The economic empowerment of women and girls in rural areas is critical to gender equality. Panelists will share most significant change stories of rural women including lessons learnt and challenges facing rural women. Discussions will identify the good practices, key actions and next steps to accelerate progress towards rural women’s economic empowerment with the support of development partners.

Liberia has just undergone a peaceful political transition, and there are many best practices, challenges and lessons learnt that can be drawn from the past government. The current government is looking forward to sustaining the gains made thus far through the implementation of its “Pro Poor Agenda” which is expected to alleviate poverty across the country. Mobilizing adequate human and financial resources for addressing the plight of the rural poor in Liberia remains critical to the attention of development partners.