



**Press Release
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GRAHN-Monde announces the official opening of ISTEAH, the Institute of Sciences, Technologies, and Advanced Studies of Haiti

Port-au-Prince - 26 June 2013 – It is before an audience composed of about a hundred members of the Haitian academic community that the *Groupe de réflexion et d'action pour une Haïti nouvelle* (GRAHN – Group for Reflection and Action for a New Haiti) announced today in Port-au-Prince the opening of the **Institut des sciences, des technologies et des études avancées d'Haïti (ISTEAH** – Institute of Sciences, Technologies, and Advanced Studies of Haiti), a nonprofit university institute of excellence. The first programs offered by ISTEAH are in educational sciences, with seven (7) disciplinary orientations subject to a common core, mandatory for all participants. As early as September 2013, these programs will welcome a total of 50 students, male and female, in the DESS program (Diploma of Specialized Higher Studies), as well as the master's and doctoral programs. Registration is open as of today and will extend up to 15 August 2013. Registration, which costs 500 gourdes, can be done online on ISTEAH's website (www.isteah.edu.ht), or by mail via one of the addresses listed on the website. Only complete applications of candidates who have paid the registration fee as indicated on the website will be considered.

Simultaneously with the opening of the institute, GRAHN announces the creation of the **ISTEAH Foundation**, a foundation that will come in support of ISTEAH's efforts to train university instructors in the retained scientific and technology disciplines. That Foundation will aim not only to contribute to the functioning of ISTEAH and to maintaining excellence in its teaching and research activities, but also to support financially the students, male and female, by granting merit-based excellence scholarships. Considering ISTEAH's mission in strengthening the capacity of Haitian universities and the resulting benefits for the whole country, the vitality of this foundation is essential. We encourage you all – professionals, entrepreneurs, large corporations, and citizens from both genders – to support financially the **ISTEAH Foundation** (<http://www.isteah.edu.ht/index.php/isteah-en-bref/fondation>). Your donations will help strengthen the entire Haitian education system and train the scientists needed to strengthen the scientific culture and the technological potential in the country, as a way to enhance the competitiveness and expansion of the national economy.

At the same time, GRAHN announces today the creation of the **Académie Haïtienne des Sciences (AHS** – Haitian Academy of Sciences), which will be a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of science and technology in the country. Comprised of distinguished Haitian scientists, that academy will stimulate a permanent reflection and maintain constant vigilance while offering recommendations on the organization of research, of research training, and of science education from elementary classes to the university level. The Academy will promote scientific life by placing scientific thinking at the heart of debates and guiding these discussions towards applications of sciences to the major challenges of the Haitian society. It will also ensure the radiance of Haitian science internationally through the development of collaborations and the representation of Haiti within international networks of academies and other international scientific institutions.

About GRAHN

GRAHN is a worldwide citizen-watch organization that wants to contribute, through well thought out actions, to solving the problems of Haiti. It aims to be a nonpartisan civil society movement focused on the construction of a new Haiti that is founded on the rule of law, on sharing, solidarity, education, respect for the environment, and a strong commitment for the common good.

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