



Contemporary Perspectives On Haiti
Summer Institute for Educators
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Moderator:

José Luis Vásquez Miliano

Researcher in the field of binational projects in the Center of Research and Social Studies (CIES) at the Iberoamerican University (UNIBE)

Since 2010, Miliano has been involved in the process of the reconstruction of Haiti as a consultant for the “Nuevo-Grupo de Enlace” on Dominico-Haitian topics. He participated in organizing the latest edition of the International Summit in Solidarity with Haiti, which took place in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, and is currently working with the Clinton Foundation and the office of the Prime Minister of Haiti to evaluate the first year of the provisional Commission for the Reconstruction of Haiti.

Miliano studied in the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo (UASD) and earned a degree in economics in 1989. In 1998, he received a specialization in International Relations from the Instituto Internacional de Administración de D`Pública (IIAP), in París. In 2009 he completed a Master’s degree in Project Administration in the University of Quebec in Outaouais, Canada (UQO).

Presenters:

Ambassador Julio Guillermo Ortega Tous

Ministry of Foreign Relations, Secretary of the Dominican-Haitian Mixed Bilateral Commission

Ambassador Tous has served as the Ambassador of the Dominican Republic to Canada and Columbia in the years 1999-2000 and 2007-2008, respectively. He has over 10 years of experience working in the Dominican Central Bank and has served in various government institutions, including the National Planning Office, the Technical Secretariat of the Presidency, the Department of State and the National Commission for Trade Negotiations.

Ambassador Tous holds a diploma in General Studies, with a concentration in Sociology and Economics from the University of Paris VIII. He later completed a second degree in Sociology and political economy at the same university. In 1985 at the University of Paris V, he earned a Master’s degree in International Economics.

Marc Van Wynsberghe

International Project Manager, Support to the Executive Secretariat of the Haitian-Dominican Bilateral Commission, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

From 2006 until 2010, Van Wynsberghe served as the Chief Technical Advisor of the UNDP Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Program. He was in charge of the overall coordination, administration and implementation of a multi-faceted and interinstitutional program funded by the European Development Fund aimed at reducing the vulnerability of the country to natural disasters. At his current post as the International Project Manager at the UNDP, he supports the Executive Secretariat of the Haitian-Dominican Bilateral Commission and provides Technical support to the Dominican Government, especially to the Executive Director of the Haitian-Dominican Bilateral Commission and other commissions and working mechanisms created under the auspices of the Dominican Ministry of Foreign Affairs, focused to improve and strengthen a bi-national agenda to promote human rights, conflict prevention and disaster risk reduction.

Van Wynsberghe holds a degree in Commercial and Financial Sciences from the Institut Catholique des Hautes Etudes Commerciales in Brussels, Belgium.

General Luis Antonio Luna Paulino

President of the National Emergency Commission and Executive Director of Civil Defense

General Luna Paulino is a lawyer and professor of Law, Natural Resources and Environment at the University of the Caribbean, where he also serves as Dean of the Law School. General Paulino designed and carried out a humanitarian aid project for Haiti in coordination with the Haitian Civil Defense and with the support of the United Nations, and as worked on other humanitarian aid projects with the European Commission and the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) for the Dominican Republic. He is the author of several works on criminal justice and military procedure, and has served his country for more than 35 years in various branches of the armed forces and the Dominican government, including a stint as the Deputy Secretary of State for the Armed Forces.

General Luna Paulino holds a degree in law and has studied at the Batalla de las Carreras Military Academy, the College of the Armed Forces of Venezuela, the College of the Americas and the Risk Management School of Havana, Cuba. He holds a Master's degree in Security and Emergency Defense Management from the Instituto Universitario de Investigación Ortega y Gasset and studied Human Rights at the Rey Juan Carlos University in Spain.

Maria Virtudes Berroa

Executive Director, BRA Dominicana

Since 2000, Berroa has served as the executive director of BRA Dominicana, the Dominican counterpart to Batey Relief Alliance in the United States, an organization that works toward the human development of the residents of both Dominican and Haitian bateyes, neighborhoods, rural and border communities through the formulation of proposals and the administration of resources. She has overseen the implementation of more than 30 successful human development projects in the following areas: HIV/AIDS prevention and education, agricultural development, water and sanitation, education, capacitation, sports, food supply, nutrition, gender empowerment, violence, public health, and disaster mitigation, among others.

Berroa has an undergraduate degree in biblioecology from Federico Henríquez y Carvajal University in the Dominican Republic. She also has a certificate in Social Project Management from the Universidad Católica de Santo Domingo.

Magda Mathurin

Political Analyst in Dominican-Haitian topics, International Agenda of the Department of Strategic Planning, Department of Information, Analysis and Programming of the Presidency (DIAPE).

Mathurin is currently a French instructor in the Language School of APEC University in Santo Domingo. For approximately two years she coordinated the Dominico-Haitian Global Forum, an initiative of FUNGLODE. A native of Haiti, Mathurin has lived and worked in the Dominican Republic for a number of years and specializes in Dominico-Haitian topics.

She graduated with a degree in Marketing and a diploma in Business Administration, and has also done postgraduate studies in Hotel Administration at APEC University in Santo Domingo. Mathurin is currently working on a Master's degree in Political Science for Development through the University of Salamanca and the Global Institute for Higher Studies in Social Sciences at FUNGLODE.