

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES - Tuesday, September 29, 2015**

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, this afternoon, addressed the 70th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York urging that world body to find responses to the increasing new and emerging challenges facing the world.

She said despite commendable efforts, Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Europe still have vortexes of conflict; migrants and people seeking refuge from conflicts and economic hardships are swirling across Europe; while the world is haunted by the growing threats of destabilizing forces of Boko Haram and ISIS.

The Liberian President highlighted changes in climate conditions, noting that the world too must change; while stressing that in many countries, women are still being treated as second-class citizens. She also said that her country bears witness to the weak public health systems in individual countries which threatens global health and wellbeing.

She indicated, however, that the creation of the UN was a realization that only a global organization, through the support of member states, would be suitable to grapple with the many challenges faced by humanity.

At 70 years, President Sirleaf pointed out a number of achievements of the world body including a reduction in interstate conflict, cooperation in the protection and promotion of human rights, and in alleviating global poverty, disease and hunger.