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On Thursday, May 24, 2018, the 55th anniversary of the foundation of the African Union was celebrated in Washington, D.C. The well-attended event was hosted under the auspices of the African Ambassadors Group and the African Union Mission in Washington.

H.E. Lois C. Brutus, Ambassador of the Republic of Liberia to the United States and staff of the Embassy of Liberia fully participated in the event, which highlighted entertainment and other activities showcasing Africa.

Even though the celebration took place on May 24th in Washington, the actual date commemorating "Africa Day" was May 25, 2018. The Organization of African Unity (OAU), now the African Union (AU), was formed and established on May

25, 1963, to inter alia, rid the continent of the remaining vestiges of colonization and apartheid; to promote unity and solidarity among African States; to coordinate and intensify cooperation for development; to safeguard the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Member States and to promote international cooperation within the framework of the United Nations.

Liberia played a very important leadership role in the establishment of the OAU now the AU. This year's Africa Day was celebrated under the theme: "Winning the Fight Against Corruption: A Sustainable Path to Africa's Transformation."

Comprising 55 Member States, the AU continues to provide an effective forum that enables its Members to adopt coordinated positions on the international stage, on matters of common concern to the continent; it also defends the interest of Africa effectively.

Photos show Ambassador Brutus and Staff along with other attendees at the event.

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