

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES - Thursday, September 24, 2015**

- On the margins of the 70th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf joined several of her African colleagues to participate in the CEO Investment Summit and Investment & Business Leader Award 2015 in New York, U.S.A.

The Africa investor (Ai) CEO Investment Summit, held in association with the World Bank Group and the United Nations, is an annual CEO business and government leadership forum, designed to facilitate action, to highlight and enhance the continent's investment climate, and shed light on Africa's investment success stories. The Summit outcomes will be taken forward at the Ai-AU-NEPAD Heads of State Investment Summit in January 2016.

This year's Summit, held at the Thomas Reuters Hall on Broadway, provided for African Heads of State and Government an Investment Working Lunch attended by key leaders including President Sirleaf. It was held under several themes including: Business UN – World Bank Partnerships, Regional Economic Integration, Capital Markets and Private Equity, Agribusiness Investments Roundtable, Financing African Development, Growing Africa's Business, and Ai Investment & Business Leader Award.

President Sirleaf, who made special remarks, called on western investors to make use of the investment opportunities that exist on the African continent to ensure its transformation and the advancement of the living standards of the people of Africa.

Also delivering separate remarks at the Summit were the Presidents of Uganda, Yoweri Museveni; Malawi, Arthur Peter Mutharika; Algeria, Abdelaziz Bouteflika; and the Prime Minister of Ethiopia, Haile Mariam Desalegne, among others. They pleaded with the world to invest in Africa with a key interest in giving back to the continent and with mutual responsibility as a major pillar.

They noted that investing in Africa will enable the continent to make progress with regards poverty eradication and suggested that agriculture, processing, industrialization, services, information, telecommunication and communication (ITC) and infrastructure are important for transformation and poverty eradication in Africa and the world at large.