



## Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing

### Human Rights in Haiti: Ideas for Next Steps

#### Panel I



**Georges A. Fauriol** retired in January 2020 from the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), where he was vice president for grants operations and evaluation. He joined NED in 2010 from one of its core implementing institutes, the International Republican Institute (IRI), where he initially served as vice president for strategic planning and later as senior vice president and acting president. He currently teaches at Georgetown University’s Democracy and Governance Graduate Program and is a senior associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). Prior to 2001, Fauriol held a number of positions at CSIS, including director and senior fellow of the Americas Program, and was also the assistant to the chairman of the CSIS Board of Trustees. He has extensive international and cross-regional field experience, including election observation missions in Eurasia, Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean Basin region, and is the author or coauthor of several books and more than 75 publications. He holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Pennsylvania.



**Anthony “Tony” Banbury** joined IFES as President and Chief Executive Officer on November 1, 2018. Before joining IFES Banbury had an extensive career working for the United Nations (U.N.) and the United States government. At the U.N. he served for 20 years in a variety of roles at the New York headquarters and in the field. Special assignments included leading the operational response to the 2010 Haiti earthquake, the worst humanitarian disaster in the western hemisphere in modern history. Prior to his most senior roles with the U.N., Banbury worked in the United States government as Director and then Senior Director for Democracy, Human Rights and International Operations at the National Security Council and Senior Policy Advisor in the Balkans Task Force at the Department of Defense. He holds a master’s degree in law and diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, a graduate degree in international relations from the Institut Universitaire de Hautes Études Internationales at the University of Geneva, and a bachelor’s degree in political science from Tufts University.



**Ellie Happel** is the Haiti Project Director and a staff attorney with the Global Justice Clinic at New York University School of Law, where she is also an adjunct professor. Ms. Happel first traveled to Haiti in 2003, spent three months in the country prior to the earthquake, and was based in Port-au-Prince from 2011 through the middle of 2017. She worked on cases of forced eviction in the Internally Displaced People (IDP) camps, as a supervising attorney with ProJustice, a USAID-funded rule of law initiative, and, in 2013, she supported the Global Justice Clinic to launch a project monitoring Haiti's emerging gold mining sector. Ms. Happel continues to direct this project from New York, where she is based today. She returns to Haiti frequently in connection with her work, and last visited in January 2020. She is a 2011 graduate of the NYU School of Law where she was a Root Tilden Kern Scholar, holds a B.A in Metropolitan Studies from New York University and is fluent in Haitian Kreyòl and Spanish.

## **Panel II**



**Paloma Adams-Allen** joined the Inter-American Foundation in April 2017 as president and chief executive officer. Prior to joining the IAF, Adams-Allen led global private sector partnership initiatives for the international NGO Winrock International. Before that, she served as deputy assistant administrator for the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) Bureau. She also spent a decade at the Organization of American States in policy, programming, and leadership roles focused on advancing integral development in the Americas. Early in her career she did short stints at the international law firm Coudert Brothers, and the advocacy organization Caribbean-Central American Action. Adams-Allen was born and raised in Jamaica. She holds a bachelor's degree in development studies from Brown University, a master's in international affairs from Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, and a Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center.

## **Panel III**



**Loune Viaud** is the Executive Director of Zanmi Lasante. She joined ZL/PIH in 1987. Ms. Viaud initiated numerous programs for the protection of rights for children and adolescents. In 1992, Ms. Viaud launched Sante Fann, the first women's health project in Haiti. In 2002, she received the "RFK Human Rights Award" from Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights. In April 2019, Ms. Viaud spoke on behalf of women and girls in Haiti at the UN Security Council, the first time a Haitian Civil Society member has spoken at the Security Council in its 50+ history. Ms. Viaud currently leads a 6,000+ team in providing health care and supportive program throughout the Central Plateau and lower Artibonite regions of Haiti. In 2010, Ms. Viaud established Zanmi Beni, a children's home for 64 children and left homeless after the Haiti earthquake. Ms. Viaud studied Journalism and received her BA in education.