

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Saturday, September 2, 2017**

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf on Saturday, September 2, dedicated the Eighth Judicial Circuit Complex, in Sanniquellie, Nimba County. The Liberian leader commended the Judiciary for the level of reform over the years by the administration of the deceased and current Chief Justices of the Honorable Supreme Court of Liberia.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Tuesday, September 5, 2017**

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf received in audience a high-powered delegation from the National Democratic Institute (NDI) headed by Ambassador Johnnie Carson, former Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs and member of NDI's board. She received the delegation on Tuesday, September 5, at her Foreign Ministry Office, during a courtesy call.

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- President Ellen Johnson announced a 10% reduction in electricity tariff for customers connected to the Liberia Electricity Cooperation (LEC) energy grid. The tariff was reduced from 39 cents to 35 cents per kilowatt/hour. Since August, 2016, the tariff has seen reduction from 54 cents to 35 cents per Kw/hr. The President made the pronouncement when Liberia and Germany signed a KfW €15m grant at the Foreign Ministry, in Monrovia. She thanked the President's Delivery Unit (PDU), the German Ambassador to Liberia, Hubert Jager and KfW for the great job and for bringing the agreement to reality.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Wednesday, September 6, 2017**

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf addressed the African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) held in the Ivorian capital, Abidjan. According to a dispatch from Abidjan, the President made the clarion call when she spoke to over 750 delegates and high-level dignitaries, including African Heads of States, Ministers, and key stakeholders in the agricultural sector, convening in Côte d'Ivoire's economic capital, Abidjan, for the 2017 African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF), Africa's premier agriculture gathering.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Thursday, September 7, 2017**

- Liberia and Cote D'Ivoire signed a Joint Communiqué on the heels of President Sirleaf's friendly and working visit to the West African nation. According to a dispatch from Abidjan, at the invitation of his Excellency, Alassane Ouattara, President of Côte d'Ivoire, Her Excellency, Mrs. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, paid a friendly and working visit to Côte d'Ivoire, which took place from September 7 to 8.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Monday, September 11, 2017**

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf on Monday received Owelle Rochas Okorochoa, Executive Governor of Imo State, of Nigeria. The Imo State Governor is also the Founder and President of Rochas Foundation, a non-governmental, non-profit and non-political organization incorporated on February 24, 1998, with a firm commitment to serve humanity. The Rochas Foundation seeks as an organization to build a credible future for Africa by ensuring every less-privileged child has access to qualitative and comprehensive education. She described Governor Okorochoa's visit to Liberia as good news for Liberia and its Children.
- Also on Monday, she commissioned Her Excellency, Musu Jatu Ruhle, as Liberia's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Sierra Leone. The Liberian leader commended the Liberian diplomat for the level of work done while serving as Ambassador in the Republic of Ghana. "Musu, you have done so well and you truly deserve this promotion," President Sirleaf said.
- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf described the October 2017 elections as a defining moment for Liberia. "I just want to say to all of you - whether you who are leaders, advisors, employees and consultants; that these elections will be a defining moment for our country," she stressed. She made the statement on Monday, September 11, at the headquarters of the National Elections Commission, on 9<sup>th</sup> Street, when she commissioned the Executive Director of the National Elections Commission (NEC), Mr. Larmin Lighe.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Tuesday, September 12, 2017**

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf received in audience the World Bank Group Country Director to Liberia, Ghana and Sierra Leone, Mr. Henry Kerali, at her Foreign Ministry Office, in Monrovia. The Liberia leader welcomed Mr. Kerali to Liberia and said Liberia is pleased to partner with the World Bank in pursuit of the government's development agenda.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Wednesday, September 13, 2017**

- Cabinet received and reviewed the National Action Plan of the Open Government Partnership under the auspices of the Ministry of Information Cultural Affairs and Tourism as well as updates on the status of road infrastructure and reforms in the Civil Service Agency. Liberia's Open Government Partnership Commitments and Action Plan for the period 2017 – 2019 underscored the conduct of successive general presidential elections held in 2005 and 2011; the rule of law and economic recovery on irreversible trajectory; reforms made in confronting corruption, waste and abuse, freedom of information Act, public procurement and concession Act; public financial management Act; the Extractive Industries transparent Act as well as the Revised General Auditing Commission Act.
- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf inducted Dr. Ophelia Inez Weeks as the 14<sup>th</sup> President of the University of Liberia and second female to head the nation's premiere institution of learning. She said she was exceedingly glad to be at yet another very important Convocation to participate in the inaugural ceremony of a President of the University of Liberia. She spoke on Wednesday, September 13, at the UL Fendell campus.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Thursday, September 14, 2017**

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf applauded five personnel of the Bureau of Correction and Rehabilitation of the Ministry of Justice who have been seconded for Peace Keeping Mission to the United Nations Mission in South Sudan. She urged them to go, do well, demonstrate dedication, service, hard work and represent Liberia as good citizens.
- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has reaffirmed government's commitment to the One China Policy. The Liberian leader on Wednesday, September 12, joined Chinese Ambassador, His Excellency, Ambassador Zhang Yue, officials of government, members of the Diplomatic Corps, Embassy staff and the Chinese community in Liberia to celebrate the 68<sup>th</sup> Independence Anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC).

