

# Conference Examining Canada's Role in Haiti

The Ottawa Initiative on Haiti 2009

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## **The Ottawa Initiative on Haiti 2009**

### **A one-day conference taking stock of Canada's role in Haiti since 2004**

**Saturday, February 28th**

**9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**University of Ottawa**

**ALUMNI THEATRE**

**85 University (Jock-Turcot Building)**

- What role can the Haitian Diaspora play in rebuilding Haiti?
- What Happened in February 2004, when Haiti's elected president and parliament were all removed from office?
- What have been the impacts of the 2004 coup?
- What role has Canada played in Haiti since then?
- What might be US President Obama's "Brother's New Deal" for Haiti?

**Designed in the spirit of dialogue for healing and reconstruction, OIH 2009 is a bold Haitian-led initiative; a space to engage in inspiring, fruitful and real inter-generational debate on some of the most pressing questions facing the future of Haiti today.**

### **Featured Speakers:**

- **Camille Chalmers**, Haiti-based Economist, PAPDA
- **Michel Chossudovsky**, Director, Centre for Research on Globalization, and Professor of Economics
- **Edwidge Danticat**, U.S.-based Haitian Author, "Krik? Krak!" and "Brother, I'm Dying"
- **Carlo Dade**, Executive Director, Canadian Foundation of the Americas
- **Raymond Dubuisson**, Ottawa-based Haitian Statistician & Radio Host, CHORHA
- **Patrick Elie**, Haiti-based Political Analyst, Former Haitian Secretary of State for National Defense

- **Jude Jean-François**, Ottawa-based Social Worker and Radio Host, Member of AKASAN
- **Marcus Garcia**, Haiti-based Veteran Journalist with Haiti en Marche and Mélodie FM
- **Peter Hallward**, U.K.-based Author, “Damming the Flood: Haiti, Aristide and the Politics of Containment”
- **Michael Keefer**, Associate Professor, University of Guelph
- **Marguerite Laurent**, U.S.-based Haitian Writer, Lawyer & Performance Poet
- **Stu Neatby**, Ottawa-based Labour Organizer & Member, Canada Haiti Action Network
- **Kesner Pharel**, Haiti-based Economist
- **Jean Erich René**, Ottawa-based Haitian Agronomist
- **Jean Saint-Vil**, Ottawa-based Haitian Writer & Member, AKASAN and the Canada Haiti Action Network

A prepared lunch will be available for purchase at this free event.

**Presented by: AKASAN, Ottawa Haitian Students Club, Ottawa Haiti Solidarity Committee, SFUO Ottawa**

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