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PROTOCOL – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PERSONALITIES OF PERISUD:

Mr. Francisco J. Lopez, County Program Manager, Cities Alliance
Mr. Ivan Borisavljevic, Head of Section for Resilience, European Union Delegation
Mr. Randall Dobayu, Deputy Executive Director, Environmental Protection Agency
(Represented by **Mr. Abayomi Grant,** Senior Waste Management Officer)
Paynesville City Corporation (PCC)
Monrovia City Corporation (MCC)
Bobby Witfield, WASH
Isaac A. David Sr. Memorial School
Mr. Septimus Nyanfor
Ms. Yondeh Moore Illechukwu
Journalist and C + V Officer

Welcome Statement (*Mrs. Christine Tolbert Norman****)***

It gives me great honor and pleasure to welcome all of you distinguished guest to this extra-ordinary occasion, held at IADSM-School, a school that I co-founded 52years ago. Today we are lunching the "First of its kind" in Liberia of a Home Biogas System. This system turns waste to liquid gas used to provide the energy needed to operate a cooking gas stove.

On behalf of the IADSM School Family, we express our profound appreciation to Cities Alliance, the European Union and all parties who selected our school as one of the 10 pilot sites for this innovative project. Today is significant, as coincides with COP 25 where, nations concerned about climate change are deliberating in Madrid Spain about the progress the World is making regard this serious issue.

Mr. Lopez and distinguished guests, I am pleased to note that I have been privileged to work in partnership with Cities Alliance on several occasions at the Women Mayors and Local Leaders Summit in Bogota, Columbia, Oct. 12-14, 2016 that was followed by The UN Habitat III Conference, Oct. 15-20, 2016. There I served on a panel organized by Cities Alliance with a topic: "Strengthening Partnership – The means of implementing the new urban agenda" as a member of the Liberian delegation. We were signers of the new urban agenda otherwise known as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This document sets a new Global strategy around urbanization for the next two decades, until 2030.

My second association with Cities Alliance was in 2017, when I and a group of Mayors were sponsored to engage in a peer learning exchange with the Rwanda Association of Recall Government Authorities in Kegali from Sept. 26, to Oct. 1, 2017.

These enlightening and enriching experience intensified my consciousness about sustainable development. Today, I am very proud to be witnessing the launching of such an innovative project that addressed two of the SDG's:

a. No 7: Ensuring access to Affordable and Reliable and Modern Energy for all
b. No 13: Taking urgent action to combat Climate Change

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Implementing Waste-To-Energy Innovative Approaches in Greater Monrovia.

Home biogas Launch
Isaac David Sr. Mem. School
Paynesville, Monrovia
Thursday December 5,2019

Time	Activity	Person/s Responsible
9:00-9:30	Arrival	Invited Guests and Partners
9:30-10:00	Song	The School Choir
10:00-10:10	Welcome Statement	Christine Tolbert Norman Sr. Consultant and Co-founder Isaac David Sr. Mem. School
10:10-10:30	Overview of the Project	Mr. Francisco J. Lopez Country Program Manager Cities Alliance
10:30-10:40	Special Remarks	Mr Ivan Borisavljevic, Head of Section for Resilience European Union Delegation
10:40-10:50	Remarks	Mr. Randall Dobayu Deputy Executive Director Environmental Protection Agency
10:50- 11:20	Remarks	Paynesville City Corporation PCC Monrovia City Corporation MCC
11:20-11:40	Demonstration by the students: forgotten Future SDGs	Isaac David Mem. School
11:40-12:00	Tour of the Unit at Isaac David School How it works?	Mr. Septimus Nyanfor Ms. Yondeh Moore Illechukwu
	Group Photo	All
	Press Conference Tour of other sites with the Press	Journalists and C+V Officer

