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Make the Schiller Institute Plan To Develop Haiti Known Everywhere

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I’m Billy Anders Estimé, and I’m cofounder of Café Diplo Haiti. I would like to thank first the Schiller Institute for this opportunity to speak to the whole world through this short video during this international conference.



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mass immigration of Haitians to the Dominican Republic clearly proves it. The mutual assistance between the two occupiers of the island is a necessity to develop it.

The Plan

The [development plan](#) proposed by the Schiller Institute, apart from the fact that it takes into account the inability of Haiti to lead to its own development, also touches on a particular point that makes it even better: This is the relations between Haiti and the Dominican Republic:

The Problem

The world is changing, and no one should remain indifferent to this change. Faced with this change, we cannot, and above all we must not, remain indifferent. The most sacred values in all the history of humanity are for the most part threatened by this change today. Human Rights, which constitute the basis of all modern societies, are today in danger, because today human well-being is no longer a duty in certain states. I will take Haiti as an example at this time.

I wonder what we are really talking about when we refer to the concept of globalization. There are even states most concerned, which refuse to be aware of their common destiny. I feel morose, seeing at such a crucial moment, when we must come closer, that the Dominican Republic and Haiti are venturing into a diplomatic struggle that can turn sour at any time, given the fragility of the existing relationship between the two countries. I will not ask the political leaders of the two countries to forget history, but the time of historical hatred is over. We must avoid going into the past to arouse hatred, because we have a bigger problem today. The future must be the priority.

Haiti and the Dominican Republic share an island. We, Haitians and Dominicans, must unite to develop the island, because the problems on one side automatically become problematic for the other side, and the

China’s involvement is essential to the launch of a reconstruction and development program for Haiti and the surrounding region, which must necessarily include the Dominican Republic, which shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti, and other nations of the Caribbean and Central American Basin; this set of nations will function as part of the Global Land-Bridge.

This sentence from the plan allows me to say that the plan is not only aimed at the development of Haiti, although Haiti is at the center, seeing its urgent needs, but it includes the development of the island, and, why not, the region.

The plan has eight main axes that come together in a central point: “a universal health system.” It is a formidable plan, but it is at the same time very complex; and at the same time requires a great fight in order to see the day, because I sincerely do not yet see the will of the different actors involved in this plan.

We have a struggle to fight, and we must set aside our differences to fight it together, because no one can do it alone. States today cannot go it alone or regroup in small clans, because the problems facing humanity concern every human being. It is time for great cooperation: Cooperation to eradicate hunger, poverty, injustice, the vulnerability of nations to climate change. We must prioritize the principle of cohabitation more than ever, because

whether we like it or not, we have the planet in common and to protect it, we must act together.

I urge everyone, and especially young people, not only from Haiti or the Dominican Republic, but from all over the world, to fight for a better future with the foundation of a state mutual aid that prioritizes human well-being. Let us act together to allow the plan of the Schiller Institute for Haiti to be known by as many people as possible in order to boost the key players to engage in the resolution of this plan. We are all neigh-

bors, making the planet our center of unity, because it is a gift we have in common, and we must preserve and protect everything. We also have a duty to keep it in good shape for future generations, because we are only temporary occupants.

To you, my dear Dominican and Haitian brothers:

It is time to become aware of our common destiny, and to ring the bell of unity and solidarity, in order to be able to think about the progress of the island of Hispaniola.

Thank you.

Eric Walcott

Haiti and Afghanistan: Needed Lessons for Nation-Building, Not Chaos

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Well, the state of Haiti, as it currently exists at this time: We are slowly descending into a state of total chaos. It has not gotten the support of the Organization of American States; it has not gotten the support of the United Nations; it has not gotten the support of CARICOM [Caribbean Community]. So therefore, you have a chaos in Haiti taking place, where you have petty gangs who are now stifling not only the economy, commerce. You have fuel lines, or fuel transport lines that have been somewhat hijacked by petty gangs led by G9 [confederation of nine gangs in Haiti—ed.]. You also have water that has now actually been stopped from getting from point A to point B. Most people who know Haiti, they know that these water trucks go around the country and deliver water so that people can have potable water to drink, to wash clothes, and other things.

Earlier today, I had conversations with someone very close to the Prime Minister, and the message that was said was, "Enough with the promises. We need



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help, and we need help right now." We need 300-400 U.S. military or international forces, whether it be from the United Nations, CARICOM or elsewhere, to come to Haiti, to help to restore law and order in the country. This cannot be done with the small police force in Haiti. It cannot be done. You have police who are facing all types of assault weapons, who have no type of protective gear whatsoever.

So, at this point, the message is, Haiti has answered the call from the

inception of the U.S. War of Independence, and so forth—many friends throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, as far as Colombia, Venezuela, even the Dominican Republic.

So, we cannot continue to have Haiti descending into chaos for whatever reason. We, who are part of the larger community of member states who respect law and order, the rule of law, [cannot] allow Haiti to continue to descend into chaos. Certainly not after a major tragedy with the assassination of the President. The people are terrorized by the assassination of the President, and they're now being further terrorized, if you would, by these gangs who are actually killing individuals every day; kidnapping individuals, and overwhelming the small police force of Haiti.

So, Haiti needs your help. I hope that the individuals around the world will hear this message.