

Forum caribéen sur le risque sismique en milieu urbain

18 au 21 septembre 2016,
Port-au-Prince, Haïti



Logistical Information

Meeting: Caribbean Urban Seismic Risk Workhop

Date: 19- 21 September 2016

Meeting Location: Hotel Marriott

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General information for Haiti



Haiti¹ (Haitian Creole: *Ayiti*, French: *Haïti*), officially the **Republic of Haiti** (French: *République d'Haïti*; Haitian Creole: *Repiblik Ayiti*), is a Caribbean country that occupies the western one-third of the island of Hispaniola. The eastern two-thirds of Hispaniola is occupied by the Dominican Republic. The North Atlantic Ocean lies to the north, while the Caribbean Sea lies to the south. Haiti is 27,750 square kilometres (10,714 sq mi) in size and has an estimated 10.6 million people,^[3] making it the most populous country in the [Caribbean Community](#) (CARICOM) and the second-most populous country in the Caribbean as a whole. The capital is Port-au-Prince. The two official languages of Haiti are [French](#) and [Haitian Creole](#).

Climate: Haiti's climate is tropical with some variation depending on altitude. Port-au-Prince ranges in January from an average minimum of 23 °C (73.4 °F) to an average maximum of 31 °C (87.8 °F); in July, from 25–35 °C (77–95 °F). The rainfall pattern is varied, with rain heavier in some of the lowlands and on the northern and eastern slopes of the mountains.

Port-au-Prince receives an average annual rainfall of 1,370 mm (53.9 in). There are two rainy seasons, April–June and October–November. Haiti is subject to periodic droughts and floods, made more severe by deforestation.

Haiti lies in the middle of the hurricane belt and is subject to severe storms from June to November. In addition Haiti is prone to earthquakes and tsunamis.

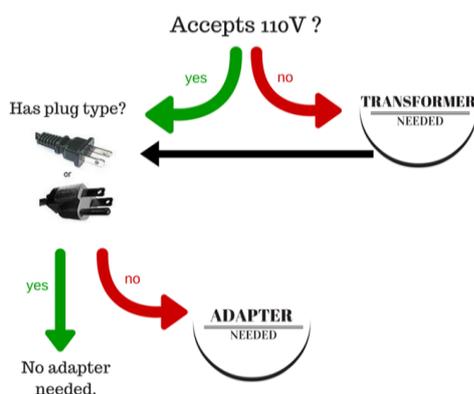
Find actual weather forecasts at: <http://www.meteo-haiti.gouv.ht/> (French)

<http://www.accuweather.com/en/ht/port-au-prince/189891/weather-forecast/189891> (English)

Money and Currency: Haiti's national currency is the Haitian Gourdes (HTG). Although the exchange rate to the US dollar varies day by day, it is safe to assume that \$1USD = HTG 65. Please note that US Dollars are accepted everywhere with no prejudice.

Time Zone: Local time is GMT -4.

Electricity: In the Haiti, electric outlets are 110 volts, the same as in the United States and Canada. Visitors from other countries that **do not** use 110 volts are advised to bring power adaptors.



¹ Information in this chapter are taken from Wikipedia.

Health information and vaccinations

Emergency numbers:

Police: 114 / 3838-1111

Port-au-Prince Police commissariat: 3842-1111

Red Cross: 118

Fire Fighters: 115/ 29.45.11.11

Emergency ambulance services: 116

Nearest hospital:

Canapé-Vert: 87, Route du Canapé Vert +509 2812-0505

Hopital St. LouisL : 32 Rue C.Leon, Port-au-Prince, Haiti; +509 39 46 9923

Vaccination:

You should be up to date on routine vaccinations while traveling to any destination. No additional vaccines are required to enter Haiti. However, participants from countries where yellow fever is present are strongly advised that the vaccine be taken to prevent it from spreading.

Visa

Unless you're a citizen of the Dominican Republic, Colombia, Panama or Taiwan, no visa is needed to visit Haiti; just a valid passport (6 months before expiration date) and a return ticket. Your entry stamp entitles you to stay for up to 90 days.

For Dominican Republic, Colombia, Panama or Taiwan passport holders, if you have a valid U.S., Canadian or Schengen visa then you **do not need to get a Haiti visa**. If not, follow the procedures below:

Individuals requiring a passport must apply for a visa at least one (1) month before their date of departure and provide the following supporting documents:

- Duly completed and signed Application Form;
- Two (2) passport-sized color photos;
- Letter explaining the reason and length of stay, as well as providing references in Haiti;
- Name, address, and telephone number of the hotel or hotels where the applicant will be staying; or alternatively, the name, address, and telephone number of the friend or friends with whom the applicant will be staying;
- Photocopy of valid passport;
- Photocopy of round-trip booking confirmation or ticket; and
- Letter from the applicant's current employer.

The fee for a visitor or tourist visa is US \$25.00. This type of visa is valid for three (3) months with only one entry into the country. The fee must be paid with a money order, certified check or cashier's check made out to the Embassy of Haiti.

