



## Haitian Priorities Project

*"Our forefathers liberated us from the shackles of slavery. We owe it to the new generation of Haitians to help eliminate mental slavery, and negative attitudes toward the common goals of our people. Promote patriotism and self-determination, thus propelling Haiti into a modern nation and an icon to the world in fighting against oppression".*

Jacob François

HPP relies on your support to make CHANGE happen in Haiti. Thank you!!

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## About Haitian Priorities Project

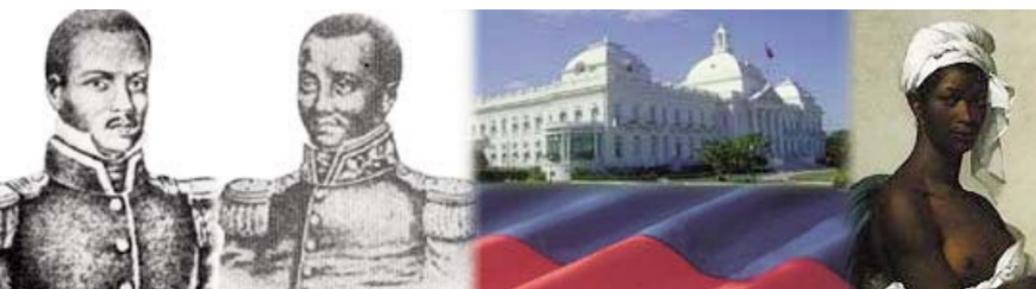
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The Haitian Priorities Project (HPP), a Coalition mandated by Haitians that unifies organizations and individuals to advocate for an improved U.S. and international community policies that respect Haiti's independence and self-determination. HPP promotes a Haitian leadership in the struggle for democracy and provides supports for the respect of human rights while enhancing Haiti's ability to become self-reliant.

HPP comes to flourish under the leadership of Jacob Francois (Founder of Project 2000 International) and Eugenia Charles (Founder of Fondasyon Mapou), both have dedicated years of the lives advocating for a just and equitable Haiti, while serving the underserved. Their hope is to provide a new direction for a dormant Haitian Diaspora to become proactive, while enhancing their ability to advocate for a stable democratic Haiti. Moreover, they anticipate HPP serving as a center of information to help dispel negative stereotypes and provide in-depth analysis on Haiti.

The Haitian Priorities Project (HPP): Coalition for an improved U.S. and international community policies for Haiti invites you to join hands with us to provide support for the Haitian people's struggle for Democracy. We urge you to join us in saying "NO" to the human rights abuses and failed policies in Haiti.

The U.S. policies, the non-responsive behavior of the United Nations and the international communities have exacerbated crisis in Haiti. They have trampled and overthrown Haiti's democratic process. Rebels are walking freely on the streets of Haiti, members of the Small Machetes Army "Lame Ti Manchèt" killing innocent civilians with impunity, and violence is rampant in areas like Petion-Ville, Delmas, Martissant, Carrefour, etc. No action has been taken by the peacekeeping forces in Haiti to curb such violence, besides conducting ongoing violent operations in Cité Soleil. The Haitian Priorities Project condemns the arbitrary operations that MINUSTHA (United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti) undertakes in Cité Soleil, operations that cost the lives of hundreds of innocent Haitian civilians, particularly women and children.



Since the 2004 coup d'état, many renowned institutions have confirmed through various reports that impoverished Haitians become targets of a terror campaign because of their political affiliation. The media has been instrumental in creating and maintaining a climate of terror with their focus on Cité Soleil, while the humanitarian crisis reaches new disturbing proportions, and collateral damage has reached new heights.

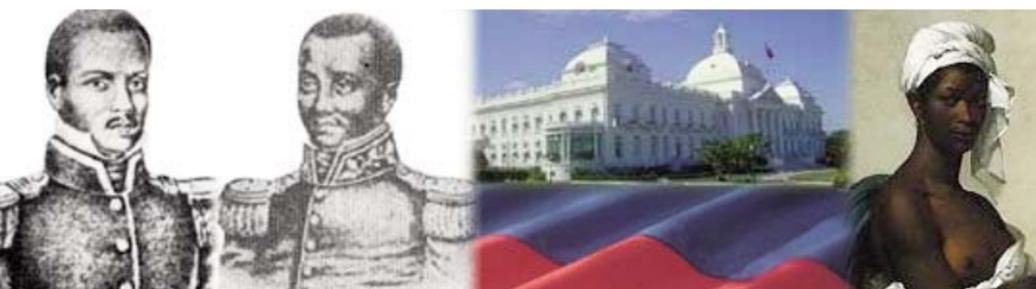
Therefore we are committed to:

- Encourage and facilitate Haitians within Haiti to exercise their civic responsibility while adhering to democratic principles and the respect for human rights.
- Define concrete strategic tactics and training for the Diaspora and Haiti that would enhance the Haitian leadership's skills and reinforce the mobilization movement while rebuilding democratic institutions.
- Ensure that the U.S. and international community institute policies that maximize the development of Haiti's democratic institutions, while respecting the country's sovereignty, right to self-determination, and the governance through a democratic process.
- Provide the American public with accurate information about Haiti's democratic transition, including direct information from grassroots organizations and other partners in Haiti.
- Accurately articulate the situation in Haiti through the media and other means, as well as developing and maintaining a dynamic solidarity movement in the U.S.



