

RESDAL and the visit to the Southern Cone of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to Haiti

May 2013

On the occasion of the first trip to South America by Mr. Niger Fisher, Head of MINUSTAH, RESDAL organized different activities including the Discussion-Debate: 'The Present and Future of the Peace Mission in Haiti', which was held in Buenos Aires on May 21st, and the Conference: 'The Present and Future of MINUSTAH', held in Montevideo, Uruguay on May 23rd.

In Buenos Aires, the event was organized with the support of the Canadian Embassy in Argentina, where the event was held. The opening speech was carried out by the Canadian Ambassador, Mrs Gwyneth Kutz, and Paz Tibiletti, President of RESDAL.

In Montevideo, the event was held in the 'Blue Helmets' lecture hall, which is shared by the *Escuela Nacional de Operaciones de Paz del Uruguay* (E.N.O.P.U.), the *Sistema Nacional de apoyo a las Operaciones de Mantenimiento de la Paz* (SINOMAPA) and the *Centro de Altos Estudios Nacionales* (CALEN), and organized by the Ministry of National Defence and the Uruguayan Joint Chief of Staff with the assistance of RESDAL. Juan Rial (member of the RESDAL Board of Directors) and Paz Tibiletti, opened the event prior to the opening speech, which was made by Uruguayan Defence Minister, Dr Jorge Edgardo Menéndez.



Welcoming Speech – Canadian Ambassador, Mrs. Gwyneth Kutz. Buenos Aires, May 21st 2013

On both occasions, the principal speaker, Mr Nigel Fisher, highlighted the advances in the Mission, which was followed by a high-level discussion focused on the situation of Haiti in the current context of peace operations. Amongst other points, he presented the work carried out by the Mission and the advances made in terms of stabilization and the consolidation of Haitian security forces. Furthermore, Fisher highlighted the importance of focusing the funds assigned to the mission on a smaller range of objectives, identifying particular areas to which the majority of funds should be directed, given that funding levels are decreasing. To this respect, he reaffirmed that: "We should not do more with less. We should do less, with less".



Conference: 'The Present and Future of MINUSTAH', Montevideo, May 23rd 2013



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The new RESDAL publication: “Engendering Peacekeeping: The Cases of Haiti and Democratic Republic of Congo”, a product of extensive fieldwork carried out by RESDAL on the missions present in both countries, and which was realised with the support of the Norwegian and Canadian Ministries of Foreign Relations, was presented at both of the events. In this respect, Juan Rial, who participated in the fieldwork and in the production of the publication, was present.



New RESDAL publication: “*Engendering Peacekeeping: the cases of Haiti and Democratic Republic of Haiti*”

Impact in the media:

- Nigel Fisher: "Haití puede generar miles de millones".
<http://www.lanacion.com.ar/1584826-nigel-fisher-haiti-puede-generar-miles-de-millones>
- AFP
 - Haití está en "período clave" de consolidación de democracia: Jefe de MINUSTAH.
<http://noticias.terra.cl/mundo/latinoamerica/haiti-esta-en-periodo-clave-de-consolidacion-de-democracia-jefe-de-minustah,ef538baa07cce310VgnCLD2000000dc6eb0aRCRD.html>
 - Jefe de la misión de la ONU: Haití está en “período clave” de consolidación de democracia
<http://www.venezuelaaldia.com/2013/05/jefe-de-la-mision-de-la-onu-haiti-esta-en-periodo-clave-de-consolidacion-de-democracia/>
- El canadiense Nigel Fisher, llega a argentina luego de estar en Brasil y Chile, y desde aquí se dirige a Uruguay, en el marco de su primera gira por algunas naciones de Latinoamérica que colaboran con el mayor número de Cascos Azules.
http://lanaciondominicana.com/ver_noticia.php?id_noticia=40158&sesion_periodico=14