

Tuesday, 24 February 2026

8:00-9:00: Reception / Registration

9:00-10:30: Opening ceremony **Room: France**

Master of ceremony: Nancy Miriam Kawayo / Moderator: Larry Madowo

- Welcome remarks: - J. Levi Demmah, Ambassador of Liberia to the EU
- Opening address: - Koen Doens, Director-General for International Partnerships, European Commission, DG INTPA
- Sara Beysolow Nyanti, Liberia's Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Guest speaker: - Stephen Cashin, Director, International Bank Liberia
- Panel discussion: - Sara Beysolow Nyanti, Liberia's Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Koen Doens, Director-General for International Partnerships European Commission, DG INTPA
- Patricia Llobart Cussac, Managing Director for Africa, European External Action Service (EEAS)
- Marc de Buytsverve, Director for Africa, Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Stephen Cashin, Director, International Bank Liberia

10:30-11:00: Coffee break and networking

11:00-13:00: Plenary session: Doing business in Liberia **Room: France**

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- Special remarks: - Jeff Blibo, Chairman, Liberia's National Investment Commission
- Panel discussion: - Magdalene Dagoseh, Liberia's Minister of Commerce and Industry
- Jeff Blibo, Chairman, Liberia's National Investment Commission
- Stefano Signore, Director for Africa, European Commission, DG INTPA
- Jacques Massart, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture Belgium-Luxembourg-Africa-Caribbean-Pacific
- Cristina Miranda Gozálvez, Head of Unit for Africa and Pacific, Overseas Countries and Territories, European Commission, DG TRADE
- James Strotter, President, Liberia Business Association
- O'Natty B. Davis, President, Liberia Chamber of Commerce
- Christoph Jud, President, European Chamber of Commerce
- Menno van Der Kamp, Head of Public Affairs, Brussels Airlines
- Rachid Baho, Chief Executive Officer, APM Terminals Liberia

13:00-14:00: Lunch break and networking

14:30-16:30: Parallel plenary session: Investment opportunities in Liberia's agriculture and forestry sectors **Room: France**

Moderator: Nancy Miriam Kawayo

- Special remarks: - Youngor Telawoda, Ambassador of Liberia to Germany
- Panelists: - Alexander Nuetah, Liberia's Minister of Agriculture
- Rudolph Mehrab, Managing Director, Liberia's Forest Development Agency
- Regis Meritan, Representative of the EU Deforestation Regulation, INTPA F3
- Sandra Razanamandranto, Regional Engagement Director, Preferred by Nature
- Julien Bastrup, Secretary General, Liberia Agriculture Company
- Questions and answers

14:30-16:30: Parallel plenary session: Investment opportunities in Liberia's mining, oil and gas sectors **Room: Belgium 3**

Moderator: Cyrus Wleh Badio

- Panelists: - Charles Umehai, Deputy Minister for Energy
- Critical Raw Materials Team, European Commission, DG INTPA
- Michiel van der Merwe, Chief Executive Officer, Arcelor Mittal Liberia
- Fabian Lai, Chief Executive Officer, National Oil Company of Liberia
- R. C. Saraf, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Mining Division, Arcelor Mittal
- Questions and answers

14:30-16:30: Parallel plenary session: Investment opportunities in Liberia's fisheries and maritime sectors **Room: Italy**

Moderator: Larry Madowo

- Panelists: - Cyrus Saygbe, Director General, National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority
- Neto Lighe, Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer, Liberia Maritime Authority
- Prince Anything Wreh, Executive Chairman, Liberia Special Economic Zones Authority
- Questions and answers

16:30-18:30: Business to business (B2B), business to government (B2G), finance to business (F2B) and finance to government (F2G) matchmaking sessions **Room: Netherlands 3**

18:30-20:00: Networking drinks and culture performances **Room: Belgium 3**

Wednesday, 25 February 2026

8:00-9:00: Reception / Registration

9:00-9:15: Opening address **Room: France**

- Speakers:
 - Sara Beysolow Nyanti, Liberia's Minister of Foreign Affairs
 - Pilar Palmero Vaquero, Head of Western Africa Unit, INTPA
 - Jolita Pons, Head of Western Africa Division, EEAS

9:15-11:15: Parallel plenary session: Investment opportunities in tourism, sanitation, waste management and recycling **Room: Italy**

Moderators: Christopher Hayes Onanuga & Nancy Miriam Kawayo

- Panelists:
 - Jerolinmek Piah, Liberia's Minister of Information
 - Princess Eva Cooper, Director-General, Liberia National Tourism Authority
 - Mai Bright Urey, President, and Lisa Antoune, VP of the Liberia Tourism Association
 - Hesta Baker, Publisher and Chief Executive Officer, Africa Travel and Life Magazine
 - John-Charuk Siafa, Mayor of Monrovia City
 - George Gaybueh, Mayor of Buchanan City
- Questions and answers

9:15-11:30: Parallel plenary session: Financing and investment opportunities in infrastructure in Liberia's energy and transport sectors **Room: France**

Moderators: Cyrus Wleh Badio & Nancy Miriam Kawayo

- Special remarks:
 - Teeko Yorlay, Ambassador of Liberia to France
- Panelists:
 - Augustine Ngafuan, Liberia's Minister of Finance and Development Planning
 - Roland Giddings, Liberia's Minister of Public Works
 - Henry Saamoi, Executive Governor, Central Bank of Liberia
 - Mohammed Sherif, Managing Director, Liberia Electricity Corporation
 - Malcom Peter King, Chief Executive Officer, Global Logistics Services
 - Isabel Emerson, Head of Unit Private Sector Engagement & Employment, European Commission, DG INTPA
 - Svetla Stoeva, Head of Public Sector Financing and Country Relations for West and Central Africa, European Investment Bank
- Questions and answers

11:30-13:00: Business to business (B2B), business to government (B2G), finance to business (F2B) and finance to government (F2G) matchmaking sessions **Room: Netherlands 3**

13:00-14:00: Lunch break and networking

14:30-15:30: Plenary session: The role of Liberian diaspora in private sector development **Room: France**

Moderator: Cyrus Wleh Badio

- Panelists:
 - Ibrahim Nyei, Deputy Minister for International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - Francis Mensah, President, European Federation of Liberian Associations
 - Mike Muller, Chairman of the Board, Liberia Diaspora Association in Europe
- Questions and answers

15:30-16:00: Partnership signing ceremony: Memorandum of understanding between the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture Belgium-Luxembourg-Africa-Caribbean-Pacific and the Liberian Chamber of Commerce

Room: France

16:00 – 16:30: Signing ceremony of deal between Global Logistics Services & APM Terminals: are partnering to develop Liberia's first-ever Export Processing Facility.

Room: France

16:30-17:00: Signing ceremony: Private sector Development in Liberia

Room: France

- Introductory remarks by the EF Executive Director
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- EU Ambassador to Liberia
- Minister of Commerce
- Minister of Finance and Development Planning
- Project presentation by the Head of Project, Amaia Bessouet, Expertise France