

REMARKS BY
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Fellow citizens;

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Good morning.

It is a pleasure to join you at the Liberia Technology Summit 2026, a gathering that reflects our shared determination to harness innovation and technology to transform our nation.

I commend the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, the Liberia Telecommunications Authority, our development partners, the private sector, and every individual who has contributed to making this Summit a premier platform for advancing Liberia's digital future.

To underscore my Administration's unwavering commitment to digitally transforming the Government of Liberia and harnessing technology to improve the lives of our people, it was also my pleasure to direct the Ministry of State for Presidential Affairs to play a leading role in the organization of this year's Liberia Technology Summit, in close collaboration with the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, the Liberia Telecommunications Authority, and our many public and private sector partners.

This collaborative effort reflects our conviction that digital transformation must be a whole-of-government undertaking, driven by strong leadership, effective coordination, and meaningful partnerships.

Today's gathering is therefore far more than a technology conference. It is a demonstration of our national resolve to build a smarter, more efficient, more transparent, and more inclusive Liberia through digital innovation.

The world is changing rapidly.

Nations that embrace digital transformation are improving public services, expanding economic opportunity, increasing transparency, strengthening national security, and creating jobs. Those that fail to adapt risk falling behind. Liberia has chosen to move forward.

Our Administration recognizes that digital transformation is no longer optional. It is essential to effective governance, economic competitiveness, and national development.

That conviction guided my decision to issue Executive Order No. 163, establishing the Office of Technology, Digitalization and Innovation within the Office of the President as the central coordinating authority for whole-of-government digital transformation.

Executive Order No. 163 represents much more than an administrative reform. It is our commitment to fundamentally change the way government works.

For too long, government institutions have operated in silos, relying on fragmented systems, manual processes, and outdated technologies that slow service delivery and frustrate our citizens. That must change.

Our vision is to build a modern digital government where institutions communicate seamlessly, services are citizen centered, decisions are driven by reliable data, and technology improves efficiency, accountability, and transparency across every Ministry, Agency, and Commission.

Digital government means that citizens should spend less time standing in lines and more time accessing services. Businesses should find it easier to register, invest, pay taxes, and comply with government requirements. Students should have greater access to digital learning. Farmers should benefit from improved information and market access.

Health workers should be supported by stronger digital systems that improve healthcare delivery. And every Liberian, regardless of where they live, should have the opportunity to participate in our digital economy.

This transformation cannot be achieved by government alone. It requires strong partnerships among government, the private sector, universities, innovators, investors, development partners, and civil society. That is why this Summit is so important.

It brings together the people who will design the solutions, build the platforms, secure our digital infrastructure, create the next generation of businesses, and inspire young Liberians to see technology not merely as a tool for communication, but as a pathway to innovation, entrepreneurship, and national service.

To our young innovators, software developers, engineers, cyber-security professionals, and entrepreneurs, I say this: Liberia believes in you.

Your creativity, talent, and determination are among our country's greatest assets. We want to create an environment where your ideas can flourish, where startups can grow, where innovation is rewarded, and where the next breakthrough that transforms lives can proudly bear the label, "Made in Liberia."

As the Government, we are committed to creating the policy environment necessary for innovation to thrive. We will continue strengthening digital infrastructure, promoting cyber-security, expanding digital literacy, improving connectivity, and encouraging investment in emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, financial technology, and digital public services.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Digital transformation is not ultimately about computers, software, or networks. It is about people. It is about improving lives. It is about making government more responsive. It is about creating opportunities for our youth. This is about building a more competitive economy. And it is about ensuring that every Liberian benefits from the opportunities of the twenty first century.

Let this Summit inspire bold ideas, meaningful partnerships, and practical solutions that will accelerate Liberia's digital transformation.

Let it also remind us that the future will not simply happen to us. Together, we must build it.

I congratulate all of the organizers, participants, exhibitors, innovators, and partners for making this Summit possible.

May your discussions produce ideas that will strengthen our institutions, grow our economy, and improve the lives of our people.

May God bless you all.

And may God continue to bless the Republic of Liberia.

Think Liberia. Love Liberia. Build Liberia.