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MISSION

The Interuniversity Institute for Research and Development (INURED or the Institute) is a research and higher education establishment based in Haiti. INURED's mission is to contribute to the development of high-level research and scientific training in Haiti with the aim of improving the educational, socio-economic and political conditions of Haiti's people. As a "think and do" tank, INURED's collaborative research program provides powerful data analysis, multidisciplinary research and evaluation techniques as tools for Haiti's policymakers to address the wide range of issues affecting Haiti.

Seasons Greetings!

Port-au-Prince, December 2012

Dear INURED Supporter,

The holiday season is a joyful time of celebration and communion among family and friends. It is also a time for reflection as we look back at the culmination of a year filled with accomplishment as well as challenges and anticipate the opportunities to come in the New Year.

As INURED looks back at 2012 we take pride in the steady growth of the institution, particularly the strengthening of existing relationships and development of new partnerships that have expanded our network. This year, through our Diaspora Study we began a three country case study with new partners including George Washington University and Oxford University. The Mapping Justice Initiative and conclusion of the Violence Against Children Study (VACS) have strengthened or fostered new links between the institute and partners from the Haitian government, the justice system, civil society and international donor community in Haiti.

End of year reflection also entails examining areas which may require further attention in the upcoming year. This year we were consumed by research and the launching of new projects and initiatives. Yet we recognize the need to generate and disseminate local knowledge so that the voices of the Haitian people, and others from societies facing similar challenges, are represented at the local, national and international level. Consequently, the upcoming year will be a time in which we convert our research findings into scientific reports and articles that are accessible and useful to policy makers and practitioners engaged in development work in Haiti and around the world.

While we recognize the challenges that lie ahead, we remain resolute in our mission to improve the educational, socioeconomic and political conditions of Haiti's people. And we wish to take this opportunity to let our partners know that it is your continued support that gives us the courage to reaffirm our commitment to Haiti in the New Year.

We wish you and your family joy and peace during this holiday season and a happy and prosperous New Year!

In Solidarity,

INURED Staff



**An Excerpt from PRESIDENT JOSEPH MICHEL MARTELLY'S SPEECH
2012 Board of Trustees Cocktail Reception
(Read by the Minister of Justice and Public Security, Me. Jean Renel Sanon)**



Distinguished participants of INURED's Sixth Annual Meeting,

I have the great privilege of participating in the closing ceremony of INURED's Sixth Annual Meeting, as well as the high quality of work to which this week has been dedicated, the high caliber of experts who hail from various countries collaborating with Haitian specialists on the orientation of national policy toward the establishment of Rule of Law, an issue of supreme importance. As you all know, and I wish to underscore at this event, Rule of Law is one of the pillars of my campaign promises.

The complaints have always been that, after so many years, our judiciary remains unable to meet the expectations of those who suffer gross violations of their rights and interests. The persistence of challenges in this area led to the questioning of the legitimacy of our institutions and our ability to establish the rule of law. For this reason, I have made Justice and Rule of Law among the five main points of my political agenda.

This initiative is a first in the Sociology of Law and Justice in Haiti. Your work, dear experts, should mark a turning point in the generally followed methods of the development of our legal instruments.

The results of your study will surely offer policy makers an inventory of the problems, new obstacles and emerging challenges in the justice sector. It is through the results of your scientific work that we will have to establish a rationale, objectives and priorities that are consistent with those of the governed.

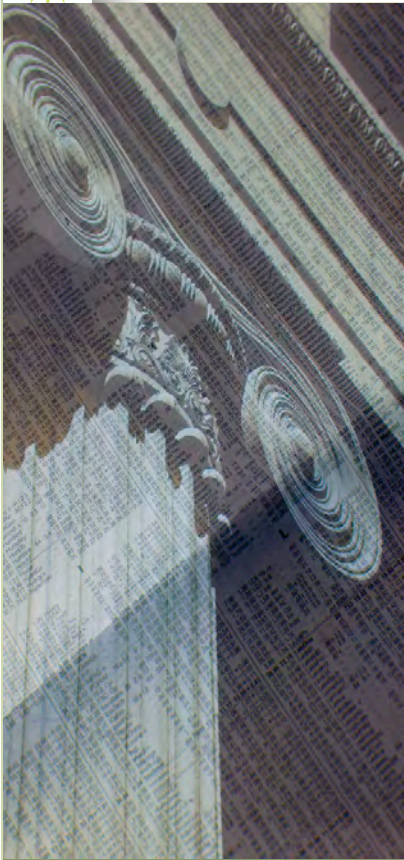
In countries facing similar challenges to those of Haiti, it is recognized that the simple rewriting of laws and revision of legal frameworks have very limited effects in regard to improving access to justice. In this regard, the success of such an approach requires the strengthening of formal institutions and identifying roles and potential effects of a range of informal institutions in the delivery of justice.

We have the political will and commitment to justice reform and rule of law despite or even because of all the obstacles mentioned above.

As the spokesperson for all my compatriots I would like to express to the Board of Trustees of INURED and distinguished Haitian and international experts my utmost satisfaction in welcoming them on Haitian soil and our pride in having benefitted from their knowledgeable work on Rule of Law and mapping justice for the greater good of the national collective.