The Neo-Cons of Haiti have had many opportunities to speak to the detriment of the Haitian people's desire. HPP believes that it is imperative NOW, for ordinary citizens of Haiti to get their chances to be heard in Haiti, the US and internationally. As such, HPP will attempt to provide support for the Haitian people's struggle for Democracy, rights for sovereignty, respect of their human rights and self-reliance. Presently, the Haitian mandated priorities for this Coalition are as follows:

- Support the Liberation of all political prisoners, demand just and equitable treatment for all prisoners in Haiti and the return of all Haitians in exile.
- Call for an end to the systematic repression of democratic supporters, impunity, and a call for due process in the Haitian judicial system.
- Call on a team of Human Rights Observers comprised of members from the Haitian parliament, the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), the African Union, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the United Nations High Commission on Human Rights (UNCHR), International Parliament Federation including members of the United States Congress—particularly the Black Caucus' Haiti Task Force to evaluate the human rights situation, investigate and bring to justice the perpetrators who have taken the lives of hundreds of innocent Haitian civilians, in February 2004 and thereafter. Especially, an immediate investigation into the killing and massacre that MINUSTAH has committed in Haiti.
- Call on the Caribbean Community (Caricom), the Assembly of Caribbean Community Parliamentarians (ACCP), Organization of American States (OAS), the United States Congress to investigate the circumstances leading to February 29, 2004; particularly to determine the role of the U.S., France, and Canada in obstructing the democratic process in Haiti. Everyone is urged to endorse H.R.351 (introduced in the House of Representatives) to establish the Independent Commission on the 2004 Coup d'etat in the Republic of Haiti.
- Demand that the U.S. and other countries with Haitian refugees grant Temporary Protective Status (TPS) to persecuted Haitians and immediately halt



indefinite detention and deportation of Haitian immigrants. Everyone is urged to support the Haitian Protection Act of 2007 (introduced in House of Representatives) HR 522 as well as HR454 to amend the Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act (HRIFA) of 1998.

- Demand a temporary suspension of the repatriation of Haitian nationals who have committed crimes in the U.S. until a comprehensive program is developed in order to monitor these individuals once released back into the Haitian society.
- Demand that United Nations Security Council revises MINUSTAH (United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti) mandate and focus to a civil mission that assists the Haitian government in rebuilding Haiti's infrastructure with concrete things like roads, schools, libraries, community centers, etc. Otherwise the occupying force must leave Haiti immediately, and the budget of MINUSTAH must be reallocated to develop an emergency program for Haiti.
- Demand complete elimination and forgiveness Haiti's external debt in order to facilitate the process of rebuilding Haiti.
- Urge the Haitian parliament to revisit the Haitian constitution in order to make ways for Haitians in the Diaspora to play a vital role in building democratic institutions and become stakeholders in development of Haiti.



## Membership

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**We are excited about the Haitian Priorities Project, and hope you can join us in supporting democracy in Haiti.**

Your organizational and individual participation in HPP's efforts could literally save the lives of millions of Haitians living under extremely oppressive economic conditions. The current human rights abuses have devastated the lives of the average citizens in Haiti. The inhumane conditions force mothers and fathers underground, making them unable to provide for their families. This coalition intends to make a visible impact in the lives of the Haitian people, by exposing their plight to the world-and once for all changing the very core of politics in Haiti and its image around the world.

HPP provides different types of membership categories to accommodate organizations that wish to participate and contribute to the dire needs of the Haitian people's struggle. Individuals who wish to assist the coalition on its endeavor may do so by joining one or more of the working groups to help expedite the works, however, no individuals' name will be listed as official members of the coalition. You may opt to select one or more of the following membership levels:

1. The Coordinating Committee participates in regular conference calls to coordinate the Coalition's activities and oversees the working groups.
2. Fundraising Committee may include all of the above participants in addition to other organizations raising funds on behalf of the Haitian Priorities Project to support the operating budget and future projects supported by the Coalition.



3. Working Groups (Congressional Action, Rapid Response, Outreach and Public Education, and the Action/Demonstration) develops and implements initiatives as deemed necessary.
4. Advisory Council includes individuals and organizations that may lend their names to the coalition, and if available, speak at press conferences, or prepare pieces for publication.
5. Action Network members support our initiatives by signing our agenda and participating in Coalition actions.



