

Welcome To

The United Front to Exercise The Diaspora's Right to Vote



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Goal & Objective

**For Haitians in the
Diaspora to be able to
exercise their right to vote
in the upcoming **2015**
Haitian presidential
election**

History of the Project by Mr. Alix Claude



Due to the exodus of our compatriots from our homeland to elsewhere starting from the late 1950s to present, principally to look for a better life,

Haiti has lost many of its children.

As a result, such phenomenon created a brain drain that paralyzed the country, stopping it from taking off.

The country went backward while the rest of the world is moving forward. That broke our hearts.

Therefore, it is imperative that both Haitians living abroad and those back home pull together to lift up our motherland, our home sweet home because, there is no place like home.

Where We Are


In the meantime, a number of our compatriots became citizens of their host countries so they could better integrate their new society. Because of that, our 1987 constitution via its article 13 unjustly stripped their Haitian nationality away from them. So, they were simply considered as foreigners. Through hard work and determination, we had launched a successful campaign to amend the constitution. Today, all individuals whose mother or father is Haitian, regardless of where they are born, are Haitians.

Where Do We Want To Go

Haiti needs all its children now more than ever before. We want to reintegrate the national life of our country to help in every way we can.

To do so, it is indispensable that we have the opportunity to fully exercise our citizenship rights, particularly our voting right which is fundamental.

Who is involved?

 What constitutes the Haitian Diaspora?

 Who's qualified to vote?

Thomas A. Bezas

- ❓ Thomas A. Bezas, Founder & President Thomas A. Bezas is a public policy, government relations, and global business development leader, drawing from two decades of experience in the media, political/government, and private sectors.
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Christopher Harvin, Strategic Partner

Christopher Harvin, Strategic Partner Mr. Harvin has over two decades of experience in the industry, he has practiced the arts of public, crisis, political, and corporate communication in more than 60 countries. He was most recently named among the 40 most dynamic PR professionals in the business under 40 years old by PR Week (40 Under 40).

He has served the White House and has held senior advisory positions with the Secretary of Defense, Deputy Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Members of Congress, the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq and in Afghanistan.

Mr. Harvin has represented multiple Heads of State and governments in emerging markets and developing countries in areas such as the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Europe and the Caribbean. Among them include the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, Government of Indonesia, Kingdom of Bahrain, Republic of Congo (Brazzaville), The Government of Afghanistan, The Executive Office of Dubai, the Dubai International Financial Centre and Dubai Cares.

Mr. Harvin has provided political strategies to political and advocacy campaigns around the world to include U.S. presidential campaigns, numerous Senate and Congressional campaigns, corporate advocacy campaigns, opposition campaigns and a dozen foreign Heads of State. Most recently he has worked on election in the Caribbean, North and Central Africa and in the Middle East.

Sought after for his insight into industry strategy and tactics, he has been quoted in a variety of media outlets to include the Financial Times, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, The New Yorker, Washington Post, PR Week, LA Times, National Defense, NPR and BBC. Mr. Harvin also serves as a Board Member and Advisor to the Washington Inter-Governmental Professional Group, a DC-based organization with over 3,000 members from the private sector, diplomatic community and staff members from Congress and the Federal Agencies.

What Does It Take?

 Let's hear from the team of
Experts

When Does It Take Place?

 During the 2015 Presidential Election

Where Does It Take Place?

- ❑ Within the Diaspora
- ❑ Major cities identified:
 - ❑ Tri-State area (New York, New Jersey, Connecticut)
 - ❑ Philadelphia
 - ❑ Boston
 - ❑ Chicago
 - ❑ Florida
 - ❑ Canada
 - ❑ Europe
 - ❑ All countries within the Caribbean with Haitians

Why Is It Important?



Jimmy Mertune

How Is It Expected To Happen?

 Using a variety of media sources to convey the message