

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES

Thursday, February 19, 2015

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf today met with the Under Secretary General & Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Mr. Carlos Lopes and the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations for Ebola, Mr. Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed who debriefed her on the economic impact of the Ebola disease has had on the Liberia and the other worst affected countries.

They also briefed her on suggestions they plan to proffer to the international community and partners in the wake of the impact the Ebola virus disease has had on the economies of the three worst affected countries. They are expected to attend the Brussels Conference sponsored by the European Union on post-Ebola recovery for the three worst affected countries scheduled for March 3, 2015.

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, this afternoon, inducted the 4th leadership of the Women Legislative Caucus of Liberia at the Rotunda of the Capitol Building. The program was held under the theme: *“Achieving Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment.”*

The Liberian leader reminded the Women Legislative Caucus that as they celebrate this historic induction, the struggle for equal voice, for access, visibility and participation still has a long way to go and there is a need to realize that our democracy will not be complete when those who make up more than 50 percent of the country’s population remain outside the mainstream of participatory democracy.

President Sirleaf said though Liberia has made some progress after crossing the Rubicon of Women Suffrage under the Tumban era, the political will to support and build the structures aimed at expanding the opportunities for equal access remain lacking.

Speaking earlier, the newly inducted chairperson of the Women Legislative Caucus of Liberia, Bong County Senior Senator Chief Jewel Howard Taylor praised President Sirleaf for setting the pace for women’s participation in politics. She also congratulated the past leadership of the Caucus for the outstanding work they’ve done to keep the organization functioning and urged the newly inducted officials to work with their colleagues in ensuring that they meet their goals by electing more females to the National Legislature.

Those inducted were Bong County Senior Senator Chief Jewel Howard Taylor, Chairperson; Montserrado County Senator Geraldine Doe-Sherif, Vice Chairperson for International Affairs; Grand Bassa County Senator Nyongblee Karnga-Lawrence, Vice Chairperson for National Affairs; Lofa County District No. 4 Representative Mariamu Fofana; Gbarpolu County District No. 3 Representative Getrude Larmin, Treasurer; Montserrado County District No. 9 Representative Munah Youngblood; Grand Bassa County District No. 2 Representative Mary Karwor, Chaplin; and Montserrado County District No. 1 Representative Josephine Francis, Advisor.

Others are Bomi County District No. 2 Representative Haja Siryon; Gbarpolu County District No. 2 Representative Malai Gbogor; and Bong County District No. 7 Representative Corpu Barclay, members.