

## Liberia

IAEA Member State since October 1962



## Key achievements in Liberia

- 2019: Scientists from Ocean Acidification Africa, a network supported by the IAEA, chart future of ocean acidification research in Africa at highlevel conference in Liberia.
- 2018: Liberia signs an Agreement with the IAEA for the Application of Safeguards in Connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.
- 2018: Revised Supplementary Agreement signed, enabling Liberia to fully benefit from the IAEA technical cooperation programme.

# Atoms for peace and development

The International Atomic Energy Agency is the world's central intergovernmental forum for scientific and technical cooperation in the nuclear field. It works for the safe, secure and peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology, contributing to international peace and security.

The IAEA's technical cooperation programme helps countries to use nuclear science and technology to address key development priorities, including health, agriculture, water, the environment and industry. The programme also helps countries to identify and meet future energy needs. It supports greater radiation safety and nuclear security, and provides legislative assistance.

## Recent project successes

#### Human health

Liberia received an imPACT mission in 2016 to assess its cancer services. The team of international cancer experts nominated by the IAEA, the World Health Organization and the International Agency for Research on Cancer visited public and private healthcare facilities, primary clinics and medical schools, and liaised with national stakeholders involved in the fight against cancer. Experts drew attention to the urgent need to re-build and train the health workforce - much-depleted following the Ebola crisis - and to provide adequate palliative care for the high percentage of cancer cases diagnosed at an advanced and incurable stage.





### **Radiation safety**

In May 2016, Liberia received an IAEA Advisory Mission to review the national regulatory infrastructure for radiation safety to determine its current status, and to provide recommendations and an action plan with regard to areas identified for improvement. The scope of the mission included the review of the radiation safety laws, regulations and regulatory processes currently in place for all the country's facilities and activities. Recommendations included the need to establish a basic radiation safety infrastructure in the country.

## Active national project

 Planning Clean Affordable and Reliable Energy (LIR2001)

Liberia also participates in 8 regional and 2 interregional projects, mostly in the area of energy planning and nuclear power.

IAEA support to Liberia, 2009–2019

trained (including 2 women)

international experts provided

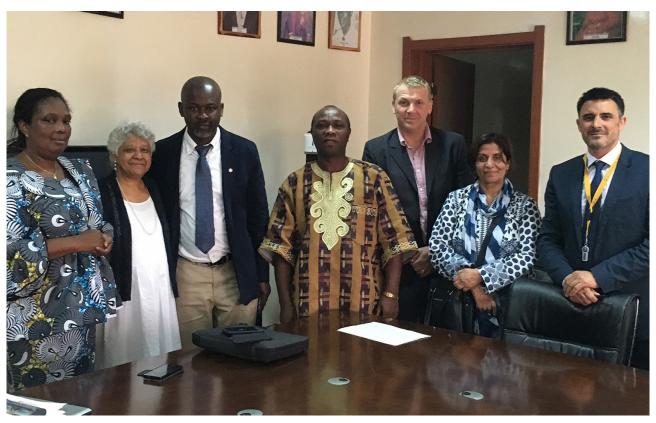
AAA 16 attended specialist

meetings
(including 2 women)

## **Priority areas of support**

• Supporting energy planning and nuclear power

Cancer control imPACT Review conducted: June 2016



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