Joseph Michel Martelly,
President of the Republic of Haiti

To read the original speech in its entirety (in French) please go to this link on our website:
<https://inured.site-ym.com/news/109322/Son-Excellence-Monsieur-Joseph-Michel-Martelly-Discours-de-Culture-du-Seminaire-de-Recherche.htm>



Update on the Mapping Justice Project

Over the years, the international community has invested heavily in rule of law programs in Haiti with little to no research and, therefore, an inadequate basis for monitoring and evaluation. Not surprising, these interventions have yielded few results.

In July, INURED conducted the workshop "Mapping Justice, Security, and Rule of Law" in which it convened academics, practitioners, policymakers, and key stakeholders to discuss the major issues surrounding the rule of law in Haiti. The workshop sought to identify research priorities and the appropriate design, methodology and process for a mapping justice study, which would be the first of its kind in Haiti.

International researchers from Afghanistan, Liberia, and South Sudan, who have conducted studies focusing on the rule of law and justice in those countries, presented their findings. Those experts explained how they conducted their studies and presented suggestions on how their methods could be adapted to the Haitian context.



All participants acknowledged the lack of a real understanding of the current state of Haitian justice, both formal and informal, and the pressing need to map the justice sector with rigorous social science research that yields reliable data and an enhanced qualitative and quantitative understanding of this sector. INURED's Mapping Justice and Rule of Law project will inject much needed rigor by collecting the missing data on the justice sector in Haiti and, thus, increasing the likelihood that more effective policies and programs that promote the rule of law in Haiti will be implemented.



Farewell to the Chilean Ambassador to Haiti His Excellency Mauricio Leone Bravo

INURED would like to express its heartfelt and sincerest thanks to the former Chilean Ambassador to Haiti, His Excellency Mauricio Leone Bravo for his tireless support of the institute. During his tenure in Haiti, Ambassador Leone Bravo was instrumental in establishing a relationship between INURED and the Cooperación Internacional in Chile and was very active in promoting INURED and its work to the diplomatic corps in Haiti.

While his presence will be missed in Haiti, we are excited to announce the Ambassador's commitment to continuing his relationship with INURED as a representative at-large in Chile. We thank Ambassador Leone Bravo for his tireless support and look forward to the next part of our journey together.

New Initiatives

New Initiatives with the Ministry of Environment

This fall, INURED and the Ministry of Environment (the Ministry) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining several lines of research and intervention projects that will support the Ministry in its efforts to develop sound policy that will promote environmental sustainability by: developing strategies to protect the natural environment and identifying and drawing upon the local assets that will strengthen local governance and build resiliency to natural disasters. These new initiatives include the Jalouzi/Mon Lopital Project and research on the Caribbean Biological Corridor.





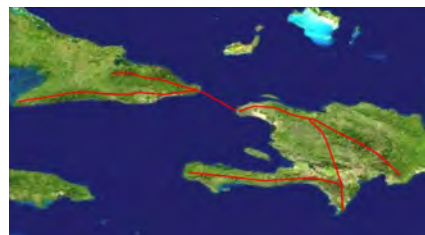
Jalouzi/Mon Lopital Project

The Jalouzi Project is a human rights initiative involving the informal settlement of Jalouzi/Mon Lopital, whose population substantially increased with the influx of internally displaced people after the devastating earthquake of 2010. The project, funded by the Ministry of Environment, takes a human rights-based approach to addressing the environmental issues faced by informal settlements. The project will engage the community in order to discover ways to inhabit their space safely and responsibly.

The project seeks to achieve social transformation by initially assessing both the material and human resources available in the community and then by establishing the necessary partnerships to fill resource gaps. Residents will play an active role in assessing their community and establishing links between the community and outside institutions.

The project will integrate human rights principles and entail a community-based mapping and survey process, so that residents have accurate information about themselves and their living conditions. The project will result in the establishment of a community forum in which, among other things, community members will identify and prioritize their community's needs and advocate to meet those needs. The overarching goal is to empower Jalouzi residents to upgrade their standard of living by transforming their community into an environmentally sustainable and socially viable one. The project will serve as a model for similar interventions throughout Haiti.

The Caribbean Biological Corridor



In mid-December INURED co-sponsored with the Ministry of Environment a technical meeting to develop a plan to sustain the Caribbean Biological Corridor initiative (CBC). The CBC is a tri-national initiative that covers the ecosystems of the eastern tip of Cuba, Haiti and the western half of the Dominican Republic. The CBC provides a framework for cooperation between all three countries to protect biodiversity through environmental rehabilitation and to alleviate poverty in an effort to minimize the pressure on biological resources. The CBC provides a context for targeted actions that contribute to the reduction of biodiversity loss in the Caribbean and the American Neotropics in a delimited geographical area, while at the same time addressing the needs of the community. Participants from all three countries as well as experts from the United States participated in this meeting to develop a concept that incorporated CBCs original objectives but expanded the initiative's focus to include risk governance and mitigation in an effort to confront the regions' vulnerability to natural disasters.



