









ROBERT W. WOODRUFF LIBRARY — ATLANTA UNIVERSITY CENTER
111 JAMES P. BRAWLEY DR., SW, ATLANTA, GEORGIA,
CO-HOSTED BY CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2012 | 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.



THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

STATEMENT OF INTRODUCTION ON HIS EXCELLENCY JOSEPH NYUMA BOAKAI, SR. VICE PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA

The Honorable Joseph Nyuma Boakai has served his country for more than 37 years now. During these years his activities have centered on positions in government, marketing and agricultural project, management, civic self-help services and private business.

Hon. Boakai was first elected along with President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf in 2005, to chart a new course for Africa's oldest Republic which was just emerging from a long and bitter civil war. The Liberian people overwhelmingly reelected Hon. Boakai and Mrs. Sirleaf in 2011, giving them a firm mandate to lift Liberia to new heights. As Vice President of Liberia, he works along with the President and Nobel Laureate to build on the tremendous gains made during the first term, and to ensure the Liberia's place among the comity of nations is restored. With a focus on economic



revitalization, job creation, youth empowerment, and maintenance of law and order in Liberia. At the helm of leadership, the dynamic duo (as they are commonly referred to in Liberia), have revised laws to make the Country more investor friendly, and at the same time ensuring that the masses benefit from Liberia's vast natural resources.

Vice President Boakai is President of the Liberian Senate and he presides bi-weekly over plenary sessions of that body. He performs supervisory functions over a number of institutions and agencies including the Liberia National Lotteries (LOTTO), the Liberia Marketing Association (LMA), the Liberia Agency for Community Empowerment (LACE), and the National Commission on Disarmament Demobilization Resettlement and Reintegration (NCDDRR).

Hon. Boakai has served his Country as Resident Manager of the Liberia Produce Marketing Corporation (LPMC) 1973-1980, Managing Director of the Liberia Produce Marketing Corporation (LPMC) 1980-1982, Managing Director of the Liberia Petroleum Refinery Company (LPRC) in 1992 and as Minister of Agriculture 1983-1985.

As Minister of Agriculture, among his enormous duties and responsibilities, he was responsible for national agricultural policy formation, Implementation Support and Research, Regulatory Services. He monitored activities and chaired boards of over 20 Agricultural Development projects and Agricultural Cooperative Development Bank and support institutions. He also chaired for one year, a 15 nation West African Rice Development Association (WARDA) and toured research projects of WARDA in Sera Leone, Ivory Coast and Guinea Bissau.

As a result of his vast knowledge in the social sciences, the Honorable Vice President offered short term consultancy to a number of institutions including serving as Chief Technical Advisor on Agriculture Policy, Ministry of Agriculture. He reviewed and evaluated the Liberian 1986 proposed Green Revolution and FAO World Bank 1986 Agricultural sector Review Document and evaluated AMSCO, Amsterdam Funded training program for projects in Uganda in 1994 and Tanzania in 1996.

In the Civic and Self-Help sector, as part of his philanthropic support to humanity, Hon. Boakai supervised and personally financed up to 75% a 7-mile rural village road construction to Warsonga, Liberia. He worked with the Federation of Liberian Youth (FLY) and the Danish Youth to construct a school for 150 students and clinic for a community of 10 villages. He influenced the erection of Opportunity Industrialization Center projects in Foya Kama, Liberia, organized and headed fund raising for rural electrification of Foya Kama in Lofa County, Northern Liberia.

Hon. Boakai has served as member and chairman of many boards including chairman-Liberia Finance and Trust Corporation, chairman of the Board of Star Radio, founding member of Bethesda Christian Mission, founding organizer-African Methodist Episcopal University, founding organizer of the C.W.A. Methodist University and President of the Monrovia YMCA.

He has been happily married since 1972 to Kartumu Y. Boakai. This union is blessed with four children (3 sons and 1daughter). He is the owner of LUSU Resource Corporation and co-owner of AGROMACHINES Liberia.

THE HONORARY CONSUL GENERAL | REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

STATEMENT OF WELCOME FROM CYNTHIA BLANDFORD NASH HONORARY CONSUL GENERAL | REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

On behalf of the Liberian Consulate Office in Atlanta, Georgia and as Chair of the Liberia and U.S. Business Summit, I am pleased and honored to welcome you to the business forum.

