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### Community Radio Stations Agreed to Promote Reconciliation

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Over 40 community radio stations throughout the country have agreed to consolidate the peace by promoting reconciliation and fostering national development.

The agreement was reached at a National Conference held in Ganta, Nimba County.

According to a release from the Search for Common Ground, Managers of the radio stations resolved to uphold professionalism and ethical standards in the discharge of their duties.

The County authorities also agreed to provide moral and financial support to community radios in their respective localities from the county resources.

"In the resolution, the radio stations will develop a code of conduct and editorial policies to guide their operations in consultation with their boards of directors," the release said.

The conference came out of increasing reports of interference by some local county authorities in the operations and management of community radios on the one hand, and the unethical reporting patterns by some community radio workers on the other.

The conference was followed by a two-day workshop to sharpen the skills of community radio managers to report effectively and increase citizens' understanding of major government reform policies such as the poverty reduction strategy, security sector reform, the anti-corruption bill and the Governance Commission.

The release also added that the National Conference was jointly organized by Search for Common Ground/Talking Drum Studio and the Association of Liberia Community radios (ALICOR) with sponsorship from the Canadian Government and the British Department for International Development (DFID).

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