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Haiti's Recovery: Democratizing Access through Research and Policy

## **MISSION**

The Interuniversity
Institute for Research and
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establishment based in
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to contribute to the
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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
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as tools for Haiti's
policymakers to address the
wide range of issues
affecting Haiti.

#### Letter from the INURED Board of Trustees

Port-au-Prince, July 2012

Dear Partners and Friends,

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that INURED's Board of Trustees welcome you to the 2012 Interuniversity Institute for Research and Development's (INURED) Six Annual Meeting in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Each year, INURED takes pride in its ability to bring together institutions and individuals from throughout Haiti, and around the world, including: members of the diplomatic corps; policymakers; academics; researchers; the international development community; civil society and local community members with the goal of helping Haiti rebuild itself.

Continuing in this tradition, we hope that each year we come together new and better ideas are generated that compel us to act for the benefit of all sectors of Haitian society. As a research institution dedicated to making impactful change in Haiti, we would like to take this opportunity to discuss our accomplishments and reflect and prepare for the many challenges that lie ahead. However, the goal of this meeting is not to focus on us but on the promise of what our collective efforts hold for Haiti's future.

Therefore, we encourage you to share your experiences with us all so that we can draw from the array of wisdom and expertise in our midst.

In Solidarity,

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INURED ANNUAL MEETING 2012 AGENDA				
THURSDAY // JEUI	DI			
2:30pm-3:15pm	Arrival of Participants			
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3:15pm-3:30pm	Welcome Address	Louis Herns Marcelin,		
	Mots de bienvenue	Chancellor		
3:30pm-4:00pm	Keynote Address	Jean Renel Sanon,		
	Discours d'ouverture	Minister of Justice		
4:00pm-4:30pm	INURED Annual Report of Activities	Toni Cela,		
	Rapport des activités de l'INURED	Coordinator		
4:30pm-4:45pm	Closing Remarks	Jean Joseph Exumé,		
	Mots de cloture	Former		
		Minister of Justice		
5:00pm-6:30pm	DINNER			
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FRIDAY// VENDRE		
Research and Comm	nunity Engagement // Recherche et Engagement Communautaire	
9:00am-9:15am	Opening Remarks/Longitudinal Project	Louis Herns Marcelin,
	Mots d'ouverture/Le projet longitudinal	Chancellor
9:15am-9:45am	Special Address: An International Commitment to	John Vertefeuille,
	Protecting Children from Violence	Director of CDC Haiti
	Présentation spéciale: Engagement International pour la	
	Protection des Enfants Contre la Violence	
9:45am-10:30am	National Survey on Violence Against Children	Louis Herns Marcelin,
	(INURED)	Chancellor
	Etude Nationale de la Violence Contre les Enfants (INURED)	Toni Cela, Coordinator
		Marlie Doucet, Assoc.
		Research Manager
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		Research Assistant
10:30am-10:45am	Q & A Session	
	Questions et Réponses	
10:45am-11:00am	COFFEE BREAK// Pause Café	
11:00am-11:30am	Understanding the Complexity of Space:	Wesner Marcelin,
	A Visual Presentation of the VACS	Logistics Manager
		Dana Jean Pierre,
	Comprendre la Complexité de l'Espace:	Research Assistant
	Une présentation visuelle de l'étude VAC	Jephthey Pierre-Louis,
		Research Assistant
11:30am-12:00pm	Ethnographic Study of Violence Against Children	Louis Herns Marcelin,
1	(INURED)	Chancellor
	Etude Ethnographique de la Violence Contre les Enfants	Marlie Doucet, Assoc.
	(INURED)	Research Manager
		Johny Fontaine,
		Research Assistant
		Kethia Charles,
		Ethnographer
		Pierre Rosaire
		Denestan, Ethnographer
12:00pm-12:15pm	Q & A Session	
r	Questions et Réponses	
12:15pm-1:30pm	LUNCH//Dejeuner	
1:30pm-2:30pm	Presentation I:	Lionel Isaac, Deputy
	Development Work & Community Engagement	National Director
	World Vision & Camp Corail	Carolyn Rose-Avila,
	-	Advocacy Director
	Travail en Développement et Engagement Communautaire	Kimcy Pierre,
	La Vision Mondiale & Camp Corail	Private Funds &
	,	Sponsorship Director
		Jackline Olanya,
		Camp Transitions
		Manager

