

We, the Participants in
“Geophysical Hazards and Plate Boundary Processes in Central America,
Mexico, and the Caribbean:
A Workshop to Build Seismological Collaboration and Capacity”

Express the Following

Resolution

The recovery from the 12 January 2010 earthquake and the future economic development of the nation of Haiti depend on the construction of a robust national scientific and technical infrastructure. As earth scientists, the members of the group gathered for this workshop¹ on geophysical hazards pass the following proclamation:

(1) We express our support for the implementation of a sustainable Earthquake Risk Reduction program in Haiti’s reconstruction and we offer to share regional best practices in the development of seismic and geodetic networks (including mobile, fixed, and specialized stations), in the operation and maintenance of the networks, and in the delivery of earthquake products.

(2) We encourage Haiti to strengthen its institutions and establish the necessary infrastructure for the sustainable monitoring and reporting of earthquakes in support of the nation’s needs and participation in robust and open regional collaborative Earthquake Risk Reduction research, education, and implementation.

Furthermore, these statements support and expand on specific key findings from the March workshop² on Haiti’s reconstruction, and continue progress toward rebuilding with resilience.

¹ ”Geophysical Hazards and Plate Boundary Processes in Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean: A Workshop to Build Seismological Collaboration and Capacity”, 24-27 October, 2010, Heredia, Costa Rica.

² ”Rebuilding for Resilience: How Science and Engineering Can Inform Haiti’s Reconstruction”, 22-23 March, 2010, Miami, Florida, USA