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### **What is in Haiti's Future?**

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#### **Ambassador Thomas Adams**

Thomas Adams was named Special Coordinator for Haiti in September 2010 by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Mr. Adams is returning to the Department after retiring in June of 2008 from a 35-year career in the U.S. Government, with much of it focused on managing foreign assistance.

Mr. Adams was designated Coordinator of Assistance to Europe and Eurasia in February 2005 by President Bush, and served in that position until his retirement, responsible for the design and implementation of all U.S. assistance programs for the 29 countries that emerged from communism in Europe and Eurasia. Prior to that, he served as the Deputy Coordinator for 5 years, and spent 2 years as the Deputy Director of the Department's Management Policy and Planning Staff. He also spent 11 years as a Foreign Service Officer, serving as a management officer in Zanzibar, Hungary, Belgium and the Department of State, and 11 years at the U.S. Customs Service, rising to become a Director of International Programs.

During his retirement, Mr. Adams taught at the Foreign Service Institute. He also served as the Vice Chairman of the Romanian American Foundation, a \$150 million grant-making organization which supports education and other initiatives aimed at promoting a strong market economy and the rule of law in Romania. He also served on the Board of the Romanian-American Enterprise Fund.

He is the recipient of a number of State Department awards, including four Meritorious Honor Awards, two Superior Honor Awards, the Ben Franklin Award, and the Director General's Cup for the Civil Service. He was the International Affairs Employee of the Year in 1993 at the U.S. Customs Service for his work on enforcing the economic embargo on Serbia and Montenegro. His languages are French, Hungarian and Swahili.

Mr. Adams graduated from the University of Virginia in 1972 with a B.A. in History. While there, he was editor-in-Chief of the student newspaper, *The Cavalier Daily*.

### **Alexandre Abrantes**

Dr. Alexandre Abrantes is the World Bank Special Envoy to Haiti. A Portuguese national, Dr. Abrantes was appointed by World Bank President Robert B. Zoellick to lead the Bank's efforts for the recovery and reconstruction of Haiti following the January earthquake. He will coordinate the Bank's efforts with the Haitian authorities, representatives of the international community, and civil society.

Until this appointment, Dr. Abrantes was the World Bank Portfolio and Operations Program Manager for Brazil, in charge of overseeing US\$10 billion in Bank projects. Prior to that he served as the Human Development Team Manager for Western Africa, leading a team of 50 professionals working on education, health and social protection projects in 15 African countries. He had also been Human Development Manager and Lead Public Health Specialist for the Southern Cone (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela).

Before joining the Bank in 1992, Dr. Abrantes held positions at the European Union, in Academia (the University of Lisbon) and at the Portuguese Ministry of Health.

Dr. Abrantes has a degree in medicine from the Faculty of Medicine of Lisbon, a Masters in Community Medicine from the University of London, and a Ph.D. in Public Health from the University of South Carolina.

### **Mark Schneider**

Mark L. Schneider joined the International Crisis Group (ICG), a multinational non-governmental conflict prevention organization, in spring 2001 as Senior Vice President and Special Adviser on Latin America. Schneider's areas of expertise include post-conflict reconstruction and nation-building, U.S. foreign policy in the 21st century, and Latin American and Caribbean issues. He directs the Washington advocacy office, conveying Crisis Group analyses and recommendations to the U.S. Government, as well as the World Bank, OAS and the IDB. In that role he has traveled to Afghanistan and Pakistan four times in recent years, to West Africa, Kenya, Somaliland, Ethiopia and the Eritrea, Haiti, Colombia and the Andes and the Balkans. He has testified numerous times before Senate and House committees.

Schneider served as the Director of the Peace Corps from 1999-2001 and as the Assistant Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development 1993-1999 for Latin America and the Caribbean, during the latter period oversaw the post conflict reconstruction programs in Central America and coordinated the response to Hurricane Mitch. He led U.S. delegations to donor conferences for El Salvador, Guatemala, Central America, Andean countries and Haiti, led or participated in election monitoring in El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Nicaragua and Bolivia and headed U.S. delegations to OAS, IDB and ECLAC conferences. From 1981 to 1993, Schneider was Chief of the Office of Analysis and Strategic Planning at the Pan American

Health Organization/World Health Organization. He was the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs from 1977-1979 and a foreign policy advisor to Senator Edward M. Kennedy 1970-76. He earlier served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in El Salvador.

Schneider received his B.A. in journalism from the University of California-Berkeley, his M.A. in Political Science from San Jose State University, and an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from American University, Washington College of Law, 2000. He received the Bernardo O'Higgins Medal for human rights work, Government of Chile, 1993; Gran Cruz, Orden al Merito awarded by Government of Chile, 2000 and the George W. Eastman Medal for Public Service, University of Rochester, May 2000. He also has lectured at various universities, published articles and essays in academic journals, newspapers and magazines and appeared on CNN, NBC, ABC, CBS, NPR and numerous other radio and television news programs. He is a member of the board of trustees of American University.

### **Robert Fatton**

Dr. Robert Fatton Jr. is the Associate Dean for Graduate Academic Programs in the Arts and Sciences at the University of Virginia. He is also the Julia A. Cooper Professor of Government and Foreign Affairs in the Department of Politics at the University of Virginia. He has served as Chair of the Department of Politics from 1997 to 2004. He is the author of several books and a large number of scholarly articles. His publications include: *Black Consciousness in South Africa* (1986); *The Making of a Liberal Democracy: Senegal's Passive Revolution, 1975-1985* (1987); *Predatory Rule: State and Civil Society in Africa* (1992); *Haiti's Predatory Republic: The Unending Transition to Democracy* (2002); and *The Roots of Haitian Despotism* (2007). He is also co-editor with R. K. Ramazani of *The Future of Liberal Democracy: Thomas Jefferson and the Contemporary World* (2004); and *Religion, State, and Society* (2009).

Born and raised in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, now an American citizen, Fatton studied in the mid 1970s in France, later earning a Bachelor's Degree from Goshen College, Indiana, in 1976. He holds Master's and Doctoral Degrees from the University of Notre Dame, Indiana. He has been teaching at the University of Virginia since 1981.

### **Robert Maguire**

Dr. Robert Maguire is the Chair of the Haiti Working Group at the U.S. Institute of Peace and is a former Jennings Randolph Senior Fellow. He is an associate professor of International Affairs in the College of Arts and Sciences at Trinity University in Washington D.C. and director of the Trinity Haiti Program. Maguire has been involved with Haiti since the mid 1970s through affiliations with the Inter-American Foundation, the Department of State, and Johns Hopkins, Brown and Georgetown Universities. In December 2001, Maguire received Rockefeller Foundation support for his work on Haiti at Trinity, allowing him to extend his work into issues related to Haitian Diaspora populations. From 1994 to 2001, Maguire directed the Georgetown University Haiti Program, supported by the Ford Foundation to serve as a vehicle for the

dissemination of information and analysis on issues linked to Haiti and to U.S.-Haiti policy. Since 1990, Dr. Maguire has served as the chair of Haiti Advanced Area Studies at the Department of State's Foreign Service Institute.

Maguire has consulted various organizations on Haiti and Caribbean issues and regularly makes public presentations that address issues of development in Haiti, the role of the international community and U.S.-Haiti policy. Prior to joining academia, Maguire served in the federal government with the Inter-American Foundation, the Department of State and as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Caribbean island of Dominica.

Maguire holds an M.A. in Latin American studies from the University of Florida and a Ph.D. in geography from McGill University.