2:30pm-3:30pm	Presentation II:	Jean Vilmond Hillaire,
	Development Work & Community Engagement	Special Advisor to the
	Project Macaya: Environment and Cultural Patrimony	Prime Minister
	Travail en Développement et Engagement Communautaire	
	Projet Macaya: Environment et Patrimoine Culturel	
3:30pm-4:00pm	Closing Remarks // Mots de Cloture	Toni Cela, Coordinator

SATURDAY//SAME	EDI .			
Conducting Ethical Research in the Haitian Context/Ethique de la Recherche dans le Contexte Haitien				
9:00am-9:15am	Opening Remarks: Haiti: One of the Most Studied Nations in the World Mots d'Ouverture:	Toni Cela, Coordinator		
	Haïti: le pays le plus étudié au monde			
9:15am-9:45am	The Protection of Human Subjects in Social & Behavioral Sciences  La Protection des Sujets Humains dans la Recherche en Sciences Sociales et Humaines	Bryan Page, Chair of Anthropology Dept., University of Miami, and member of Univ. of Miami Institutional		
0.45		Review Board		
9:45am-10:30am	Protecting Human Subjects in the Haitian Context  La Protection des Sujets Humains dans le Contexte Haïtien	Sherley Jean-Pierre, Research Assistant (INURED) Sergo Jean Louis, Research Assistant (INURED) Johny Fontaine, Research Assistant (INURED)		
10:30am-10:45am	Q & A Session			
	Questions et Réponses			
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11:00am-12:00pm	KEYNOTE ADDRESS & Interactive Discussion: The Role and Responsibilities of the Institutional Review Board  DISCOURS DE CIRCONSTANCE & Discussion	Evelyne Bital, Assoc. Director Privacy & Regulatory Affairs, Human Subject Research		
	DISCOURS DE CIRCONSTANCE & Discussion interactive : Le rôle et les responsabilités du Comité d'Ethique	Office of the Univ. Miami		
12:00pm-12:30pm	Future of INURED Le Future de l'INURED	Louis Herns Marcelin, Chancellor		

#### RESEARCH INITIATIVES

## Violence against Children National Study (VACs)

With a funding from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), INURED launched the first national study titled "Violence Against Children" (VACs) in Haiti. The groundbreaking study began in January 2012 and culminated in June 2012. The study will be the source of the first population-based data characterizing violence and its epidemiological distribution in Haiti. It will also be the first large-scale qualitative study of the sociocultural contexts and meanings of violence against children nationwide.

In Haiti, as across many contemporary societies in the developing world, children and youth constitute a demographic majority in the population and thus an invaluable resource for sociocultural and economic



development. However, most of their experiences are often shaped by violence, marginalization and other forms of exclusion encoded in space through social barriers such as race, ethnicity, gender and class. In the aftermath of the January 2010 earthquake, the problem of violence against children has been exacerbated as thousands of vulnerable children and their families continue to live in precarious conditions where safety, access, and services remain a severe challenge. Yet, the problem of violence against children in Haiti must be placed within the larger context of marginality, where, historically, lack of public institutions combined with the erosion of traditional values and linkages to family and community have shaped experiences of alienation, confinement and abuse. Understanding these deeper processes is critical to formulating policy responses to the issue of youth violence more generally. To understand this critical issue better, INURED was awarded a \$1.7 million contract by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to conduct a national

survey on violence against children. Similar quantitative studies have been conducted by UNICEF and the CDC in several countries in sub-Saharan Africa; however, this is the first of its kind to be implemented in the Caribbean

