

Ambassador of Haiti Addresses Leading Caribbean Thought Leaders at World Affairs Councils of America Webinar

On February 23, his Excellency Bocchit Edmond, Haiti's Ambassador to the United States addressed attendees of World Affairs Councils of America's Embassy Row Live in a discussion titled "Haiti: The Path to a Stronger Democracy."

Ambassador Edmond emphasized the need for sustained support from the international community to uphold the rule of law in Haiti by supporting the upcoming constitutional referendum and elections to prevent repeated breakdowns in transfer of power and devastating disruptions to political life.

"If approved, the new constitution will rectify the imbalance which exists between Haiti's branches of power, allowing greater accountability," asserted Ambassador Edmond.

Ambassador Edmond invited Haiti's diaspora community to engage in a dialogue with the government and to vote on the scheduled referendum for the new constitution, which will give the diaspora community increased access to government jobs and pave the way for dual citizenship.

Ambassador Edmond expressed the commitment of Haiti's government to holding free and transparent legislative and presidential elections, extending an invitation to international observers to monitor and certify the outcome of the elections.

Ambassador Edmond reiterated that President Moise has no intention of running for re-election and will step down when his term ends next year. The new constitution, if approved by Haitians, will not allow President Moise to run for re-election, now or in the future.



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