



ACADEMIC CONFERENCE

Human Rights, Security, and Dignity for Haiti

AGENDA

Date: September 4th 2025

Duration: Full-day event (9AM to 5PM)

Location: GWU School of Law, Student Conference Center, 2000 H St. NW,
Washington D.C.¹

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM | Registration

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM | Opening Remarks

Welcome by Amnesty International and GWU School of Law.

Keynote Speaker TBD

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM | Panel 1: General Context and Humanitarian Crisis in Haiti

Explores Haiti's current political, economic, and social collapse, with a focus on displacement, healthcare, and structural violence.

Moderator- Corinne Paul, American Jewish World Service

Speakers:

- **Rawya Rageh**- Amnesty International, Crisis Team Researcher
- **Pierre Fritznel**, Combite pour la Paix et le Developpement, Port-Au-Prince

11:10 AM – 12:45 PM | Panel 2: Human Rights Violations Accountability and Non-Impunity

Discussion on impunity and state and non-state actors accountability regarding grave human rights violations occurring in the country. The panel will focus on how the Haitian state, and the international community must deliver to prevent further atrocities and the implementation of internal mechanisms to guarantee justice, truth, and reparations.

Moderator- Johanna Cilano, Amnesty International

Speakers:

- **Rosy Auguste Ducena** – Legal expert with the National Human Rights Defense Network (RNDDH), Port-au-Prince.
- **Atzer Alcindor** – Human Rights Laboratory, Port-au-Prince

¹ Hybrid option available, organizers encourage in person attendance.



12 :45 PM – 2 :00 PM | Lunch

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM | Panel 3: Arms Flows and Privatized Security

Explores the arms trade, the rise of gangs and private militias, and erosion of state authority. Examine international complicity, third party obligations, and alternative governance structures.

Moderator- Kim Lamberty, Quixote Center

Speakers:

- **Pierre Espérance** – Executive Director, National Human Rights Defense Network (RNDDH), Port-au-Prince
- **Laura Vargas** – Assistant Professor, University of Colorado School of Medicine

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM | Panel 4: Role of the International Community and Building effective Advocacy Strategies

Addresses the role of the U.N., U.S., CARICOM, diaspora organizations, and solidarity networks in shaping Haiti's future. Strategies for advocacy and engagement with key stakeholders.

Moderator- Daniel Noroña, Amnesty International USA

Speakers:

- **Monique Clesca** – Former UN official and member of the Montana Accord; journalist and pro-democracy activist, Port-Au-Prince
- **H.E. Myrtha Desulme**, Haiti Ambassador to the US and to the OAS (TBD)
- **H.E. Amb. Maria Isabel Salvador**- Former Director of BINUH (TBC)

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM | Closing Remarks

Final Keynote Speaker TBD

Summary of key takeaways and next steps for coordinated advocacy.