

## SBA holds One-Day Technical Working Group Meeting

A one-day technical working group meeting was held on March 13, 2015 at the Liberia Business Registry (LBR). The meeting brought together procurement specialists/directors of key government ministries, agencies and commissions; namely, Ministries of Commerce & Industry, Finance & Development Planning, Liberia Institute of Public Administration (LIPA), Liberia Revenue Authority, Public Procurement & Concessions Commission (PPCC) and Public Financial Management Training Program (FMTP). The Technical Working Group Meeting was chaired by the Deputy Minister for Small Business Administration, Hon. Andrew G. Paygar.

Deputy Minister Andrew G. Paygar discussed highlights of the SBA law and explained the new 25% procurement law. At the end of the one-day technical working group meeting, the following was agreed:

- PPCC will adjust its current procurement plan, incorporating the new 25% procurement “set aside” as provided for by the SBA law. The revised procurement plan will be used by all government ministries, agencies and commissions (MACs) in FY 2015/2016
- That PPCC, LIPA and FMTP will develop a comprehensive training program for procurement directors/specialists across government (MACs) to be trained in the use of the revised procurement plan
- A Regulation be drafted by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry to facilitate the operationalization of the SBA law



Participants from PPCC



Chief Legal Counselor/MoCI discussing the SBA Law



Participant: Attorney Tarnue on restrictive



Deputy Minister Paygar chairing the session