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**President Sirleaf off to Nairobi for TICAD VI Summit**

**(Monrovia, Liberia- Thursday, August 25, 2016):** President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has departed the country for Nairobi, Kenya to participate in the Sixth Tokyo International Conference for African Development (TICAD) scheduled for August 27 - 28, 2016.

According to an Executive Mansion release, the Sixth International Conference on African Development (TICAD), which takes place in Nairobi, Kenya aims at identifying common priorities for accelerating sustainable development, including the growing role of the private sector in driving progress on the continent. The TICAD process also seeks to cascade Africa’s vision of its own leadership and development.

The summit will also serve as an international platform to raise global awareness and ensure continued support for Africa’s development efforts, underpinned by the twin principles of international partnership and African ownership. TICAD VI will be hosted by the Government of Kenya and co-organized by the Government of Japan, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Bank, African Union Commission (AUC) and UN Office of the Special Advisor on Africa (UNOSAA).

More than 6,000 participants are expected to be at the Nairobi conference that brings together African and Asian Heads of State and Government, representatives of the private sector, international organizations and civil society to discuss the implementation of the recently adopted Sustainable Development Goals and Africa’s Agenda 2063 that is focused on a peaceful, integrated and prosperous continent; economic growth, trade and investment; human security, peace and stability.

While, President Sirleaf is out of the country, Defense Minister, J. Brownie Samukai will chair the Cabinet in consultation with Vice President Joseph Nyuma Boakai.

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