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Friday, September 15, 2017**

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf issued Executive Order No. 88 – an extension of Executive Order # 76; establishing the National Early Warning and Response Mechanism Coordinating Center (NEWRMCC). The Executive Order notes; Whereas, Liberia is a signatory to the Treaty establishing the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), signed on 28 May 1975 in Lagos and revised on 24 July 1993 in Cotonou; Whereas, Article 58 (f) of

the Revised ECOWAS Treaty (1993) provides for the establishment of a regional peace and security observance system and peacekeeping forces where appropriate.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Saturday, September 16, 2017**

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf broke grounds for the construction of a modern clinic at the River Bank in Towon Town, Suehn Mecca District, Bomi County. She commended the River Bank Women for their resilience and commitment in working towards bringing to fulfillment the clinic project. The President made the statement on Saturday, September 16.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Sunday, September 17, 2017**

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf departed the country to attend the main and marginal activities relating to the 72<sup>nd</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, the United States of America. The President departed the country on Sunday, September 17, and was away from September 18 – October 2, 2017.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Tuesday, September 19, 2017**

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf told the 72<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session of the United Nations General Assembly convening in New York that the Assembly is taking place at a time of historic transition in Liberia, while acknowledging acute challenges to our global order. She said today, we face the threat of climate change, the violence of terrorism, the risk and indignation of migration, and a nuclear escalation on the Korean peninsula. According to a dispatch from New York the Liberia leader spoke on Tuesday, September 19, when she addressed the 72<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session of the UN General Assembly. She said there is a race against time to accommodate a restless youthful population in search of opportunity and a brighter future.
- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf was recognized and honored as a 'Global Goalkeeper' at the Global Goals Awards Ceremony hosted by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in New York. According to a dispatch from New York, USA, President Sirleaf on September 19, received the award of Global Goalkeepers, which is granted and awarded to individuals dedicated to accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals. The Global Goalkeepers will raise awareness of the stories and the data behind the goals, hold their leaders accountable and drive investment and actions towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Wednesday, September 20, 2017**

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf on Wednesday, September 20, met privately with Canadian Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau. The closed door meeting focused on matters of bilateral interest to both countries. The Liberian leader also had separate meeting with the Vice President of the World Bank on the margins of the 72nd Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York.
- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf expressed surprise at a BBC interview granted by Ambassador El Mohammed Sheriff. According to a dispatch from New York, the President expressed surprise because Ambassador Sheriff has already received a permanent recall from his current assignment for behaviors unbecoming of a Liberian Diplomat.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Thursday, September 21, 2017**

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf on Thursday joined Randall Lane, Editor of Forbes, who hosted a high-level breakfast dialogue attended by philanthropists, activists and leaders in global education at Forbes in New York City. The President alongside Education Minister, George Werner, discussed Partnership Schools for Liberia (PSL), an innovative government-led pilot program launched in 2016, which pairs independent education providers with public primary schools to improve the quality of education; an urgent and compelling need in Liberia following decades of conflict and the Ebola virus outbreak.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Friday, September 22, 2017**

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf lauded the United States Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) for being at the forefront in advocating for Liberia from years of conflict to the present era of peace and development. According to a dispatch from Washington, President Sirleaf made the commendation on Friday, September 22, when she spoke at the 2017 Africa Braintrust hosted by the CBC; a prominent organization made of mostly African-American members of the United States Congress. Held under the theme: "Renewing our Commitment and Engagement with Africa" - the 2017 Africa Braintrust took place during the Congressional Caucus 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Conference.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Monday, September 25, 2017**

- In her final major speech at the United States Capitol in Washington, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf said America's leadership is needed today, more than ever as the world

faces new challenges. According to a dispatch from Washington, the President made the call for a more assertive U.S. engagement in global affairs when she delivered a keynote address at the U. S. Capitol Congressional Visitor Center Auditorium in Washington on Monday, September 25.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Thursday, September 28, 2017**

- The United States Congress passed a Resolution – calling for free, fair and peaceful elections in Liberia come the October polls. The Resolution was introduced by Senator Christopher Andrew Coons of Delaware and Senator Cory Anthony Booker from New Jersey. According to a dispatch from Washington, the Resolution states: "Whereas the United States and Liberia share broad and deep bilateral ties over the course of a nearly 200-year relationship; whereas the United States established diplomatic relations with Liberia in 1864."
- U.S. Senators Chris Coons (D-Del.), Cory Booker (D-N.J.), and Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) introduced a resolution reaffirming the United States-Liberia partnership and calling for free, fair, and peaceful elections on October 10, 2017. According to a dispatch from Washington, the October elections are expected to lead to Liberia's first transfer of power from one democratically elected President to another in over 70 years. President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Africa's first female President, will respect Liberia's Constitution and step down after two terms as the West African nation's president.