

Transnational Law Institute

The Head of Mission visited the Transnational Law Institute of the Washington and Lee University where he was warmly received.



L- R: The Head of Mission, Dr. Masamba Sita, Prof. Ready Rice of the Transnational Law Institute of Washington and Lee University; and Martin Schonteich of the Open Society Institute during the Head of Mission's visit to the Institute.

He addressed Professors of the Institute and later the students involved in their projects currently being implemented in Liberia and Tanzania.

Dr. Sita had the opportunity through a video conference, discuss with Prof Rice who was in Santiago; students in Liberia, and gave a full briefing on UNAFRI; its activities and mode of operations within the African continent, where he emphasized the need for effective involvement of local communities in the implementation of the Criminal Justice System (CJS) measures. He noted that effective implementation would target the Community Service Order and also facilitate a successful social rehabilitation and reintegration of former prisoners: the mission of not only the

correctional institutions but all the criminal justice systems.

Useful contacts were made with relevant authorities including Professors in the Institute of Transnational Law as potential experts that could be called upon to contribute to a number of UNARI's activities in Africa.

He also informed them of the Forthcoming Governing Board Meeting of UNAFRI, scheduled for next year and proposed to invite them to attend, with possibility for them to address the board during the meeting; indicating their interest on any programme they may want to extend to Africa through or with UNAFRI.

At the end of the Director's visit, a webcam was given to the Institute as a gift for ease of communicating conveniently and efficiently to its relevant partners overseas through the SKYPE interactive network.

The Director expressed his sincere appreciation for all the courtesies extended to him and gratitude for the gift, noting that his visit was a symbol of a steadily growing partnership between the Transnational Law Institute and UNAFRI