

LIFESTYLE OF THE LADY CEO

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**PRESIDENT ELLEN JOHNSON SIRLEAF**  
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**"IRON LADY"**

## Liberians have the ability to "transform adversity into opportunity."

in a field of eighteen candidates. She remains the leader of the Unity Party.



In a professional life that has spanned over forty (40) years, Mrs. Johnson Sirleaf has served as Governor of Liberia for several financial institutions including the International Monetary Funds, the African Development Bank, and the World Bank. In the latter, she was chair and spokesperson of the 1979 Annual Meetings.

Mrs. Johnson Sirleaf has served on several advisory boards and committees in her home country and abroad. Notably among these are:

- The International Crisis Group (USA), Songhai Financial Holdings Ltd. (Ghana);
- Center for Africa's International Relations, University of Witwatersrand (South Africa);
- Women Waging Peace (USA). She has written several publications on finance and development.

Mrs. Johnson Sirleaf is the recipient of several special honors, including the Commander de l'Ordre du Mono of Togo (1996); the Ralph Bunche International Leadership Award of the United States (1995); the Franklin D. Roosevelt Freedom of Speech Award of the United States (1988); and the Grand Commander of the Star of Africa Redemption of Liberia (1980).

**P**resident of the Republic of Liberia, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, the first democratically elected Female President of Liberia.

On January 16, 2006, prior to her inauguration into office as President of Liberia on, she has led a most distinguished career spanning nearly 4 decades in local and international public life.

She played an active and supportive role in the Transitional Government of Liberia (2003-2005) as Chairman of the Governance Reform Commission, until she resigned in March 2005, after she was nominated by the Unity Party to contest the Presidency.

She has been Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau of Africa of the United Nations Development Program with the rank of Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations.

A Harvard trained Public Administrator; Mrs. Sirleaf has been a member of the Advisory Board of the Modern Africa Growth and Investment Company (MAGIC), a member of the Hong Kong Bank Group, a Vice President of CITICORP Africa Regional Office and a Senior Loan Officer at the World Bank. Mrs. Sirleaf was a member of the Initial Group of World Bank's Council of African Advisors, and a founding member of the International Institute for Women in Political Leadership.

She has served in her home country as the first female Minister of Finance and President of the Liberia Bank for Development and Investment. She is a founder of Komah Development and Investment Corporation, a financial management advisory consultancy firm and a founder and key supporter of Measuagoon, a community development NGO in Liberia.

The Liberian Leader was a Unity Party Presidential Candidate in the controversial 1997 Liberia general elections, where the official results placed her second



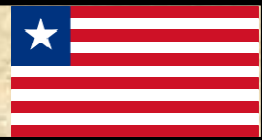
She was one of the seven international eminent persons designated in 1999 by the Organization of African Unity to investigate the Rwanda genocide, one of the five Commission Chairs for the Inter-Congolese Dialogue (2002); and one of the two international experts selected by UNIFEM to investigate and report (2002) on the effect of conflict on women and women's role in peace building.

She served as the initial Chairperson (2000-2003) of the Open Society Initiative for West Africa, (OSIWA); a member of the Soros Foundation Network and a visiting Professor of Governance at the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA).

After fighting for freedom, justice, and equality, and being sent to jail more than once, and forced into exile, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf is now entrusted with the most challenging task any leader has ever faced in Liberia. The social, political, and economic decay the nation currently suffers will require all her creativity.



But the woman many have come to know as the **"Iron Lady"** is confident that she and her team of professional Liberians have the ability to **"transform adversity into opportunity."**



Educated at College of West Africa, in Monrovia, Liberia, earned a BBA at Madison Business College in Madison, Wisconsin, Diploma at the Economics Institute at the University of Colorado, and a Master in Public Administration from Harvard University, USA.