The Comparative Postconflict Recovery Project (CPRP)

CPRP Workshop in Monrovia, Liberia
January 4-7, 2014

Co-organizers:
Bruce Knauft, Emory University, Atlanta, USA
Michael McGovern, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA

Main venue: The Mamba Point Hotel, Mamba Point, Monrovia, Liberia

NOTE: All participant presentations at the workshop will be strictly limited to 10 minutes in duration, followed by 20 minutes of collective discussion.

Schedule

• Thursday January 2: Arrival
  o Most foreign participants and Mike McGovern arrive ROB Monrovia 9:25pm on British Airways flight #137 from London
  o Collective van (or 2 taxis) from ROB airport to Mamba Point Hotel
  o Sleep Mamba Point Hotel (foreign visitors)

• Friday January 3: Pre-workshop day
  o Morning free – foreign participants recover from jetlag
  o Noon – 2pm – foreign participants lunch informally at hotel
  o 2:00-5:00pm – driving tour of Monrovia and environs
  o 6:00pm (provisional): Dinner at Ella Beach for all workshop participants – foreign and West African, including Liberian
    ▪ NOTE: Introductions, conference welcoming, and initial statement concerning the workshop will be made by the conference co-organizers at dinner

• Saturday January 4: Workshop meetings morning and afternoon
  o 7:30 – 8:30am: Buffet breakfast on your own in the hotel for foreign participants
  o 8:30am: Coffee in workshop conference room [off the main hotel dining roo] for all participants
  o 8:45am: Start of Session #1: Local Land Issues and Governance: Mediation & Dispute Resolution
    ▪ Johnny Ndebe (8:45 – 9:15a)
    ▪ Sarah Passawe (9:15 – 9:45a)
    ▪ Salai Thwang (9:45 –10:15a)
    ▪ Pewee Flomoku (10:15 – 10:45a)
  o 10:45 Break
  o 11:00am: Session #2: State Development of Resources and Land Law / Legality / Litigation
- Martin Brash (11:00a – 11:30a)
- Martin Sopps (11:30a – noon)
- Maling Gombu (noon – 12:30p)

  - 12:30pm Lunch
  - 2:00pm: Session #3: Conceptualizing Land Politics, Agrarian Development, Citizenship, and the State
    - Djomba Mara (2:00 – 2:30p)
    - SuiSue Mark (2:30 – 3:00p)
    - Ali Kaba (3:00 – 3:30p)
    - Oscar Bloh (3:30 – 4:00p)

  - 4:00pm: Break
  - 4:15pm: Commentary by co-organizers & general discussion
  - 5:00pm: End of Day One Program
  - c. 7:00pm: Dinner

- **Sunday January 5**
  - 9:00am – 5:00pm Field trip excursion outside Monrovia (Host and Coordinator: Sarah Passawe)
    - Field trip to Guthrie
    - See oil palm plantation development
    - Talk with civil society groups and ex-combatants
  - c. 7:00pm Dinner Mamba Point Hotel

- **Monday January 6**
  - 9:00am Coffee
  - 9:15-10:45am: Session #4: Discussion of field excursion / Day 1 themes
  - 10:45 Break
  - 11:00a -12:30p: Session #5 – Stock-taking & preliminary conclusions (Mike McGovern presentation and general discussion)
  - 12:30 – 2:00p: Lunch
  - 2:00 – 4:00p Visit and discussion with The Carter Center and/or land rights groups in or near Monrovia (TBA)
  - 4:00-5:30p – Afternoon discussion – probably at beach venue
  - 7:00p Conference dinner at Mamba Point Hotel

- **Tuesday January 7**
  - 10:00 – 11:00: Revisiting Day One presentation themes (Bruce Knauf presentation and general discussion).
  - 11:00 – noon: Implications and new directions (general discussion)
  - 12:00 – 2:00p: Final conference lunch
  - Afternoon and evening for informal post-workshop discussion / free time / visit in Monrovia for remaining participants
  - Dinner at Mamba Point Hotel for remaining participants
  - Participants depart either pm Jan 7pm or Jan 8