

REMARKS

BY

**HIS EXCELLENCY DR. GEORGE MANNEH WEAH
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA**

AT THE

OPENING CEREMONIES

OF

SEMICA LIBERIA 2019

**LIBERIAN INTERNATIONAL MINING, ENERGY AND
PETROLEUM**

CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION

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Madam Clar Marie Weah, First Lady of the Republic of Liberia;

Madam Jewel Howard Taylor, Vice President of the Republic of Liberia;

Mr. Speaker, the President Pro-tempore and Honorable Members of the 54th National Legislature, here present;

The Dean and Members of the Cabinet;

The Doyen and Members of the Diplomatic Corps;

Heads of Government Ministries, Agencies, Commissions and State Enterprises;

Other Officials of Government, here present;

The Ministers of Mines, Energy, and Geology from our Sister Countries;

Conference Participants and Exhibitors;

Members of the Fourth-Estate;

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am delighted to be here this morning to welcome all of you to the opening of this historic international event, SEMICA LIBERIA 2019, an international convention and exhibition dedicated to showcase Liberia's potential in the fields of mining, energy, and petroleum.

It is a well-known fact that Liberia is a resource-rich country. We are endowed with an abundance of mineral resources, which include gold, diamonds, bauxite, iron ore, uranium, and prospective reserves of oil and gas, to name a few.

However, in order to tap into these natural resources to reap the benefits that would transform our economy and bring prosperity to the Liberian people, we will need to partner with trust-worthy international investors.

Since my incumbency, I have declared on many occasions that Liberia is opened for business, especially for all of those who are willing to participate – on a fair, honest, and equitable basis – in the development of our resources, culminating in win-win partnerships that are respectful of the mutual interests of all parties involved.

This conference, therefore, will give you the opportunity to have a better appreciation of our available natural resources, and enable you to see the full potential in the mining, energy, and hydrocarbon sectors.

I am hopeful that the interactions afforded you here in this forum, between potential investors and the relevant officials of our Government, will be fruitful and productive, to our mutual benefit.

DISTINGUISHED LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I now have the honor to declare the SEMICA 2019 Liberian International Mining, Energy, and Petroleum Conference and Exhibition ***OPEN FOR BUSINESS.***

I thank you.