



## **January 12, 2021: Message from Haiti's Embassy in Canada**

January 12, 2021, marks 11 years since the Haitian people's life has changed forever. On that day, the earth quaked so vigorously that the Haitian capital-city and neighbouring cities were destroyed, and hundreds of thousands of lives were lost in merely 35 seconds. On January 10, 2010, Haiti also displayed a united nation comprised of courageous men and women.

For the past four years, in addition to our imperative duty to remember the countless victims, the Government has declared January 12 the « National Day for Reflection and Awareness on Haiti's Vulnerability to Risks and Disasters ». On this day, all sectors of our community, in Haiti and abroad, are invited to evaluate how they can contribute to providing effective mechanisms to face potential natural disasters.

This year, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the personnel of the Haitian Embassy in Canada, members of the Haitian community and friends of Haiti will not be able to come together to meditate, to remember, and to plan the future. However, despite the distance, we invite you to unite in observing a minute of silence at 4:53 p.m. to mark this date that will forever be engraved in our hearts and our minds.