This is an exciting time in the rebuilding of the Republic of Liberia. Did you know that Liberia imports from the U.S. have grown by 346% since 2008 and that Liberia exports to the U.S. have grown by 291% over the same period.

Chevron has committed to a \$1.6 billion investment in oil production and through USAID; the federal government will provide approximately \$218 million in foreign assistance next fiscal year, which will be a tremendous business opportunity for Federal contractors.



As we welcome His Excellency, Joseph N. Boakai Vice President of the Republic of Liberia, the Honorable William V.S. Bull, Liberian Ambassador, the Honorable Miata Beysolow, Minister of Commerce and Industry, the Honorable Ciata Bishop, National Investment Executive Director, the Honorable T. Nelson Williams, Managing Director Liberian Petroleum Refinery Corporation (LPRC), the Honorable Mary T. Broh, Acting Mayor of the Monrovia City Corporation and members of the Liberia Chamber of Commerce, we look forward to a robust business summit.

I wish you the best success during the summit and look forward to working with you.

Kind regards,

Cynthia Blandford nach

Cynthia Blandford Nash Honorary Consul General Republic of Liberia Atlanta, Georgia



LIBERIA – U.S. BUSINESS SUMMIT
A Rising Star in the Emerging Market
Robert W. Woodruff Library, Atlanta University Center 111 James P. Brawley Dr., SW, Atlanta, Georgia,
Co-hosted by Clark Atlanta University.
MARCH 30, 2012 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.



Business Summit Program

REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST— 8:00 A.M. – 8:45 A.M.

PLENARY — 8:45 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

WELCOME

Cynthia Blandford Nash, Honorary Consul General – Republic of Liberia, Georgia H.E. William V. S. Bull, Liberian Ambassador to the U. S

GREETINGS

Dr. Joseph Silver, Provost, Clark Atlanta University
Dr. Carlton Brown, President, Clark Atlanta University

INTRODUCTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT AND THE LIBERIAN DELEGATION

Cynthia Blandford Nash, Honorary Consul General - Republic of Liberia, Georgia

SUMMIT PRESENTATIONS — 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

LIBERIA IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS — INTRO: Melvin Johnson, Chief Judge of Lithonia, Georgia

His Excellency Joseph Nyuma Boakai, Vice President Republic of Liberia

HOW TO DO BUSINESS IN LIBERIA — FACILITATOR: L. Wellington VanPelt, Business Development Manager, Liquidator Global, LLC

The Honorable Miata Beysolow, Minister of Commerce & Industry

Import and Export Opportunities | How to Open up a Business in Liberia | Q&A

INVESTMENT AND CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES — FACILITATOR: Melvin Crawford, Managing Partner, DMA (USA), LLC

The Honorable Ciata Bishop, Executive Director, National Investment Commission (NIC)

Supply Linkages to the Mining, Forestry, and Oil Concessions | Contracting Opportunities with the Government and Other Entities | Q&A

CHEVRON'S SOCIAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM IN LIBERIA— INTRO: Cynthia Blandford Nash, Honorary Consul General

Nadeem Anwar, Social Performance Team Leader, Chevron | Q&A

PETROLEUM AND REFINERY OPPORTUNITIES — FACILITATOR: Dr. Nathaniel G. Gbessagee, Member, LAMA

The Honorable T. Nelson Williams, Managing Director Liberian Petroleum Refinery Corporation (LPRC)

Investment Opportunities in the Downstream Petroleum Sector | Q&A

MUNICIPAL SERVICES — FACILITATOR: Soni Karnga Williams, Attorney at Law

The Honorable Mary Broh, Acting Mayor Monrovia City Corporation

Water, Waste Disposal and Sanitation | Energy and Housing in Monrovia | Q&A

LIBERIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PANEL DISCUSSION — FACILITATOR: Wilfred T. Harris, President of LAPI

Cherif Abdallah (Areas of Specialization—Commodities, Petroleum Import, Energy, General Merchandise Import & Export)

Henrique Caine (Areas of Specialization—Construction, Heavy Machinery, Cement Import, Tourism, General Merchandise Import & Export) Sidiki Konneh (Areas of Specialization—Construction, Clothing and General Merchandise)

US PERSPECTIVE: ENGAGING BUSINESS IN LIBERIA — INTRO: Maryalice Moses, Chief of Staff Liberian Consulate (GA)

