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Washington DC - Liberia will commemorate a year long of activities marking its Bicentennial Anniversary commencing February 2022 under the theme: **LIBERIA: THE LAND OF RETURN-CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF FREEDOM AND PAN-AFRICAN LEADERSHIP**. The Bicentennial seeks to deepen US-Liberia historical ties, forge stronger economic and social bonds between Liberian and Americans and most importantly place US-Liberian relations on a more productive foundation.



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President Weah recently set up a national steering committee and named Minister of State for Presidential Affairs, Nathaniel McGill as the General Coordinator while the Minister of Information, Ledgerhood Julius Rennie was named as National Chairman. Several Sub-committees were also set up to primarily design and execute strategies, programs, and activities for the successful hosting of national events planned to commemorate the Bicentennial of the Republic.

President Weah on November 9th named the Embassy of Liberia near Washington DC on the National Committee and Ambassador Patten has since mobilized several diaspora Liberian organizations who have been holding weekly consultations to garner support for the bicentennial anniversary.

In a related Development, President Weah has invited the Chairman and members of the US Congress Committee on International Development, International Organization and Global Social Corporate Social Impact to participate in programs marking the bicentennial. In a letter to the Chair of the Committee, Congressman Joaquin Castro, President Weah recognized the supportive role the committee played in the US action to extend the deferred enforced departure for over 10,000 Liberians living and working in the US and setting a clear path to them getting permanent residency and eventual citizenship. President Weah noted "This action is in tandem with the freedoms and political emancipation that the bicentennial seeks to celebrate".

The bicentennial programs officially kick off in Monrovia on February 14, 2022 and runs through December 10, 2022.

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