

ECOSOC Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti calls on the international community to support Haiti's post-earthquake reconstruction and recovery efforts

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The ECOSOC Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti¹ appreciates the ongoing efforts by the Government of Haiti to develop its Recovery and Reconstruction Plan following the devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake on 14 August 2021 and subsequent flooding which hit Haiti's southern peninsula.

The Group welcomes the International Conference for the Financing of Reconstruction of the Southern Peninsula of Haiti by the Government of Haiti, with the support of the United Nations, due to take place in Port-au Prince on 16 February 2022.

The Advisory Group calls on the United Nations, Member States, donors, international financial institutions, and all stakeholders to participate in the High-Level Event and provide Haiti with necessary support. This is an important moment to strengthen international assistance, taking into account lessons learned from the response to the 2010 earthquake.

The Group underscores that the recovery and reconstruction phase is a critical chance for the country to improve the lives of Haitians and ensure that disaster risk reduction is fully joined with development measures.

The devastating earthquake has compounded the already dire humanitarian situation in Haiti where 4.9 million people – or 43 per cent of the population – need emergency assistance this year. The Group calls on the international community to meet the funding requirements of the Haiti Flash Appeal and the Humanitarian Response Plan which remain seriously underfunded at 43 and 28 per cent, respectively.

Those from the outside can help best if we respond generously and commit to supporting Haitian-led solutions at this critical time.

¹ The ECOSOC Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti is composed of Argentina, the Bahamas, Belize, Benin, Brazil, Canada (Chair), Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France, Haiti, Mexico, Peru, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, the United States of America, and Uruguay. The President of ECOSOC is an ex officio member of the Group. It was initially formed in 1999 and its mandate is to follow closely and provide advice on the long-term development strategy of the country.