

Highlights of the President's Activities

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- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf joined her colleagues, Drs. Alpha Conde of Guinea and Ernest Bai Koroma of Sierra Leone, to outline measures that must be urgently taken to contain the further spread of the deadly Ebola virus disease and eventually eradicate it.

The three Mano River Union (MRU) leaders spoke today when they joined world leaders at a World Bank - International Monetary Fund High-Level Meeting on the impact of the Ebola crisis held in Washington D.C., United States of America. Presidents Sirleaf and Koroma participated in the meeting via video conference.

The High-Level Meeting was to utilize the gathering of finance and development ministers and high media attention around the World Bank Group –IMF annual meetings to bring greater global urgency and action to the Ebola crisis response. It was also intended to give the Presidents of the affected countries an opportunity to share their specific top challenges and needs with respect to immediate and near-term health and socio-economic impact of the crisis.

President Sirleaf told the meeting that Liberia's development agenda was seriously interrupted by the Ebola outbreak which started in March and returned with intensity in June, and spread to the capital city, Monrovia, where one-third of the population resides.