Kimberly Bell, Economic Affairs Bureau, US State Department

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

MAP International Presentation of \$2million in Medical Supplies to Liberia

Presented by Philli Mazzilli, Director & Vice Chairman of the Board and Scott Walters, Chief Development Officer, Map International

Delta Air Lines Receives Consul General's Leadership Award — Cynthia Blandford Nash, Honorary Consul General, Republic of Liberia (GA)

Proclamation | Michael Julian Bond, Council Member, Post 1 At-Large, Atlanta City Council

Proclamation | Donzella James, Senator, District 35, State Senate of the State of Georgia

CLOSING REMARKS — Cynthia Blandford Nash, Honorary Consul General, Republic of Liberia (GA)

CONFERENCE NETWORKING MIXER — 12:00 Noon – 1:00 P.M.

Conference Networking Mixer and Reception with Vice President and Delegation

ONE-ON-ONE BUSINESS MATCHMAKING SESSION — 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

One-on-One with Delegation Members — (Pre-Registration Required)

BUSINESS SUMMIT PRESENTERS



H. E. Joseph Nyuma Boakai Vice President, Republic of Liberia



H.E. William V. S. Bull Liberian Ambassador to the United States



Honorable Miata Beysolow Minister of Commerce & Industry , Republic of Liberia



Honorable Ciata Bishop
Executive Director,
National Investment Commission (NIC)



Honorable T. Nelson Williams Managing Director Liberian Petroleum Refinery Corporation (LPRC)



Honorable Mary Broh Acting Mayor Monrovia City Corporation



Nadeem Anwar Social Performance Team Leader, Chevron



Melvin Crawford Managing Partner DMA (USA), LLC



Phillip Mazzilli
Director & Vice Chairman of the Board
Map International



Scott Walters

Development Officer

Map International



Nadeem Anwar Chief Judge City of Lithonia, Georgia



Wilfred T. Harris
President
LAPI



Dr. Nathaniel G. Gbessagee Member LAMA



LIBERIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Cherif Abdallah
Executive Director
Henrique Caine
Sidiki Konneh





NATHAN DEAL

Governor

State of Georgia



STATE OF GEORGIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ATLANTA 30334-0900

Nathan Deal GOVERNOR

March 30, 2012

To: Liberia and U.S. 2012 Business Summit

GREETINGS:

ND:ai

I am pleased to extend my warmest regards to the attendees of the Liberia: Open For Business 2012 Summit. On behalf of the State of Georgia, it is a pleasure to host this important event.

Please allow me to welcome your distinguished guests, honorees, their families, and other attendees. Georgia is proud to renew economic relationships and explore new markets that aid our citizens and nation as we continue to move our state forward. Georgia benefits from a vibrant Liberian community with members comprising all levels of professional life. I look forward to future, mutually beneficial endeavors derived from this connection.

I commend the Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Liberia and Clark Atlanta University for organizing this event, and send my best wishes for a successful and enjoyable summit.

Sincerely,

Nathan Deal

Nathan Deal



Office of the Ambassador

EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

5201 16th Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20011 Tel: 202-723-0437 Fax: 202-723-0436

LEW-1/13i/146/03-'12

March 30, 2012

Dear Summit Participants:

It is my pleasure to join the Honorary Consul General of Liberia, Mrs. Cynthia Blandford-Nash, in welcoming you to the 2012 Liberia/US Business Summit being held today at the Atlanta University Center, in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Summit is presented on behalf of the Government of Liberia (GOL), and we are honored that His Excellency Joseph N. Boakai, Vice President of the Republic of Liberia and other senior Officials of Government are in attendance. One of the objectives of this Summit is to acquaint American businesses of the many opportunities for investment in Liberia, one of the fastest growing economies in Africa.

Liberia is *Open for Business* and we are confident that together we can establish a mutually beneficial partnership in the spirit of the long-standing ties which bind Liberia and the United States.

Kindest regards,

Julian V S. Bull Sr.