In order to understand the contextual factors that result in violence in Haiti, INURED has invested in a complementary nationwide ethnographic study, combining ethnographic mapping and observations,



observational interviews and focus groups. As such, the VACs study in Haiti is distinct from similar studies conducted in sub-Saharan Africa due to its two components: a) national household survey of females and males ages 13-24 years; and b) national ethnographic study of the family and community contexts of these youths and sociocultural analysis of their dynamics of vulnerability. The key objectives here are to characterize the forms of violence against children that are prevalent in Haiti, such as, sexual violence against male and female children; determine potential risk and protective factors for violence against children; and assess knowledge and utilization of services available for children who are victims of sexual and other forms of violence as well as barriers to accessing such services. While several institutions have generated individual

and more localized reports on violence in specific geographic areas or social settings in urban Haiti, this study will generate a more comprehensive, national baseline that will provide policy makers at all levels, advocacy institutions, civil society, the private sector and community-based organizations with large-scale, reliable, and rigorously generated data to make policy decisions and formulate targeted preventive intervention programs.

# THE ROLE OF THE DIASPORA IN POST-DISASTER CONTEXTS

INURED has entered a cross-case, research collaboration funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) with George Washington University, Oxford University, and the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) that will investigate how diasporas affect political, economic, and social recovery in post-disaster and post-conflict contexts. The project posits that diaspora-homeland interactions are profoundly affected by major "threshold events" (e.g. natural disaster or an election). The project focuses on four countries—Haiti, Liberia, Sri Lanka, and Somaliland—that have in common a significant diaspora and a recent experience of a major threshold event. The project consists of four individual yet overlapping case studies, and benefits from the cumulative expertise of researchers with experience working in each of these societies and with their diasporas as well as South-North institutional partnership. Each case shares a common conceptual framework and set of hypotheses, yet each has different empirical and, hence, distinct methodological priorities. INURED is exploring the impact of Haitian diaspora on higher education in post-earthquake Haiti; George Washington University is investigating diasporic influence on post-conflict transition in Liberia; Oxford University is examining diaspora agency in post-war Sri Lanka; and PRIO is evaluating diaspora influence on conflict and reconciliation in Somaliland. This innovative, cross-case approach enables broader generalizations and theoretical development of diaspora-homeland relations.

## **RESEARCH INITIATIVES (Continued)**

The INURED case study, "Haitian Diaspora: A Case Study of its Contributions and Impact on Capacity Building in Higher Education in Post-Disaster Haiti," takes the January 2010 Earthquake as a major threshold event. The destruction from the earthquake caused a watershed in Haitian history, such that it becomes possible to speak of pre- and post-earthquake Haiti. The study will examine present and potential future contributions of Haiti's diaspora and its impact on building professional and educational capacities in post-earthquake Haiti. The study includes research with diaspora organizations and individual members of the diaspora and their ongoing initiatives (both pre- and post-earthquake) that aim to build capacity at national and local levels. Concurrently, researchers in Haiti will analyze the knowledge, skills, and technologies being transferred and will examine how the homeland perceives the interaction with the diaspora.

Since the earthquake, the shared consensus among actors inside and outside of Haiti is to "build back better." In the early months following the earthquake, the Haitian government and United Nations conducted a Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA), which showed that the Haitian education system as a whole experienced significant losses in infrastructure and human capital. Through its own initiative, INURED conducted the first extensive assessment of higher education in Haiti. The assessment found that 87% of Haiti's universities were located in the affected region (the Port-au-Prince greater metropolitan area). Of the 32 major universities surveyed in INURED's preliminary study, 28 were completely destroyed and the rest seriously damaged. The earthquake claimed a large segment of Haiti's emerging and skilled professionals. Estimates of deaths are far from precise, however, of the sample universities that INURED surveyed, between 120 to 200 professors and administrators and 2,599 to 6,000 students may have perished as a result of the earthquake. To further compound matters, the earthquake precipitated the emigration of countless professors, professionals and students. Undoubtedly, Haiti cannot "build back better" unless it rebuilds its educational and professional capacity. It is indisputable that Haitians in the diaspora can and should play a role in achieving this goal.

