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**Summit** 

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Washington DC, April 30, 2024. The 2024 US-AFRICA BUSINESS SUMMIT kicks off on May 6 at the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center in Dallas, Texas. According to the Corporate Council on Africa, the Millenium Challenge corporation (MCC) will host a special 20th Anniversary Tribute Dinner with former US President George W. Bush. The Presidents of MCC partner countries, Kosovo, Malawi, Mozambique, Mongolia, Lesotho, Carbo Verde, Sierria Leone and Belize are expected to attend. Presidents of the Non MCC partner countries of Angola, Liberia, Nigeria, and Botswana were also invited to grace the occasion.

The theme of this year's summit is: Partnering for Sustainable Success. His Excellency, President Joseph Nyumah Boakai Sr. will lead an array of senior



[1] Embassy of Liberia Liberian President, Joseph Nyumah Boakai

government officials including Foreign Minister, Sara Beysolow Nyanti, Information Minister, Jerolimek Piah, Commerce Minister, Amin Modad and Agriculture Minister Alexander Nuetah. Others are Mines and Energy Minister, Wilmot Paye, National Investment Commission Chairman Jeff Blibo and the Chief Executive Officer of the Liberia Electricity Corporation, Monie Captan. Member of the House of Representatives. Hon. Priscilla Cooper and Economic Advisor, Sahr Johnny are also part of the delegation.

President Boakai will address a High-Level Dialogue on Tuesday, May 7th on the topic; From Food Security to

Thriving Agribusiness: The Case for a US-Africa Agribusiness Partnership. "By the end of this century, more than half of the world's population growth is expected to come from Africa, reaching more than 4 billion people. At present, the African continent holds a significant challenge of food security and resilience while at the same time having 60% of the world's uncultivated arable land. In time, Africa can reshape its food through a coherent, strategic, and pragmatic approach to support entrepreneurship and technology in the agribusiness sector. To do so, it needs expertise, technology access and partnerships. The US Agriculture sector is one of the largest and most productive in the world, possessing incredible resources and expertise.................. This high-level Dialogue seeks to build a compelling case for resilient strategic partnership to strengthen US-Africa agribusiness partnerships. It aims to showcase impactful examples of successful US-Africa agribusiness investments, providing concrete proof of the potential for growth and collaboration. Additionally, the dialogue will analyze the trajectory ahead, identifying both challenges to overcome and opportunities to be seized."

Officials accompanying President Boakai are expected to participate in several networking events and other ancillary engagements that will attract tangible investments and partnerships to Liberia.

His Excellency, Ambassador, Jeff Gongoer Dowana Sr. along with a staff of the Liberian Embassy Near Washington DC, will be on hand to welcome the President and his delegation.

The summit wraps up on Thursday, May 9th with a plenary discussion on: Partnering to Accelerate Africa's Industrialization.

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