

DACOR's Latin America and the Caribbean Discussion Group Upcoming Event
Friday, November 15 at Noon
Subject: Haiti

The next session of DACOR's Latin America & Caribbean Discussion Group will focus on the on-going violence and political breakdown in Haiti and what the international community can and should do to restore security and, eventually, enable elections and the re-establishment of governing institutions.

Our distinguished panelists will be:

- **Ms. Barbara Feinstein**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Caribbean Affairs and Haiti, in the Department of State's Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs;
- **Dr. Jean Philippe Austin**, Board Chairman, Haitian-American Foundation for Democracy;
- **Ambassador Juan Gabriel Valdes**, Chilean Ambassador to the United States and former special representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations and chief of the United Nations Mission MINUSTAH in Haiti.

Barbara A. Feinstein, a career member of the Senior Executive Service, previously served as Deputy Assistant Administrator for Caribbean and Central American Affairs with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). She has held various leadership positions with USAID, including as Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for Legislative Affairs; Deputy Chief of Staff to former Administrator Rajiv Shah; Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor to Acting Administrator Alonzo Fulgham; and Special Assistant to former Administrator Henrietta Fore. Other assignments include service with the U.S. Departments of State and Defense, as well as service on the professional staff of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, as well as the House International Relations Committee of the United States Congress.

Dr. Jean-Philippe Austin left Haiti at the age of 9 and moved to Queens, New York joining his parents, who escaped Papa Doc Duvalier's bloody dictatorship. He grew up in NY's community of Haitian exiles and attended New York University, majoring in Economics. Subsequently, he attended medical school at the State University of New York Medical Center in Brooklyn. In South Florida, where he and his family currently reside, he and his wife are renown as a civically-engaged philanthropists. While Dr. Austin's professional career thrived, his commitment to social justice and political empowerment has endured. He is immersed in South Florida's Haitian community, home to over 500,000 Haitians and Haitian Americans. He was a member of President Obama's National Finance Committee

and the Florida Finance Chair for the Democratic National Committee.

Ambassador Juan Gabriel Valdés, currently serves as Ambassador of Chile to the U.S. He was Minister of Foreign Affairs during the government of President Eduardo Frei Ruiz-Tagle, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations and Ambassador of Chile to Spain, Argentina and the United States. He was also Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General and Head of the UN Mission in Haiti, and a member of the UN High-Level Advisory Board on Mediation. He studied law at the Catholic University of Chile and holds a PhD in Political Science from Princeton University. He has been a Visiting Fellow at the Center for Latin American Studies at Princeton University and at the Kellogg Institute for International Relations at the University of Notre Dame. In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he also served as Director of International Economic Relations between 1996 and 2000, during which time negotiations leading to the Chile-US Free Trade Agreement were initiated. He was also negotiator of the Free Trade Agreement with Canada.

Logistics: Please note that this is a hybrid event - you have the option to attend in person or virtually. Registration is required for all attendees. For in-person attendees, the event will run from 12 Noon to - 2 PM and will include lunch. The live stream will begin shortly after 1 PM. (Virtual attendees will be sent a link for the event via email.)

Location: DACOR Bacon House OR Online, 1801 F Street, NW , Washington, DC 20006.

To register, follow this link:

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