

Rebuilding for Resilience in Haiti: Public Forum

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Questions and Discussion with Dr. Eric Calais and Dr. Reginald DesRoches



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Scientists and engineers are assessing Haiti's risk for future earthquakes and developing recommendations for the safe reconstruction of housing, hospitals and infrastructure.

Purdue University Professor of Geophysics Eric Calais has been asked to speak from his extensive experience as a researcher investigating the science behind Haiti's shifting tectonic plates and the strong earthquakes they have historically produced, and will eventually generate again. Since the earthquake, Dr. Calais has worked closely with the Haitian government and with university colleagues there to understand the potential for future earthquakes.

In this evening Public Forum, Haitian-born Georgia Tech Civil and Environmental Engineering Professor Reginald DesRoches will present his first-hand account of the structural damage in the country, where he has led several engineering assessment teams since the earthquake. Dr. DesRoches has presented recommendations for rebuilding in Haiti to the World Bank and several Congressional committees.

This Forum is open to the public. Ample time will be made available for questions from the audience.

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