



33rd Bi-Annual Central Bank Governors' Meeting of CARICOM Countries



**Salle Leslie Delatour
Boutilliers, Port-au-Prince
October 30th, 2009**

About

The Central Bank of Haiti is pleased to host the 33rd Bi-annual Meeting of Central Bank Governors of Caribbean Community members. During this meeting, the Governors will discuss among other subjects, the impacts of the Global financial and economic crisis on the macroeconomic and financial policies of the region.

Welcome to Port-au-Prince!!!!

We are pleased to welcome you one more time to Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Information regarding the conference, such as the agenda, online registration and hotel accommodation will be provided on this webpage.

The 33rd Bi-Annual Meeting of Central Bank Governors of CARICOM Members will be held at “Salle Leslie Delatour” on Friday, October 30th, an Auditorium of the Central Bank of Haiti at Boutilliers, which is a suburb of the county of Pétion-ville.



Hotel Montana

The Conference participants will be staying at Hotel Montana, one of the best-rated hotels in Port-au-Prince, which is located in a neighbourhood between Bourdon and Petion-Ville, within 19 kms from the Airport, 1.5 Km from the center of Petion-Ville, 12 Kms form Downtown Port-au-Prince and from the Central Bank of Haiti. (Avg. year-round price* \$165)

Check-in time is 12:00 p.m
Checkout time is 12:00 p.m

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The Central Bank of Haiti

The Central Bank of Haiti was founded 30 years ago, on August 17th 1979, following the scission of the National Bank of the Republic of Haiti in two different entities. The first became the country's central bank (Banque de la République d'Haiti), and the second one a State commercial bank. Since then, the Bank of the Republic of Haiti has been responsible for the issuance of money and the conduct of monetary policy, the supervision of commercial banks and credit unions¹, the management of the payment system and cash as the government's banker.

The banking system is composed of 10 commercial banks: 5 private commercial banks, 2 public commercial banks, 2 subsidiaries of american and canadian commercial banks and 1 private savings and mortgage bank

Key indicators of the banking system (Sept. 2009):

Return on Equity: 13,16 %;

Return on Assets: 0, 87 %;

Net profit: 5,41 Millions of US Dollars;

Total Assets: 2 418 Millions of US Dollars;

Net Interest Income: 25,9 Millions of US Dollars.

1/ The supervision of credit unions has officially started in 2002



The current board is composed of:

Charles	CASTEL	: Governor
Philippe W.	LAHENS	: Deputy Governor
Marc Hébert	IGNACE	: General Manager
Rémy	MONTAS	: Member
Fritz	DUROSEAU	: Member

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About Haiti

Haiti shares the island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic. The country was at first a provisional member of Caricom since July 1998, and then a full member starting on July 2nd 2002.

Haiti is located in the Caribbean Basin, between the Caribbean Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean, West of the Dominican Republic.



Sunset at Moulin sur Mer

Capital	Port-au-Prince
Area	27 750 Sq Km
Calling Country Code	509
Population	9 035 536 (estimated in 2009)
Climate	Tropical / Around 76 -82°F - Rainy season from May to July and September to early December
Languages	French and Creole
Religion	Roman Catholic 80 %, Protestant 16 %, other 3 % and none 1 %
Political view	Democratic
President	Mr. René Préval
Prime Minister	Mrs. Michèle D. Pierre-Louis
Currency	Gourde
Current inflation (annual change)	-4.7 % (September 2009)
Exchange Rate	41,77 Gdes for 1 US \$ (September 09)
Net International Reserves (in US dollars)	288,2 MD US\$ (September 09)
GDP (in US dollars)	7 061 Billion of dollars (2008)

Local Time

Port-au-Prince is located in the Eastern Time Zone (UTC-5).

Local Weather

In October, the weather is fairly cool, with some rain, and can range from a low 28 °C (82.4 °F) to a 35 °C (95 °F).

Travel Information

There are restrictions for permitted and non-permitted items for carry-on luggage for flights. Please check with the airline or a travel agent for restrictions at point for departure outside of Haiti.

Visa

A waiver or visa is necessary to enter the country. To obtain one or the other, the copy of the first page of your passport is required to be sent along with the filled registration form.

What to pack.

We are very pleased to host this important regional meeting in Haiti. The weather can change from sunshine to rain.

We offer the following suggestions as you prepare to pack.

All meetings: Business Attire

Welcome reception: Business Attire

Closing dinner: Business Attire

Relax day: Casual Attire

Business Attire

Men: Suit, dress shirt, tie

Women: Suit, tailored blouse, dress and pantsuit

Business Casual Attire

Men: Sports-Jacket, Tie (optional), Fine-knit sweater and shirt

Women: Pantsuit, sweater set

Casual Attire

Men: Sports-Jacket, sweater and shirt

Women: Sweater set, casual pants

Transportation

Transportation and Security will be provided by the Central Bank of Haiti from the airport to the hotel, and from the hotel to the airport.

By Plane

Toussaint Louverture International Airport

Recommended check-in times before flights:

International Departures: 2 hours

Currency

Haiti's currency system uses Gourdes and cents, similar to the US system. Haiti has 1 gourde and 5 gourde coins, in addition to 20-cent, 50-cent coins.

Paper money comes in different colors and design, and in denominations of G10, G20, G25, G50, G100, G250, G500, and G1000. The latest exchange rate for converting to and from Haitian gourde / US dollar is available online at the Central Bank's Website: www.brh.net.

Credit cards

Credit cards such as Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted in the beach resort. Prices are generally labeled in US dollars, however payments can be made in gourdes

Sales Taxes

All goods and services are subject to a 10 % government tax referred to as the turnover tax (TCA).

Tipping

Tips and service charges are not always included in bills in Haiti and vary from 10 to 15 %.

Sightseeing

National Museum: Musée du Panthéon National - Place des Héros de l'Indépendance

In Boutilliers (1000 ft): Panoramic view of the Bay of Port-au-Prince and the Island of La Gonave.



In Cap-Haitien: Citadelle Laferrière, Palais Sans-Souci, Labadie, Colonial Architecture



In Jacmel: Bassin bleu, Manoir Alexandra, Colonial Architecture Handicraft

Arcadins Coast in the town of Montrouis

The Arcadins area is located along the coast of Montrouis. The target zone has been a recognized tourist beach area in Haiti since the late sixties. The selection of the Arcadins region by tourists bound for the Caribbean results from its fine beaches, its ease of access, the marine life and its proximity to Port-au-Prince. It is one of the most important beach tourism destinations in Haiti, with several well renowned hotels and resorts, including the Moulin-sur-Mer.

The town of Montrouis is located on the west Coast, one of Haiti's longest stretches of pure white sand beaches. It is also an exceptional place for sailing and fishing.



Moulin sur mer, Cote des Arcadins