PHOTOS GALLERY



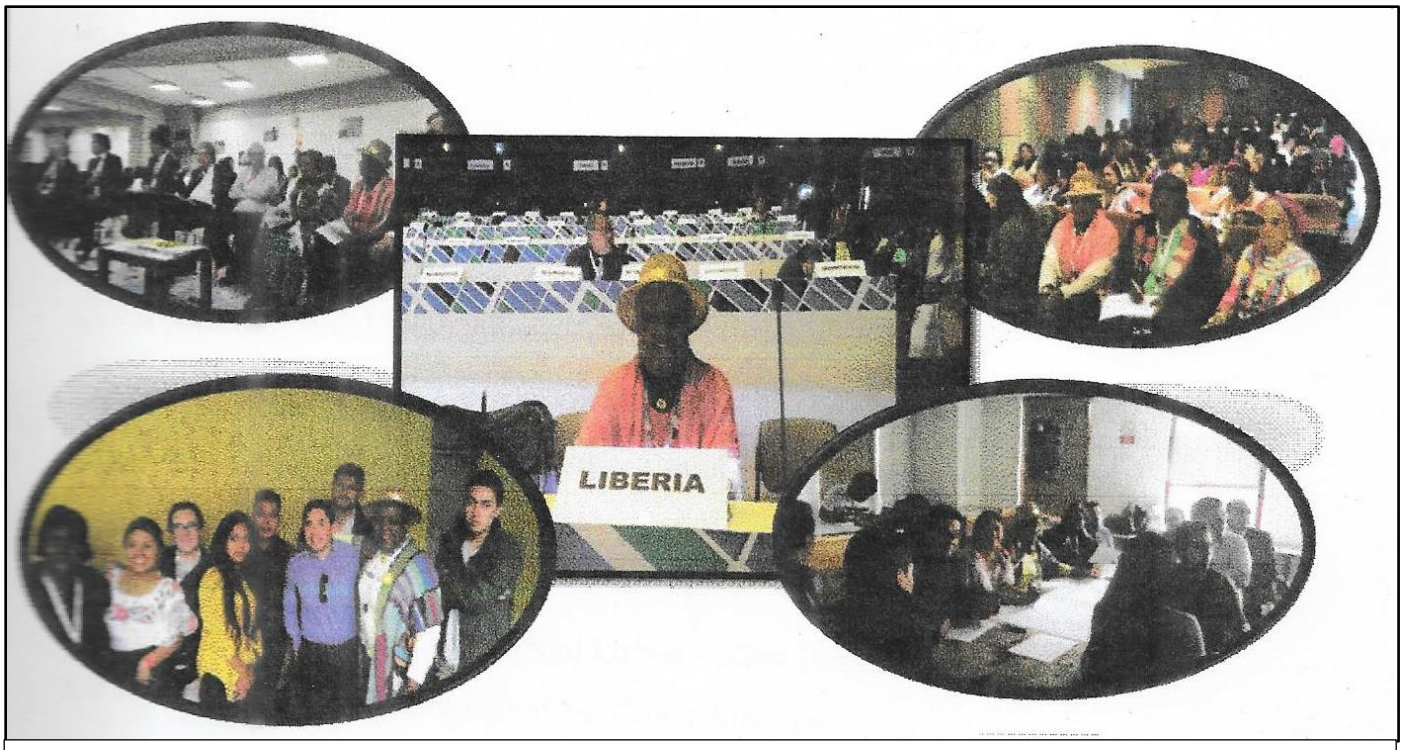




Citizens of Bentol City are in the constant hobbit of cutting down trees, burning it to make hundreds of thousands bag of charcoals (Deforestation).



Pictures above are results of deforestation. Few years ago, the Town-Chief of Kollimen Town and some villagers were victims of the deforestation activities that are ongoing in Bentol City.



Mrs. Christine Tolbert Norman at the Women Mayors and Local Leaders Summit Oct. 12 – 14, 2016 and U.N. Habitat III Conference Oct. 15 – 20, 2016 in Bogota, Colombia



Mrs. Christine Tolbert Norman at the Peer-Learning Exchange on Activities with the Rwanda Association of Local Government Authorities (RALGA) Sept. 26 – Oct 1, 2017 in Kigali, Rwanda sponsored by Cities Alliance and United Cities and Local Government of Africa (UCLG Africa)