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Current and former Special Court prosecutors at last week's Humanitarian Law Dialogues at the Robert H. Jackson Center in New York

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# OSIWA launches TRC website

By Patrick J. Kamara

**T**he Open society Initiative for West Africa OSIWA, in partnership with the International Centre for Transitional Justice ICTJ and the Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone HRCSL, yesterday launched the upgraded website of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission TRC report for Sierra Leone at the British Council auditorium.

The forum, which has the theme "Increasing access to understanding of the TRC report and legacies" attracted members of civil society organisations, representatives of war victims, HRCSL and Center for Accountability and Rule of Law

CARL among others.

Giving the keynote address on behalf of the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, the Director of Public Prosecution, Mr. Suleiman Bah told the gathering that his ministry is mindful that the TRC was established to create an impartial historic record of violation of human rights related to the armed conflict in Sierra Leone.

He pointed out that though most of the recommendations of the TRC are yet to be implemented or in progress, the re-launch of the website will surely contribute and enhance the development of the nation and urged participants to popularize the re-launched website by various means to ensure increased access to it better understanding of the TRC report and its legacies.

In her statement, Deputy Chairperson of HRCSL, Jamesina King explained that her institution was recommended by the TRC to be a member of the follow up committee and noted that they have made significant strides towards realizing given mandate as well as consolidating good governance, peace and the rule of law.

Country director of OSIWA, Joe Hindovei Pemagbi, noted that his organisation supported the creation of the website to serve as a repository of information for use by policy makers, government, researchers, and civil society actors among others. He said OSIWA will continue to work with strategic partners like ICTJ which he said has been very instrumental in the reconstruction of the website.

# The Liberian Journal

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## **Liberia Equally Deserves A War Crime Court**

A Statement by Liberian Initiative for Justice (LIJ)

After the arrest, indictment, prosecution, conviction, and sentencing of 50 years, for Mr. Charles G. Taylor on 30 May 2012 for aiding-and-abetting war crimes and crimes against humanity in Sierra Leone and against the people of Sierra Leone, Liberians and Friends of Liberia all around the world are asking themselves, "what about us?" They are also asking the powerful nations of the world the fundamental question: If the international community could summon the courage and willpower to commit its resources and revenues to arrest and prosecute Mr. Charles G. Taylor, and to imprison him for 50 years in order to establish justice and accountability for his war crimes in Sierra Leone and against the people of Sierra Leone, why not in Liberia and for the people of Liberia?

If the United Kingdom (UK), United States (US), the European Union (EU), United Nations (UN) and the world saw the need to call for, and support, the establishment of an United Nations backed War Crimes Court on behalf of Sierra Leone in order to arrest, try and punish Mr. Charles G. Taylor and some warlords of the Sierra Leone conflict for committing war crimes and crimes against humanity in Sierra Leone, then absolutely, Liberia and the people of Liberia should not be ignored and left alone to fish for justice and accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity equally committed by Liberian Warlords and those who financed their atrocities and destructions in Liberia.

The war that destroyed lives and properties in Sierra Leone was planned in Liberia and transported to Sierra Leone by Mr. Charles G. Taylor, Liberian Warlords, and their financiers. The Revolutionary United Front (RUF), a rebel group, is the making of Mr. Charles G. Taylor and Liberian Warlords who, along with those who callously and equally financed the war, both in Liberia and Sierra Leone, openly resided in Liberia and were supported and sustained in Liberia by Mr. Charles G. Taylor, the Liberian Warlords, and their associates. In both Sierra Leone and in Liberia, war crimes and crimes against humanity were openly committed. However, it seems the World has abandoned Liberia and the Liberian War Victims. This is a sad, morally denigrated, and clearly unprecedented position!

Liberian Initiative for Justice (LIJ): Representing the voices of Liberian War Victims and Friends of Liberia we are asking and calling upon the United Nations, United States, the United Kingdom, the European Union and other friendly members of the international community to stand up for Liberia and stand with the Liberian War Victims. We ask this while also presenting our 13-page petition, calling on the leading countries of the world to establish a UN-backed War Crimes Court on Liberia. We are asking this because the implementation of the recommendations contained within the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions report has failed. Therefore, Liberian War Victims and the people of Liberia strongly believe that war crimes and crime against humanity must be punished through a War Crimes Court and not swept away without justice and accountability. Now is the time to stand up for Liberia and stand with the Liberian people.

Liberian Warlords, and their associates, deserve to equally come to account for their crimes in Liberia.

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