INURED's case study also highlights a strategic *Plan of Action* that designates Haitian universities as critical venues for facilitating future relationships between diaspora experts and those Haitian professionals in education and development whose contributions will be needed for recovery over the long term. Thus, INURED has formally partnered with two national universities — the State University of Haiti and Ecole Superieure Infotronique d'Haiti — to provide training, mentoring and opportunities for capacity building to undergraduate students, graduate students and faculty in Haiti. Within this unique partnership, INURED will offer two in-depth seminars to train and prepare students for conducting research for the initial study. Upon completion of the initial study students, will then participate in a National Assessment of the State of Higher Education in Haiti three years after the earthquake. Students and faculty will constitute an integrated part of the international team conducting this study, analyzing as well as publishing its results. Additionally, these students will be integrated into INURED's Thesis Advisory Program which provides academic mentoring and advising to students developing their theses towards completion and graduation. This *Plan of Action* aims to train a dynamic cohort of university graduates that will be well equipped to collaborate with the diaspora in future capacity-building initiatives and create a rich, inter-institutional context for exchange and research on the diaspora in Haiti.

# Mapping Justice, Security and Rule of Law in Haiti

Concurrent with INURED's Annual Meeting from July 19 to 21, INURED will host a workshop on "Justice, Security, and Rule of Law in Haiti." Participants will be comprised of local and international expert researchers, as well as local policy makers, and human rights and security institutions. The list of confirmed workshop participants includes representatives from the Haitian Ministry of Justice, the Presidential Commission on Justice Reform, the Office of the President of the Republic of Haiti, MINUSTAH, UNDP, Organization of American States, USAID, the US Embassy and the Canadian Embassy. Participants from Haitian civil society include: Forum Citoyen (Justice et Paix and Centre Œcuménique des Droits Humains), Projustice, and Fondation Nouvelle Haïti.

The key objective of the workshop is to finalize the design of an innovative policy research project: "Mapping Justice in Haiti." The objective of the project is to improve the evidentiary basis of Rule of Law programming by generating a baseline understanding of both the unmet demand for justice in Haiti and the capacities and practices of the formal and informal institutions that currently strive to meet that demand. For over fifteen years (1995-2010), donors in Haiti (USAID, Canada, French Cooperation, MICIVIH, MINUSTAH) have invested significantly in justice reform initiatives. The results, however, have been meager — particularly from the perspective of the Haitian population who continue to struggle with significant security issues and a lack of minimally effective or functional justice options. Key challenges that undermine the legitimacy of formal justice institutions and their capacity to provide rule of law still remain largely unaddressed. INURED's Mapping Justice Project aims to create a sustained program, venue, and evidence base to facilitate greater coordination between the Government of Haiti, Haitian civil society, communities, and donors for strengthening rule of law institutions, improving access to justice and security, and contributing to long-term peace building in Haiti.

## **RESEARCH INITIATIVES (Continued)**

This inception workshop will focus on the development of the research framework including a methodological approach and policy-feed model by reviewing the best practices of cutting-edge justice reform research projects conducted in other developing-world and post-conflict crises contexts, including Liberia, Sudan, Afghanistan, and Ghana amongst others. Discussion of these models and the lessons learned from their implementation will provide a backdrop for the development of a comprehensive proposal for comparable policy-influential research that is tailored to the Haitian context.

The Justice, Security, and Rule of Law workshop will generate a proposal that will be submitted to funding agencies with whom INURED is already in active discussions about the need for a better evidence base for Haitian Rule of Law reform efforts. This design process will also provide an opportunity to build a Haitian research team with links to top experts and institutions involved in similar work worldwide.

## **CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVES**

#### 2012 Caribbean Studies Association Annual Conference



(Left to right) Dana Jean Pierre, Jephthey Pierre-Louis and Jean Dider Deslorges, INURED Research Assistants, at the 2012 CSA conference in Gosier, Guadeloupe

INUREDs extensive network of partners in Haiti and abroad is testament to the exchange and circulation of knowledge. And while the institute has focused much of its efforts on bringing knowledge from outside of Haiti to reinforce the talent that exists locally this year we have evolved in how we think about developing the capacity of Haiti's future intellectuals. In order for young researchers to participate fully in academia their participation must go beyond their geographic borders. Thus, it is imperative that local Haitians represent Haiti internationally as their first-hand experiences with recovery, rebuilding and development can make an invaluable contribution to regional and global dialogues. Consequently, this year INURED made a commitment to send a delegation of seven of our Research Assistants to Gosier, Guadeloupe to participate in the 2012 Caribbean Studies Association annual conference titled, Unpacking Caribbean Citizenships(s): Rights, Participation and

*Belonging*. Their participation gave them an opportunity to share their experiences conducting scientific research in Haiti while providing an opportunity for them to meet and dialogue with an international network of existing and emerging Caribbean scholars.

