



Experience
xRank Celebrity



xRank: 

Track your celeb's
popularity



1 May 14 2008 Nick Cannon

2 May 2 2008 Mariah Carey Marrie

Microsoft
Live Search

Mariah Carey

President Sirleaf Today Launched the 1st Peace Girls Leadership Dialogue of WipSen At the Monrovia City Hall

Liberia Government (Monrovia)

NEWS

12 June 2008

Posted to the web 12 June 2008

Monrovia

President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf has reiterated her government's commitment to education. Her government's emphasis, she noted, is on girls, who she said are more deprived than boys.

The President spoke today at the Monrovia City Hall, where she participated in the launching of the 1st Peace Girls Leadership Dialogue of the Women Peace and Security Network in Africa (WIPSEN). The project, which is implemented by the Ministry of Gender and Development and WIPSEN, aims to strengthen young girls' leadership capacity. It was held under the theme "UNSCR 1325: Tool For Advancing Young Girls Leadership'.

She stressed that it is her own commitment to education in Liberia which led to the establishment of the Liberia Education Trust (LET), a program which aims to build 50 schools, train 500 teachers and provide 5000 scholarships for girls over a 3 year period. She spoke of the need for strong leaders across every facet of society and challenged the participants to use the opportunity afforded them. The President further called on parti cipants to task the government to see how it can be of help.

[Africa Volunteer Wanted](#)
Live and Work Abroad, 3-12
Weeks. Help the Community -
Enroll Today!
CrossCulturalSolutions.org

For her part, the Executive Director of WIPSEN, Madam Leema Gbowee, said the project shares similar programs with the International Colloquium on Women. She said the group is focused on women and regularly reports on their status, adding that the well-being of young girls is critical to women empowerment. Madam Gbowee added that 10 mentors have been trained under the program to guide participants. She further emphasised that three leadership dialogues are scheduled to begin in Montserrado, Bong and Grand Bassa Counties, with further plans to expand the program to three other counties over the next three years.

The launching of the 1st Peace Girls Leadership Dialogue of WIPSEN also brought together Gender and Development Minister Varbah Gayflor and officials of the Ministry, civil society groups, students and the media.

Copyright © 2008 Liberia Government. All rights reserved. Distributed by AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com).

