

CAST Kick-Off meeting

The CAST project officially began April 2023, and we held our kick-off meeting at Pole Numérique Brest Iroise near Ifremer Centre de Bretagne on September 19 and 20, 2023.

The meeting was funded by the Agence Nationale de Recherche under CAST. More than 20 participants attended the meeting with participants coming from Germany, Haiti, The Netherlands, Cuba, and France.

- ✓ On the first day, we discussed the CAST work packages and had several scientific presentations of research relevant to the development of CAST.
- ✓ On the second day, we had more scientific presentations as well as general discussions about project management, data sharing, and student projects among other topics.

Despite the new and relevant research regarding Haiti's seismotectonics, it was decided that the on-going crisis in Haiti presents too high of a risk for us to conduct fieldwork safely onshore. Therefore, the onshore targets will be shifted to the Dominican Republic side of the Oriente-Septentrional Fault Zone and the Enriquillo-Plantain Garden Fault Zone. Fortunately, shifting the onshore targets does not alter the goals of CAST. In the coming year(s), we will organize our onshore field campaigns related to geology, geomorphology, paleoseismology, geodesy, and seismology to focus on these new areas. Finally, we have decided that the offshore targets will remain the same as the Haiti crisis will not affect our sea campaigns (Haiti-TWiST series).



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