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Monrovia, Liberia: President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has commissioned 14 senior government officials at a colorful ceremony held in the C. Cecil Dennis Auditorium, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Monrovia and reminded them about the challenges ahead as the administration moves to the finishing line of its mandate. According to an Executive Mansion release, President Sirleaf was speaking during the commissioning ceremony of several senior government officials. She said while mindful about the time let along the ambitious targets, she was confident that the team has the ability to stay focused amid the strong commitment to serve the country and its people.



She enjoined their readiness and dedication to face whatever the circumstances in light of the expectations of the people. She urged the newly commissioned officials to put on their running gear and asked God to give them the strength to succeed in all major government priorities that are accomplishable within real time. The Liberian leader then thanked family members for their continued support and inspiration to their relations serving in government.

Meanwhile, the Liberian Chief Executive, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf also convened a special Convocation and conferred on Ambassador Marjon V. Kamara, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Liberia with the Grade of Dame Great Band and Chancellor of the Orders in the Humane Order of African Redemption. Speaking on behalf of newly commissioned officials of government and in appreciation of her admission into the Humane Order of African Redemption, Liberia's Minister of Foreign Affairs and Dean of the Cabinet, Ambassador Marjon V. Kamara extended gratitude to President Sirleaf for the conferral of such distinguished honor, which she said was anchored on the attributes, which inspired confidence and first motivated her appointment as Minister.

Minister Kamara said it was a privilege to return to the Ministry where she launched her personal and professional career in 1974 as a youthful, agile, creative, energetic and curious young woman. She added that the Executive Commissions received by the honorees from the President represent a reaffirmation of her confidence in the appointees and called for unwavering dedication to duty, commitment to achieving agreed objectives and the highest degree of integrity.

She said it was imperative that: "Like all members of this global family, we must take ownership of the seventeen goals enshrined in the 2030 agenda for sustainable development, as we do the AU's agenda 2063 as well as Liberia's own Vision 2030. These agendas hold the promise of reducing the disparities and inequalities, which

create fertile grounds for strife and conflict in societies. The preservation of our cherished peace and security in Liberia demands that we pay key attention to these issues". The Dean of the Cabinet acknowledged the goodwill Liberia continues to enjoy in the international community, which she continued is being validated amid her short stay in the country through meetings with members of the diplomatic and consular corps. She observed that the foreign policy President Sirleaf has driven since her incumbency has consistently ensured the building of strong partnerships at the regional and international levels – has succeeded in restoring the country's image and credibility; has helped to attract investment, although global economic developments have negatively impacted the investment climate.

In separate remarks – Liberia's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Lewis Garseedah Brown II and Cllr. Robert C. Tubman; Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA) praised the leadership of President Sirleaf for restoring sanity and hope in a nation once gripped by despair, neglect and conflict. They said they were humbled by the opportunity to serve the country and her decision to ~~renew confidence in their service to the nation and its people.~~ **However, over picture to see caption.**



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