RETHINKING HAITI:
ILLUMINATING A PATH TOWARD SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

The earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, 2010, wrought destruction of such magnitude that the Haitian people need to build their country anew, from the bottom up. Recognizing the inadequacy of past development efforts, a consensus is emerging that Haiti has an opportunity to forge a new strategy to help launch it on a path toward sustainable growth and development. To explore the issues, a panel of experts representing diverse viewpoints and stakeholder interests will convene at a roundtable discussion at The George Washington University. The event is open to the public.

Thursday, April 29, 2010
9:30 AM to 12:45 PM

The George Washington University
Media and Public Affairs Building
Jack Morton Auditorium
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Washington, DC

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PROGRAM AGENDA

09:00 Registration
09:25 Guests are seated
09:30 Welcome
09:35 Overview by His Excellency, Albert Ramdin, Assistant Secretary General, OAS
09:55 Discussion
Topic 1: Governance Issues
Topic 2: Promoting Sustainable Economic Development
10:55 Dialogue with the Audience (Part 1)
11:10 Coffee break
11:25 Discussion continued
Topic 3: Promoting Sustainable Social Development
Topic 4: External Assistance
12:25 Dialogue with the Audience (Part 2)
12:40 Summary by the Chair
12:45 End of Program

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