WILLIAM V.S. BULL Liberian Ambassador to

the United States





DONZELLA JAMES
Senator, District 35
State Senate of the
State of Georgia

DONZELLA JAMES
Senator, District 35

304-B Coverdell Legislative Office Building 18 Capitol Square, SW Atlanta, Georgia 30334 District: (404) 625-8855 State: (404) 463-1379 Facsimile: (404) 656-6579

E-mail: Donzella.James@senate.ga.gov



The State Senate
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

COMMITTEES:

Education and Youth Special Judiciary State Institutions and Property State and Local Governmental Operations

March 22, 2012

The Honorable Cynthia Blandford Nash Honorary Consul General Republic of Liberia World Trade Center Atlanta Sun Trust Plaza 300 Peachtree Street, N.E. Lower Lobby Suite100 Atlanta, GA 30308

Greetings,

It is indeed an honor to welcome His Excellency Joseph N. Boakai and the Liberia Delegation to Atlanta Georgia for the U.S. Business Summit.

The Summit is an excellent opportunity to foster partnerships between Liberia and Georgia in an effort to create economic development.

As the summit convenes, I wish you much success over the course of the event.

Sincerely,

Donzella J. James Senator, District 35

Donzella J. James



ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL

MICHAEL JULIAN BOND
COUNCILMEMBER, POST 1 AT-LARGE

55 TRINITY AVENUE, S.W. SECOND FLOOR, EAST ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303 TEL (404) 330-6770 FAX (404) 658-6896 E-MAIL mbond@altantaga.gov

March 30, 2012

Cynthia Blandford Nash Honorary Consul General Republic of Liberia 300 Peachtree Street, N.E. Lower Lobby, Suite 100 Atlanta, GA 30308

Dear Honorable Consul General Nash,

It is my distinct honor to welcome the Government of Liberia delegation to the City of Atlanta.

Given the proud history that the United States and Liberia share, it is a singular achievement for our fair City to host the Liberia-U.S. Business Summit 2012.

In addition, Clark Atlanta University as the summit's co-host further distinguishes this event.

As a City-wide Councilmember, and on behalf of the City of Atlanta and its citizens, I want to welcome you to our fair City.





MICHAEL JULIAN
BOND
Council Member, Post 1
At-Large
Atlanta City Council
Atlanta, Georgia



HOST COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS

CONSULATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA | ATLANTA, GA | SENIOR STAFF



Maryalice Omokeye Moses
Chief of Staff
Consulate of the Republic of Liberia



Candace J. Bazemore
Director of Marketing & Communication
Consulate of the Republic of Liberia

HOST COMMITTEE

H.E. William V.S. Bull, Liberian Ambassador, D.C.

Honorable Cynthia Blandford Nash, Honorary Consul General

Maryalice O. Moses, Logistics

Judge Melvin Johnson, Security

Wilfred T. Harris, Business Development

Leo Mulba, Consultation

Joseph Reeves, Consultation

Vicki Elisa, Public Relations and Media

Kema Diggs, Volunteers

Eric Carswell, Consulate Junior Diplomatic Fellow

Honorable Edwin Sele, Deputy Chief of Mission, Liberian Embassy, D.C.

Gurley Gibson, Trade Officer, Liberian Embassy

David Anderson, Security

Melvin Crawford, Business Development

Candace Bazemore, Marketing and Communications

Mustapha C. Acolaste, Consultation

Amos Smith, Consultation

Tonya Cook, Public Relations and Media

Sebo Maparyan, Public Relations

VOLUNTEERS

Kema Diggs

Christiana Doe Sillah Kasumu Selah Abrams John Anderson Vickie Elisa Hawa Liberty Matilda Arhin Tia D. Fairley Glover Lisa Ardella Y. Blandford Lauramae Gabbidon Alma D. Muah **Shirley Brownell** Robert Garguah **Dave Peters** Eric. R. Carswell, II Sylvestine Gbessage **Robin Smith** Thelma Cato Nathaniel Gbessage **Bernice Stevens** Tonya Cook Lisa Glover Sayneatue Titoe Williette Crawford Louis Harmon Ayres Trotmon Steven W. Day Robert Hughes William Van Pelt

Emma Kahler

BUSINESS SUMMIT PROGRAM

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE SPONSORS OF THE LIBERIA AND U.S. BUSINESS SUMMIT 2012









































WE AGREE.

Chevron is proud to sponsor the Liberia and U.S. Business Summit.

Our company can't thrive unless our community does, too. Chevron is committed to promoting health, education, and economic development where we operate. From building medical clinics to training local workers, we're getting involved to help create long-term, sustainable benefits for our community. And our business.

Learn more at chevron.com



Human Energy®