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Washington, D.C. – December 2, 2016: As part of the effort to create awareness about Liberia, the Embassy of Liberia in the United States hosted a forum for a group of professionals concerned with foreign policy issues. The forum, held under the auspices of the Young Professionals in Foreign Policy (YPFP) took place at the Liberian Embassy Chancery near Washington, D.C. on Thursday, December 1, 2016. Nearly 20 members of the YPFP attended the event, during which Liberia's Ambassador to the United States, H.E. Jeremiah C. Sulunteh, addressed a number of topics, including the special historical relationship between Liberia and the U.S., the end of operation of the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), post-Ebola recovery, and the forth-coming Presidential and General Elections in Liberia. Ambassador Sulunteh praised the U.S. as a very strong partner of Liberia, and noted that Liberia looks forward to further strengthening of the relationship between both countries during the tenure of the incoming U.S. administration. Ambassador Sulunteh also spoke about Liberia's post-Ebola recovery process, as well as efforts being made by Liberia with the support of the U.S. and its international partners to ensure a free and fair democratic election in Liberia in 2017. The forum also included a question and answer period. Speaking on behalf of the YPFP, event moderator Adrienne Jacobs, Head of Africa Programs, along with Belinda O'Donnell and Drew Beck, thanked Ambassador Sulunteh and the Embassy staff for hosting the event, which enabled them to gain more insights regarding Liberia. Earlier, Hon. Jeff Gongoer Dowana, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Liberian Embassy, welcomed the Young Professionals in Foreign Policy and hoped the forum would deepen their understanding about Liberia. The YPFP, with a membership of more than 10,000 young professionals in 70 countries, aims to foster the next generation of foreign policy leaders by providing young professionals with the knowledge, skills, exposure, and relationship to tackle critical challenges over the course of their careers. The following are photos from the event.











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