Venue and accommodation



The workshop will be held at the Marriott Hotel, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Address: 147 Ave Jean-Paul II, Port-au-Prince 6113;
Tel: +509 28 14 28 00

URL: www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/papmc-marriott-port-au-prince-hotel/

The name of the main meeting room is Ayizan Ballroom and it's Foyer. Please follow the directions provided in the hotel.

Rooms in the Marriott hotel will be arranged directly by the organizers for participants, for that the organizers of the Forum are covering the travel related expenses. Please do not use the link below!

All participants are highly encouraged to stay in the Marriott Hotel. A **special room rate** will be offered to Forum participants: USD125 (single occupancy -including breakfast, free WIFI and access to the pool and fitness facility). This rate will be available until **9 September 2016**.

Forum participants that cover their travel related cost on their own are responsible for the hotel reservations. Please use the following link for the hotel to book your room:

[Book your group rate for UNDP - Committee for the Regional Urban Seismic Risk Forum](#)

Please note that if you have any special dietary needs, this should be stated in this section that is in the hotel reservation link.

Transportation

Airport transfer

Arrangements have been made with a local transportation company for travel between the airport and the hotel for participants whose travel is covered by the Forum organizers. The pick-up will be arranged based on the approved itinerary.

For other international participants, please share your flight details by 8 September 2016 so that arrangements can be made accordingly. The amount for the airport transfer is 45 USD (one direction) / 90 USD (both directions). Participants that have not provided this information by the due date indicated, need to arrange their own transportation to and from the airport.

Local transportation

Nick's Radio Taxi, 31, Rue Panamericaine, Pétion-Ville, +509 2948 7777. To travel between Port-au-Prince and Pétion-ville, hire the services of this radio-taxi firm, especially useful if you're out late. It charges around US\$10 between downtown and Pétion-ville, or US\$15 per hour.

We do not recommend using the local taxis "tap-tap" or motorcycle taxis to get around town as their routes are not clearly indicated.

Food and Beverages during the Forum

Breakfast: Breakfast is included in the hotel price if you are staying in the Marriott Hotel.

Coffee breaks: Two coffee breaks will be provided each day (one in the morning and one in the afternoon).

Lunch: Lunch will be provided on all three days for all participants of the Forum.

Dinner: Dinner will be provided for all three days for participants of the Forum those travel is financially supported by the organizers.

Online Registration

We kindly ask all participants to register online by 10 September 2016 using the following [link](#).

Information regarding the Forum

Please visit the workshop website for all relevant information. The website is available in English/Spanish and French: <http://dipecholac.net/forum-caribeen/index-fr.html>

Interpretation Services

Interpretation services for English - Spanish - French will be provided during the Forum.

Field Trips

Field trip 1: Business Continuity & Risk Transfer –September 19th 2016 2:00PM-4:00PM

This field trip welcomes the international specialist in Risk Transfer and Business Continuity as well as the Haitian businesses invitees. Following lunch, a maximum of 50 participants will be transported to Haiti's only cigarette manufacture: La Compagnie des Tabacs Comme il Faut and Haiti's most famous beer producer Brasserie National d'Haiti S.A. (BRANA) where the above themes will be further discussed and debated.

Field trip 2: MUPANAH - September 21st 2016; departure 3:00 PM. Return to hotel: 5:00 PM.

This field trip will take the international participants and the organizing committee to visit Haiti's National Museum, which presents Haiti's Revolutionary Heroes along with its historical and cultural heritage.

Exhibition Area

In the foyer of the conference hall, an exhibition of the notable interventions in Seismic Risk Reduction in Haiti and in the region will be present on all three days. The themes exposed during this exhibition will notably center on communication and awareness raising tools and methods. It will also showcase: the improved knowledge and comprehension of seismic risk; the change in behavior, security in construction/re-construction as well as the different insurance schemes offered pertaining to seismic risk.



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Close to the Marriott - Sightseeing

- **La Place du Champs de Mars:** Champs de Mars spreads housed many of the government buildings such as the National Palace is still a very important area in Port-au-Prince. It is there that you will see the famous maroon blowing his conch sculpture “Neg Maron” as well as sculptures of some of our founding fathers. Champs de Mars also house’s the Museum of Art along with the museum known as the Musée du Pantheon National (MUPANAH)
- **MUPANAH:** Nestled in a beautiful garden in Champs de Mars, the MUPANAH museum presents Haiti’s Revolutionary Heroes along with its historical and cultural heritage. The MUPANAH garden also has a restaurant with exquisite traditional Haitian cuisine at very affordable prices. Address: Avenue de La Republique, Port-au-Prince 6113 Haiti
- **Parc Historique de la Canne à Sucre:** is a patrimonial and industrial museum presenting the history of an old sugar factory in Haiti. The museum is divided into two distinct parts, the first is located in the principal building and presents objects and memorabilia grouped into subjects and each theme exposed in a different room. The second part is situated in the parc and presents different activities linked to the sugar cane industry. This museum also houses the Le Relais de Chateau Blond restaurant, offering its guest a traditional culinary experience! #48, Blvd 15 Octobre, Chateaublond, Port-au-Prince, Haiti.Admin. (509) 3401-3322 Museem: (509) 31966680 Restaurant:50929401101 / +50929401102 / +50934497407

