



# Haiti: From Crisis to Catalyst

## Localization Partnership & Collaboration Proposal

Washington, DC – Thursday, April 4, 2024

## About the Symposium

Roots of Development, the Haitian American Foundation for Democracy (HAFFD), and the American University Center for Latin American & Latino Studies (CLALS) have partnered to host a symposium discussing Haiti's most pressing challenges: immigration, aid, and security.

The *Haiti: From Crisis to Catalyst* symposium will be held on April 4th at American University in Washington, DC. The event will bring together speakers, panelists, and moderators from across the aid sector, including representatives of local community-based organizations, governmental and institutional funders, and international aid groups for a discussion on aid and localization.

While localization remains somewhat a loosely defined agenda, the Grand Bargain, as laid out at the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit and reiterated in 2021 and 2023, cemented the localization of humanitarian efforts and the prioritization of local actors to be the central issue of our time.

Haiti, due to its history and current circumstances, remains one of the dominant examples of the consequences of failed international humanitarian aid. Consequently, it holds great relevance in discussions concerning this field.

However, rather than exclusively centering on Haiti, the symposium aims to utilize the country as a focal point to examine the broader regional and global implications of the topics under consideration.

The *Haiti: From Crisis to Catalyst* symposium is positioned strategically before one of the largest conferences of global changemakers, the Skoll World Forum, and will help re-center traditionally marginalized voices in the discussions around localization and the failures of traditional international assistance writ large.





# Join us as a Partner or Collaborator

We are seeking additional Collaborators and Partners to join us in organizing this discussion. Our ideal Collaborators and Partners are organizations with shared values around the importance of localizing humanitarian aid, elevating marginalized voices, and dissecting the power imbalances between majority and minority world actors. This is an opportunity to join allies and local actors on the forefront of the localization agenda.

## Join us as a Collaborator

**\$5,000**

Collaborators will be listed as a collaborator alongside Roots of Development, HAFFD, and CLALS as the organizers of the symposium and will be incorporated into planning discussions at the Collaborator's discretion. Collaborators are also considered co-hosts of both the event reception and post-symposium private dinner with panelists, speakers, and special guests. Collaborators are encouraged to contribute financially at a level of \$5,000 or more.

## Join us as a Partner

**\$2,500**

Partners will receive reserved seating for the discussion itself along with physical and digital brand promotion. They are also invited to the event reception and private post-symposium dinner, providing additional time with our panelists, speakers, and special guests. Partners are encouraged to contribute financially at a level of \$2,500 or more.

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## About the Organizers

Roots of Development is a DC-based international development organization, with more than 15 years advocating for and supporting community-led development efforts in Haiti. HAFFD engages the Haitian-American diaspora in promoting policies that foster democracy, human rights, economic development, and inclusion and was co-founded by prominent Haitian-Americans including Patrick Gaspard. The Center for Latin American & Latino Studies (CLALS) is a multidisciplinary center harnessing expertise from throughout the American University community and with counterparts around the world to serve as a catalyst for creation of knowledge about Latin America, the Caribbean, and Latino communities in the United States.