## Haiti for Haitians

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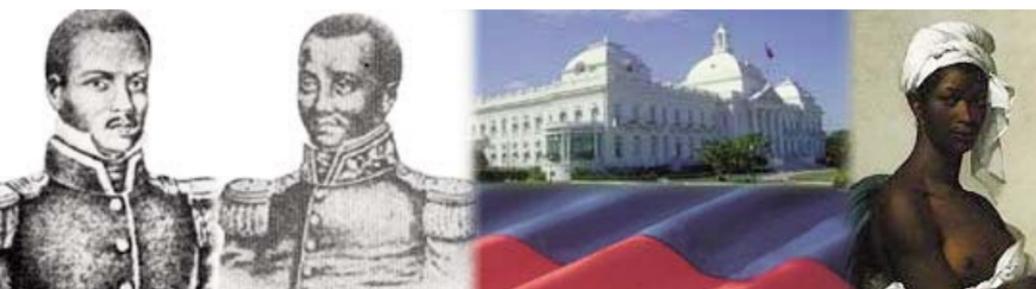
**Haitian Priorities Project promotes a sovereign Haiti. In law, sovereignty is defined as freedom from external control, or an autonomous state, meaning absolute and unconditional power.** In the despotic form of governments, sovereignty is generally held by only one man. In Haiti, however, we have a democracy; the power is held by the people constituting a political force called the Nation. In Haiti we speak of National Sovereignty, thus, sovereignty is then the three branches of power in Haiti working in sync to protect the national interest, thus protecting the interest of the people.

It is true that the world is under the threat of globalization invented to describe, at the same time, the internationalization of the economic exchanges and the planetary extension of the communication systems, which means that Haiti is moving indisputably one step closer towards a world governorship. According to theorists' of globalization, the concept of a sovereign nation is dead, and the concept of sovereignty is obsolete. The nongovernmental organizations (NGO's) and the multinational firms (MNFS) are, as we know well, in the case of Haiti, the new regulators of the world markets and economies.

Globalization certainly created favorable economic advantages for many countries, facilitated exchanges between nations and improved world productivity. By sharing their resources, many countries succeeded in standardizing their economic policies for the profit of their respective nations. They decided to restrict the exercise of their sovereignty on the economic front, which by no means meant that they gave up their sovereignty.

No nation voluntarily gives up its sovereignty. Sovereignty is the essential condition of the exercise of democracy. The individual cannot agree to subject himself to a decision that in any way interferes with his or her development. He must be able to recognize himself in a way as being part of the institutions. It is within the framework of national sovereignty that the exercise of the democratic rights or mandate can be carried out.

The right of interference was born within the United Nations, whereas the concept of sovereignty is the heart of its system. Is it not the goal of the United Nations to protect the Member



States from the external interference and to safeguard peace?

In the 1960's, defenders of human rights estimated that the prohibition of any interference did not relate to them since it applied only to the relations of Member State to State. Then, they chose to legitimate their interference in the name of human rights while going to aid victims of crimes or catastrophes. In 1988, the UN adopted resolution 43/131 authorizing the intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations to carry assistance to the victims of the natural disasters and in case of emergencies, thus allowing the UN to interfere legally into the businesses of the other nations. Dominant countries like the United States, France, Canada, use this right of interference to their profit, thus carrying along their political agendas and provoking economic and social ruin of countries already in crisis.

National sovereignty belongs to the people, it is forbidden for elected officials in Haiti to willingly transfer the people's right to self-determination to foreign authorities (FA's), international organizations(IO's) or NGO's.

We admit needing the assistance of the United Nations as long as they carry out the Haitian people's mandate. Our main goal is not to expel MINUSTAH out of Haiti, but rather to use its assistance as it best benefits Haiti and its people.

It is obvious that the socio-economic conditions have worsened since the arrival of the MINUSTHA, and the formula used by MINUSTHA to solve the Haitian problem does not fit. The conditions for the approach used by MINUSTHA do not exist in Haiti as it did in Kosovo.

Haitian Priorities Project simply demands that the group of the five continue to give their support to Haiti while respecting its right to sovereignty and self-determination. We advocate that they take into account the priorities of the Haitian people and that effective and suitable remedies are given to the ills of Haiti in order to put an end to this national chaos and to give a chance to our courageous nation to live free and independent. Otherwise, Haiti needs a government capable of creating its own agenda, financed by the Haitian people for the good of the nation.

# Membership Application

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: City: State: Zip:

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Physical Address: City: State: Zip:

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Type of organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Short statement describing the organization:

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Why does your organization wish become a member of HPP?

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What do you and your organization hope to contribute to HPP?

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What level of membership is your organization seeking?

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# Donations

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I want to help uplift Haitian voice abroad and in Haiti. Enclosed is my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_

I pledge to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ on a monthly/quarterly/annual basis (circle one)

I want to help spread the word about Haitian Priorities Project.

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Membership to HPP is free for all, but we encourage members to do their best to help support and sustain the work of the coalition. Let's be the voice of the voiceless and help save the lives of hundreds of thousands of Haitians.

JOIN US IN SAYING NO TO HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES  
AND FAILED POLICIES IN HAITI BY COMPLETING  
YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORM TODAY ONLINE\*

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