The Research Assistants presented two panels. The first panel titled: *Higher Education, Knowledge Production and Nation (Re)Building* (see photo above), explored the appropriation of space and in the Haitian context, how it

fosters and/or prevents violence as well as its impact on the implementation on the of the Violence Against Children national study by INURED. The second panel titled, *Developing an Active Citizenry in Haiti through Higher Education, Civic Participation and Community Engagement* (see photo to the right), explored scientific research in Haiti, its evolution and INURED's vision to transform Haitians from passive to active participants in the research endeavor. INURED would like to formally thank the Haiti Illumination Project, the Caribbean Studies Association, and INURED's Board of Trustees for their financial support of this capacity building initiative. We would also like to express our sincerest gratitude to the Ambassador of France, his Excellency Mr. Didier Le Bret, and the Ambassador of Spain, his Excellency Mr. Manuel Hernández Ruigómez, for their support in making this extraordinary endeavor come to fruition.



(Left to right) Johny Fontaine, Sherley Jean-Pierre and Jean Louis Sergo, INURED researchers, presenting at the 2012 CSA conference in Gosier, Guadeloupe.

## **CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVES (continued)**

#### Student Scholarships (Haiti)

INURED currently provides scholarships to five students in the fields of medicine, mechanical engineering, civil engineering, accounting and management at the State University of Haiti and the University of Notre Dame Haiti.

## Violence against Children National Study Trainings

As part of the Violence against Children, study INURED facilitated two extensive research trainings for both the quantitative and qualitative studies. In March 2012, over 200 undergraduate and graduate students participated in a 10-day training of survey implementation for the national study. An additional 30 individuals received a full week's training in data entry using C-SPRO software through the Centers for Disease Control at INURED headquarters. In June 2012 INURED facilitated extensive ethnographic methods training for over 20 student researchers. This training developed their skills in focus group facilitation and participant observation in preparation for implementation of the ethnographic study, which served to contextualize the data collected from the survey.

## Diaspora and Higher Education Seminar

In June 2012, INURED held a one-week research seminar on Diaspora and Higher Education, which will be followed by a Research Methods seminar in August 2012. The seminars are part of a larger initiative funded by the International Development Research Center (IDRC) to study diaspora impacts on higher education in post-



Diaspora & Higher Education Study capacity building seminar facilitated by INURED in collaboration with the State University of Haiti and Ecole Superieure Infotroniaue d'Haiti

earthquake Haiti and to build institutional and intellectual capacity in Haiti. The seminar was attended by twenty undergraduate and graduate students from the State University of Haiti (UEH) and Ecole Superieure Infotronique d'Haiti (ESIH). Participating students represent diverse academic disciplines, including: anthropology, sociology, social work, law, and economic sciences. The intensive seminar was co-facilitated by Professor Louis Herns Marcelin, INURED; Toni Cela, INURED Coordinator; Professor Osée Olibri, State University of Haiti; Professor Watson Denis, State University of Haiti; and Professor Mackenson Doucet, Ecole Supérieure Infotronique d'Haiti/INURED. During the academically rigorous week, facilitators and students actively engaged in critical discussions of contemporary theories and ideas on circulation, agency vs. structure, diaspora, higher education, and transnationalism. The seminar culminated in a work plan for ongoing discussion and reflection in preparation for the parallel

research seminar in August and subsequent implementation of the study in fall 2012.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

## Justice, Peacebuilding and Development Roundtable



On Friday, June 8th, 2012 INURED, in collaboration with Professor Stephen Baranyi of the University of Ottawa and the *Journal of Peacebuilding and Development*, hosted "The Ambiguities of Cooperation for Rebuilding in Haiti" roundtable. The goal of the roundtable was to facilitate an evidence-based discussion on the strategies employed by key national and international actors in cooperative endeavors, their successes and setbacks. Attendees of the event included representatives from the Government of Haiti, members of the diplomatic corps, the private sector and academia.

