade Liberalization Scheme: We have led stakeholder consultations on the implementation of the ETLS and recently led an Export Promotion Trade Mission to Accra, Ghana to network oil palm concessions with potential market in the region.

1.1.5 WAMZ Trade Ministers' Forum: We coordinated and facilitated the 8th WAMZ Trade Ministers' Forum. Liberia is chairing the WAMZ Technical Committee and the Ministerial Forum.

1.1.6 Stable Prices and Constant Supply of Bulk Commodities

The Ministry, as per its mandate, ensured the steady supply of, and stability in the prices of essential commodities (rice, cement, and petroleum products). The Ministry put in place mechanism to strengthen monitoring of inventory and prices of these products through the publication of Weekly Market Report, the Commerce Today, a monthly bulletin of critical commodities, and the 2015 Trade Bulletin which documents the level of impact trade has on the critical industrial inputs of the economy.

1.1.7 Liberia's WTO Post Accession Plan

With accession to the World Trade Organization come specific commitments. Liberia undertook to reform its trade facilitation for the trade community and improve the business climate. The Ministry is in the process of finalizing the tenders for the establishment of a National Single Window, to automate trade processes and procedures, and Verification of Conformity Contract, to put in place a quality infrastructure.