

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES

Thursday, March 19, 2015

- President Sirleaf, this morning, delivered the keynote address at the start of a two-day Community Leaders' Conference under the theme: "*Ebola's Impact on Communities: Learning from Their Experiences to Plan for the Future,*" sponsored by IREX, NAYMOTE Partners for Democratic Development (NAYMOTE) and United States Aid for International Development (USAID) at the Bella Casa Hotel.

The two-day conference is to facilitate President Sirleaf's desire to strengthen Liberia's communities, who took "responsibility, leadership and ownership" in the Ebola crisis by providing them a forum for sharing the knowledge and lessons they learned with all stakeholders. It is intended to give common citizens who took part in the Civil Society and Media Leadership program forums the opportunity to share their experiences on the national stage. In the end, these communities will develop a strategy for grassroots community engagement to prevent a recurrence of the tragedy of the heightened period of the Ebola crisis.

- President Sirleaf has told a Round Table Discussion hosted by the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) that the things holding the country back in achieving its development goals are "corruption and capacity". She made the assertion when the LACC rolled out its three-year Strategic Plan (2014-2017) that identified and documented the strategic direction they intend to take in the execution of its mandate – a roadmap for the achievement of its Mission and Vision. The discussion was held at the LACC office on UN Drive.
- President Sirleaf met with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Goodwill Ambassador, Orlando Bloom, accompanied by Country Representative of UNICEF Sheldon Yett when they paid her a courtesy call.
- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, late this afternoon, dedicated the first four middle to upper income homes constructed by Premier Developers JV Company in Gbengbar's Town, Paynesville. The six styles three-bedroom, two and half bathrooms ranging from 2,000 – 3,500 square feet are for sale. She applauded Premier Developers JV Company, a hundred percent Liberian-owned company, for setting an example of what it takes to build a country. She urged other Liberians to see this as something that each and every one can do.