Wendy Dolce Profile of INURED's Legal & Human Rights Intern

Wendy Dolce is currently working as a Legal and Human Rights Intern on the Mapping Justice and Rule of Law project and the human rights initiative with Jalouzi/Mon Lopital. She is a U.S. attorney admitted to practice in New York and Florida. She graduated from New York University with a Bachelor of Arts in Politics and received her Juris Doctor from Cornell Law School. She is pursuing a Master of Arts in Human Rights and Conflict Management at Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies in Pisa, Italy.

Her professional interests include gender equality and women's empowerment, human rights-based approaches to development, and rule of law/justice reform. She is the daughter of Haitian immigrants to the U.S. and has a long standing interest in and love of all things Haitian. Her mother's ancestral home is Les Cayes and her father is originally from La Pointe. She began studying Haiti as a child and visited for the first time in December of 1996. During that trip, she saw first-hand the beauty and struggles of Haiti and resolved to eventually work there. Please join us in welcoming Wendy to the institute.



INURED Academic Activities

Qualitative Research Methods Seminar

Through various educational and capacity building initiatives such as scholarship initiatives, seminars, leadership development training and the integration of university students in our research initiatives INURED maintains its commitment to training the next generation of Haitian leaders and scholars. In early December 2012, INURED hosted a qualitative research methods seminar for university students from the State University of Haiti.



All participants have completed their coursework and expressed interest in working on a research study with INURED that they will use as the focus of their thesis. Students were carefully selected by a committee of academics from the State University of Haiti and INURED based on academic performance and demonstrated interest in themes such as diaspora, migration and transnationalism. Upon successful completion of the qualitative research methods seminar students will participate in an upcoming research study on Diaspora engagement in Higher Education.



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Consider donating to INURED this year in your holiday giving! INURED is able to continue its mission only because of your support and generosity. By donating to INURED, you'll help to ensure the continuance of our very important programs including research, scholarships, thesis advisory programs, institutional review board training, English language training, and academic cooperation and international exchange.



2012 Board of Trustees Cocktail Reception Honorees

This year INURED honored four individuals for their support of INURED and their work on behalf of Haiti. Three honorees are pioneering members INURED's Board of Trustees: Dr. Ginette Dreyfuss; Dr. Guy Noël and Me. Jean Vandal. These distinguished board members have been with the institute from its inception, during our brightest and darkest hours.

The final honoree was a pillar of the human rights community in Haiti, Dr. Jean-Claude Bajeux (17 September 1931 to 5 August 2011).



Dr. Jean-Claude Bajeux

Acknowledged by the New York Times as "Haiti's leading human rights activist" and "one of the country's leading intellectuals," Jean-Claude Bajeux led a life of political activism in the defense of human rights and democracy in Haiti against several political regimes. Dr. Bajeux was educated at the University of Bordeaux in France and Princeton University in the United States where he met his wife Sylvie Bajeux. In 1977 they founded the Center for Ecumenical Human Rights in Santo Domingo which they brought to Haiti in 1986 upon return from exile after the fall of the Duvalier regime. Dr. Bajeux was an avid promoter of Haitian culture, serving as Minister of Culture in 1994. He published two important works, a collection of poems in 1997 and a bilingual (French and Creole) anthology of Creole literature in 1999. In 2002 he was honored with the Human Rights Prize of the French Republic. Dr. Bajeux was pivotal in the creation of INURED so we honor his memory as a pioneer of human rights in Haiti and hope that through our work we honor his legacy.



Consider INURED this year in your holiday giving! INURED is able to continue its mission only because of your support and generosity. By donating to INURED, you'll help ensure that our work continues. There are three ways that you can donate to INURED this holiday season:

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Dear Contributor,

Your financial contribution this year has helped to grow this institution. This is evident from our increased staff, expanded operations and activities. Through your contributions we continue to support 10 university students in Brazil and 10 university and vocational students in Haiti. We have provided academic training and Thesis Advisory support to over 20 students mostly from Haiti but also to graduate students from higher education institutions in the U.S. interested in Caribbean Studies, and specifically Haitian Studies.

We hope that you recognize our accomplishments as your own, for without you much of this work would not be possible. As INURED blossoms we hope you will continue on this journey as your support not only helps us work toward our mission but allows us to expand our vision.

Sincerely,

INURED Board of Trustees & Leadership

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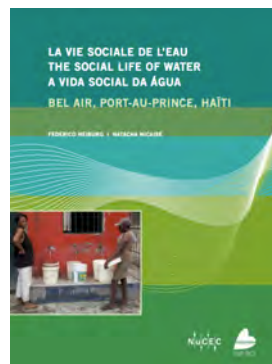
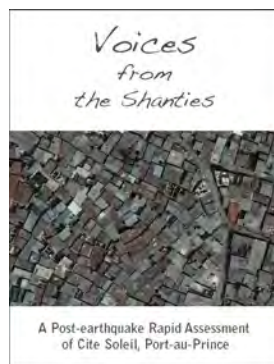
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