The event culminated with the official launch of the special issue of the *Journal of Peacebuilding and Development* titled, "Cooperation

for Reconstruction, Peace and Transformation in Haiti." Among the five articles and three briefings in this issue is, "Cooperation, Peace and (Re-)construction? A Tale from the Shanties," an article written by Dr. Louis Herns Marcelin that explores the skepticism of local residents in a Shantytown of Port-au-Prince regarding the potential for foreign, short-term development initiatives to generate peace and/or development in their community.

#### SEEDS OF SUSTAINABILITY: Collaboration and Reconstruction in Post-Disaster Haiti

On March 30, 2012, INURED facilitated a roundtable discussion of sustainability and collaboration in post-disaster Haiti at the 2012 Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) Annual Meeting in Balitmore, Maryland. Participants of the roundtable discussion included: Dr. Louis Herns Marcelin, Chancellor; Carolyn Rose Avila, member of the Board of Trustees; Alpen Sheth, International Partnerships Coordinator; and Toni Cela, Country Coordinator. Dr Bryan Page, member of INURED's Scientific Board and Chair of its IRB, served as the discussant. The three sub-topics examined during this presentation included: higher education; land rights and tenure as well as community building in Camp Corail. The roundtable included a spirited discussion with several practitioners and academics regarding the role of the government in creating policies that are context-specific, responds to the needs of the population, sets the parameters of stakeholder engagement across sectors and how government leadership can help to better shape and guide NGO engagement in Haiti.

# BIDDING 'ADEUS' TO OUR BRAZILIAN FRIENDS



Dr. Louis Herns Marcelin, Dr. Guy Noel & Mr. George Celcis, members of the INURED Board of Trustees, present former Brazilian Ambassador to Haiti, the Honorable Igor Kipman, with a plaque at the farewell luncheon.

On February 9, 2012 INURED hosted a farewell luncheon for Brazilian Ambassador to Haiti, Igor Kipman, and his wife, Roseana Kipman. Since INURED's inception in 2007, the Brazilian government has served as one of INURED's principal supporters and this partnership has been largely facilitated through Ambassador Igor Kipman who is now stationed in Switzerland. Our Brazilian partners have provided financial, inkind and moral support throughout our journey to build a local institution that is training the leaders of tomorrow. Below are some highlights of our joint initiatives:

10 Students 10 Dreams Scholarship Initiative: As part of INURED's Student Scholarship Initiative with the Brazilian government, we have co-sponsored 10 students since 2010 to study in the Brazilian Federal University system in various fields. The Brazilian government covers tuition costs while INURED underwrites student fees and cost of living expenses in

partnership with Fondation Nouvelle Haiti and an anonymous donor from the Vanguard Charitable Trust.

The Water Market in Bel Air: Social Networks, Distribution, and Commercialization: Funded by VIVA RIO this innovative qualitative study examines social perspectives on the organization of the market for water in Bel Air. This study maps the distribution and sales networks for water and how communities access water on a daily basis. This study also considers the perceptions and incentives that individuals have concerning interventions by the Haitian government and international aid agencies in the region.

**The Brazilian Cultural Center:** In 2011, the Brazilian Cultural Center served as a site for day-two of INURED's Annual Meeting activities. With its open-air auditorium and numerous meeting spaces, INURED was able to host over 150 participants and to facilitate breakout sessions for intimate discussions between researchers, public officials and practitioners.

#### A Letter to Our Contributors

Dear Contributor,

INURED would like to formally thank you for your support of our research and academic program which contribute to making or Annual Meeting a success. Without your support, our work would not be possible. We would like to express our deepest gratitude on behalf of our Institute, its partners and the many Haitian people who benefit from the continuous generation and exchange of konesans (knowledge) that our collective efforts produce.

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