

LIBERIA: PEACEBUILDING AND SUSTAINING PEACE IN PRACTICE

Liberia has made remarkable peace gains over the past 14 years. The election of President George Weah in December 2017 marked an important milestone with the peaceful transition from one democratically elected government to another. However, many of the root causes of Liberia's conflict remain unaddressed. The concentration of power in the hands of a few individuals and the lack of political and economic reforms are major challenges that need to be addressed to ensure a sustainable peace.

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