



“Water Everlasting? The battle to secure Haiti’s most essential resource” panelists biographies

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Dr. Rodríguez is Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Founding Director of the UCLA Blum Center on Poverty and Health in Latin America, co-Director of the Center of Expertise on Migration and Health (COEMH) at the UC Global Health Institute (UCGHI), and Associate Director of the UCLA Primary Care Research Fellowship. His research activities focus on health disparities and social determinants of health. He has published widely and consulted for the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the Pan American Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Institute of Medicine. He is also a Board Member for the Latino Coalition for a Healthy California, Advisory Board Member for the Albert Schweitzer Fellows Program, Board Member for The City Project, and President of the Board of The California Academy of Family Physicians Foundation.

Panelists

Stephen K. Commins, PhD
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Dr. Commins is the Associate Director for Global Public Affairs and a Lecturer in the Department of Urban Planning, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs. He works in areas of regional and international development, with an emphasis on service delivery and governance in fragile states. He is currently on the Core Team for the World Bank’s World Development Report 2015, serves as the Strategy and Partnerships Specialist for International Medical Corps, and as the Secretary for the International Health and Fragile States Network. Dr. Commins teaches courses in regional and international development, and the role of Non-Governmental Organizations. His current courses are on urbanization in developing countries, NGOs, climate change and health, and disaster management.

Thierry Delaunay
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Haiti Country Office
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Thierry Delaunay graduated with a Master of Science in Mechanical fluids in France and has more than 20 years of international experience in the field of water and sanitation. Mr. Delaunay began his career in the private sector, working in conceptualization and design of water and sewer systems and then moved to operating systems of production, distribution and commercialization of drinking water in Latin America. In 2000, Mr. Delaunay became an international consultant in Africa and Latin America for private companies and international organizations, taking part in both projects (formulation, evaluation) and technical assistance. Delaunay has been living in Haiti since 2011, bringing his expertise in engineering, water management, institutional capacity building, design and implementation of projects to the Inter-American Development Bank as a specialist in the Water and Sanitation Division.

Jose Irigoyen
Country Coordinator
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Jose Irigoyen is the country coordinator for the Haiti Country Department, which was established to coordinate the IDB’s response to the January 2010 earthquake. He has been working at the IDB for 9 years. Prior to his post with the Haiti Department, he served as IDB liaison for the Mesoamerica Project, a regional integration initiative comprising Mexico, Central America, and Colombia. A citizen of Argentina, Irigoyen received a bachelor’s degree in economics from the Universidad de San Andres, Argentina, and a master of science in economics and finance from the Universidad de Navarra, Spain.

Michael K Stenstrom, Ph.D., P.E
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Michael K. Stenstrom is a Distinguished Professor in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. His research and teaching are in the environmental engineering area with emphasis on biological treatment methods and applications of computing technologies to environmental engineering research. Over the past 15 years he has performed research to characterize stormwater and minimize its impacts on the environment. He has had several administrative positions in the school including Chair of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, Assistant Dean for Computing Resources and Associate Dean for Research and Facilities. He developed the SEASnet Computing Facility and in the 1980’s chaired the task force that created the campus network.