

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES - Tuesday, December 1, 2015

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, at the head of a high-level delegation, departed the country today to participate in the Second Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in Johannesburg, South Africa scheduled to take place from December 4 to 5, 2015.

The Summit, which is being held under the theme, “Africa-China Progressing Together: Win-Win Cooperation for Common Development,” marks the first time that African and Chinese leaders will meet in Africa to look at ways of deepening cooperation. This is only the second time in the 15-year history of FOCAC that the leaders are meeting together; the first being in Beijing, China in 2006.

The Second FOCAC Summit is expected to consolidate these gains and further reconstruct global affairs by exploring new models and approaches towards a more equitable and inclusive system that promotes sustainable socio-economic development.

The Summit will also review the implementation of various agreements signed since 2006, and outline the course of action for development of China-Africa relations over the next few years. A number of bilateral agreements are expected to be signed to deepen relations at various levels.

Meanwhile, which President Sirleaf is away, the Minister of Justice, Cllr. Benedict Sannoh, will chair the Cabinet in consultation with Vice President Joseph N. Boakai.