Close to the Marriott – Food and drinks

- **Yanvalou Café-Bar-Restaurant:** Young and hip, Yanvalou is 5-minute drive from Marriott and offers its clients a very relaxed environment with traditional Haitian food, music and beverages. Adresse : 46 Avenue N, Port-au-Prince HT6110 ; 48 33 33 93
- **Dominos:** The American pizza chain is just a short 4-minute walk from the hotel, though ordering in is always possible! Call Dominos for delivery at: 28 17 04 44.
- **Oli’s Pizza and Subs:** Just a 2-minute walk from the hotel, Oli’s is a local pizza and sandwich place offering delicious pizza. They also deliver and can be reached at: 48 02 26 26. Address: 62, Ave. Jean Paul II.
- **Sucre Rouge Coffee Shop:** Just across the Marriott, Sucre Rouge offers its clientele savory and sweet treats!

Food and drinks - throughout Port-au-Prince and Pétiön Ville

- **Observatoire:** Nestled in Haiti’s beautiful mountains at Boutillier- Laboule 12, Observatoire boasts a magnificent view over Port-au-Prince. The food at Observatoire is also very good with something for everyone. Observatoire has a good mix of traditional Haitian cuisine and world cosmopolitan cuisine.
- **Asu Rooftop Lounge:** Asu Lounge offers a refreshing nightlife ambiance with a relaxed & unique setting, an incomparable view and a world-class dining & drinking experience.Address: Karibe Hotel, Juvenat 7, Petion-Ville; 28127000
- **Quartier Latin:** Address: Famous for its Caribbean Cuisine, Brasserie Quartier Latin is open every day for lunch and dinner. Quartier Latin is known for their amazing bloody marys and their Thursday nights live Cuban band Melao Latino. Rue Goulard 10 | Place Boyer, Petionville 6140, Haïti; 50934603326
- **Magdoss:** In the mood for Middle Eastern food? Go nowhere else but Magdoos! Renowned for it’s authenticity, Magdoos is owned by a Haitian Lebanese family and never disappoints!



Magdoos has an indoor and outdoor seating area, both in a beautiful, trendy and quaint cadre. Address: 30, Rue Oge, Petion-Ville 48 23 2665

- **Habitation Turpin:** Get a piece of the authentic Haiti. The only historically themed bar-restaurant in Haiti. Unique, cozy atmosphere, piano bar, lives music, folklore dances on Tuesday evenings and delicious food. Rue Pinchinat # 17 Petion Ville Haiti 509 37 01 0593
- **The Oloffson:** Immortalized as the Hotel Trianon in Graham Greene’s The Comedians, this elegant gingerbread building is one of the city’s loveliest, further tricked out with paintings and Vodou flags. There’s a sociable bar and every Thursday the house band RAM plays up a storm until the small hours. Ave Christophe, 60, Port-au-Prince, 22 23 4000
- **La Reserve:** La Reserve restaurant is known for its Creole Fusion Cuisine and is located in a luxurious garden and offers a unique gastronomic experience daily from 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. It’s bar offers a relaxing experience in a warm atmosphere in front of our big flat screens, which relay all major sports events, or at our pool table for a good time with friends while sipping our special “La Réserve Rum Sour.” 2, rue Marcel Toureau, Berthé | Pétiön-Ville | Haïti tel: 509.2946.1111 | 509.2940. 0190 | 509.3330.6520 | 509.3330.6521
- **Haiku:** a delicious Japanese restaurant born from the love of great food. They have meshed together high quality products, great atmosphere and excellent customer service to make your dining experience enjoyable! 12 rue Louverture (Local BC), Pétiön-Ville, Haiti. 2813-0151 / 2813-0136 / 2813-0106
- **Papaye:** ‘Caribbean fusion’ aren’t words you expect to see written in a Haitian restaurant review, but Papaye carries off the idea with considerable aplomb, taking Creole dishes and jamming them up against Asian, European and other culinary influences. Somehow it works, and is worth repeated investigation. 48 Rue Métellus Pétiön Ville Haiti. +509 3513 9229
- **The View:** With a beautiful view of the Port-au-Prince Bay, the View Restaurant offers a great fusion cuisine and are reputed for their sushi! Complexe Belvedere, Angle Rue Chavannes et Clerveaux, Petion-Ville
- **Café 36:** La Lorraine’s in House Restaurant, Café 36 has a menu featuring new twists on Haitian dishes and international favorites. Cafe 36 also serves as the backdrop to weekly events such as our popular Monday Night Trivia and lively Tuesday Happy Hour accompanied by DJ Jan Lou. We are constantly seeking to bring our guests new menu items and entertainment options so please see below for all the latest at Cafe 36. 36 rue Clerveau, Clerveau, Petion-Ville, Haiti ; 22 33 3636

