



# CCIHC IN ACTION

## Member Spotlight - The Helm in Good Hands

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Co-founder and current President of CCIHC, Ambassador Herve Denis is a career diplomat with more than 18 years of experience in public administration.

During his diplomatic career, Denis held important functions such as Ambassador Consultant, Ambassador to the United Nations Office at Geneva, Ambassador of Haiti to the Dominican Republic, and Ambassador of Haiti to Canada.

In 1985, Denis was appointed Minister of Labor and Social Affairs, and during his short mandate he developed close relationships with

business and labor to strengthen links between these institutions. He also worked tirelessly to reform state pension fund system.

Denis devotes his time on strengthening business development between Canada and Haiti with special interest in the areas of import, export, tourism and hotel management.

Mr. Denis is Adviser to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Haiti (CHIC), Co-founder and President of the Haitian Canadian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCIHC.)

Mr. Denis has charted a bold agenda for CCIHC

and has identified key priorities such as strengthening communi-



cation within the Chamber, increasing the Chamber's activities in the humanitarian sector, and developing viable partnerships between Canadian and Haitian businesses.

### New Members

- BURACO, SA
  - EATT
  - ECOFRA, SA
  - DROOMPAC
  - LEXAR
- CONSULTANTS, Inc.**

## Board Members & Staff

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Myrlande Bernard, Administrative Asst.

## Cooperative Agreements



**CCIHC, North Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Young Montreal Haitian Chamber of Commerce**

CCIHC has taken a proactive role in developing collaborative relationships with organizations in an effort to strengthen and expand its services.

Collaborative agreements have been signed with the following organizations:

Chambre de Commerce d'Industrie et des Professions-Nord  
 Chambre de Commerce d'Industrie des Professions-Nordouest  
 Chambre de Commerce d'Industrie des Professions, Sud  
 Chambre de Commerce d'Industrie des Professions, Sud-Est  
 Chambre de Commerce d'Industrie des Professions, Nordest  
 Institut InterAmerican de Cooperation pour l'Agriculture  
 Fédération Haitienne, Associations, Petites-Moyennes Entreprises  
 Visa Lodge Hotel  
 École Hôtelière  
 Chambre de Commerce Canado Haitienne  
 Jeune Chambre de Commerce Haitienne de Montreal  
 Chambre de Commerce de St.Georges

## Canadian Embassy

*To achieve this goal, CCIHC submitted a proposal comprised of three projects to the Canadian Embassy.*

To ensure the emergence of a sustainable economic infrastructure in Haiti, it is imperative that initiatives that promote private sector investment as well as the spirit of entrepreneurship be effectively and strategically implemented. In addition, with the advent of reconstruction, it is equally important that viable partnerships between Canadian and Haitian enterprises be established.

To achieve this goal and to improve and expand services offered by the commercial department, the CCIHC proposes to assist the embassy in the reception and orientation of male and female Canadian business persons wishing to establish enterprises in Haiti.

CCIHC proposes to develop a formal process to encourage, facilitate and promote commercial development to meet customer needs and increase the success rate of Canadian companies in the reconstruction of Haiti. The objectives of this initiative are to:

- facilitate the establishment of sustainable partnerships between targeted Canadian and Haitian companies
- develop relationships with NGOs that receive funding from the Government of Canada as well as all other international and local NGOs
- develop relationships with companies and international organizations in an effort to increase partnerships

The implementation of these proactive value-added activities will reinforce the services offered by the Embassy of Canada and will also assist Canadian and Haitian companies to develop strategic alliances.

The Chamber will continue to pursue aggressively funding opportunities in an effort to remain competitive, at the forefront of business development and implicated in the reconstruction of the country.



## Digicel

On May 3, 2010, Digicel launched an awards program which seeks to identify, reward and cultivate entrepreneurs whose business initiative can give Haiti new economic foundations, in association with the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI). CCIHC met on several occasions with Mr. Enda Kelly, Mr. Micheal Cahill,

of the “Entrepreneur of The Year Program” and Josefa Gauthier, Executive Director of the Digicel Foundation.

As a result of these discussions, CCIHC in collaboration with FHAPME (with whom CCIHC has a cooperative agreement) will organize workshops to encourage, assist, and facilitate the

transition of “informal” businesses.

This effort will provide needed services to a disadvantaged business community and will also enable the Chamber to work more closely with other chambers.

CCIHIC members are encouraged to nominate individuals for the Awards Program.



**Mr. Hervé Denis with Enda Kelly and Micheal Cahill of the DIGICEL Entrepreneur of TheYear Program**

## Board Member Activities

The CCIHC Board is very dynamic and proactive, thus, it is not surprising that between April-May 2010 this group participated in diverse events including working lunch with Canadian Minister Canon and Ambassador Rivard, launch of the Digicel

Entrepreneur of the Year Program, the Private Sector Forum, and meetings with the Canadian Embassy.

Mr. Denis attended meetings in Ottawa to ensure that Haiti receives an equitable portion of funding from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and to reinforce with ACIDI

the important role CCIHC plays in regards to CARICOM as well as discussing the future stance ACIDI will have with Haiti. While the Chamber was not operational due to the quake, it lodged journalists from TF1, a French television station.

*CCIHIC striving to reach new heights.*

## Ecole Hoteliere

L’École Hôtelière, the nation’s only culinary school was completely destroyed on January 12th.

Recognizing that exists a dire need to rebuild l’École Hôtelière since it is one of the key pillars in tourism, CCIHC has forged a

partnership with the School and will take the lead in developing proposals, identifying sponsors, and forging international linkages to afford faculty and students unique internship, scholarship, and professional development opportunities.

The vision is to build an institute that is self-sustainable and able to compete internationally.

A concept paper has been developed and is being submitted to various organizations for funding.





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EWALD HUDICOURT CHANTAL  
FRANCILLON C. ELODIE  
HÉCHÉMA GAMIL  
JEAN PIERRE GARDERE  
ISSA ANNE MARIE  
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LOUIS HENRI ROBERT  
LOUISIAS JEAN GÉRARD  
MARTIN CLAUDE  
MÉNOS JEAN ROBERT

# CCIHC MEMBERS

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## Corporate

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ABI BANK  
AXXIUM  
BRASSERIE DE LA COURONNE  
BRASSERIE NATIONALE SA  
BUH  
BURACO SA  
CARIBBEAN CANADIAN CHEMICAL COMPANY  
CARIBBEAN FLAVORS & FRAGRANCES  
CHATELAIN CARGO SERVICES  
DASH  
DATAVISION  
DIGICEL  
DROOMPAC  
EATT  
ECOFRA S.A.  
EXPRESS SERVICE 3000  
EDITIONS L'ARTICHAUTS INC.  
GILDAN ACTIVE WEAR  
INTERCAL GROUP  
HAITEL  
HAYTRAC  
HOTEL MONTANA  
HOTEL VISA LODGE  
IMEDIS  
INTEXT DESIGN  
KOPIVIT L'ACTION SOCIALE  
LGL SA, / SNC-LAVALIN  
LEXAR CONSULTANTS, INC.  
MAISON DESCHAMPS  
MARIEN MINING COMPANY SA  
MULTILINK  
QUISQUEYA DISTRIBUTEURS  
REBO INTERNEGOCE  
SCOTIABANK  
SECOM  
SOCIÉTÉ ESTIVERNE  
SOCOJEB SA  
SOGEBANK  
SOGED  
SOMINE  
SONAPI  
TEMPO CONSTRUCTION  
TORTUG' AIR  
VOILA