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A word from the President of UD



My friends,

I take the opportunity of this newsletter to express my gratitude for your involvement and fidelity.

I am conscious that 2015 may seem to be a year in the meantime, before we face a crucial year of elections. Indeed, the dynamic of 2012 has not fallen yet and although 2017 might seem a bit far, we are more motivated than ever to put Saint-Martin at the height of its potential.

Let us gather our ideas, skills and efforts to hold together the projects we care about. Let us enjoy the calm before the storm, let us enjoy the skills of each one of you, let us enjoy the determination that animates us and strengthen up our party and develop a coherent political programme for 2017.

We need to talk about politics on the island. It shouldn't be taboo. On the contrary, as the party in the opposition, we bear a high responsibility. We do not support the

Join UD !

You have a project, a desire, ideas for Saint-Martin? Join us! Team UD is a team of five elected territorial councilors, that exists by and for the civil society. It is also several thematic commissions, thinking and meeting up to draw the most adapted and effective project for Saint-Martiners. We are waiting for you and your ideas!

Our Project

- Rebuild the tax system to attract investors and create jobs.
- Rethink a fairer and more participative governance
- Take charge of the future of our youth by favoring the access to education, to training, to the culture and sports.
- Cooperate efficiently with our immediate neighbors
- Give meaning to the conservation of our environment and the valuation of our heritage
- Encourage the economic initiatives and support our companies to help them get more competitive

action of the Collectivity and we don't have to hide it. All the persons we meet, all the ideas we hear around us, we must act to support them.

Daniel GIBBS

Député de Saint-Barthélemy et Saint-Martin

Président de l'Union pour la Démocratie

The coming of President François Hollande



We can only be delighted at the visit of our President on Saint-Martin, which allows Saint-Martiners to remember themselves of the State. François Hollande made several promises. Most of them were part of the Team UD political platform, such as :

- The creation of a Chamber, detached from the Tribunal de Grande Instance of Saint-Martin
- A "Code NATINF" quickly put in place
- A revision of the compensatory negative charges owed to the State by our Collectivity

These ideas go in the right direction. However, they do not hide the insufficiency of other policies, such as the lack of collaboration of the Dutch side (yet necessary), a new empowerment of the Collectivity in defining the eligibility to the RSA without a prerequisite technical survey, a creation of "poles d'excellence" which does not take into account the real difficulty of our island: analphabetism.

We are moving forward, but we still have work to do !

Free training



**INSTITUT
AUBERT**

Centre de formation agréé au service
des professionnels et des particuliers

In partnership with the Institut Aubert, led by Dominique Aubert (in charge of education and vocational training commission) we provided training for about thirty participants, aged between 16 and 30.

These sessions were free and included:

- An initiation to French
- Advanced training courses
- Social skills to prepare job interviews

During the summer, we were able to respond the needs of the population, by teaching directly on the site of French Quarter.

The success of these sessions encourages us to repeat them!

The UD Walk'n Train



On Saturday, July 18th, we organised the 3rd edition of the "UD Walk'n Trail". You were a hundred to answer present, including around thirty brave walkers, rising to the challenge of a trail under a pouring rain. We then had the occasion to meet up with some of you, around a friendly meal, providing us with the chance to discuss together some of the issues and concerns we share on the island.

On the behalf of the Union pour la Démocratie, we would particularly like to thank our institutional and professional partners, who helped us a lot with the organization of the event, in particular the granting of lots for the prize-draw. Their trust has lot to do with the success of events we organize.

Eventually, let us remark that the success of the walk depended on your participation, presence and commitment. Thank you all.

Let's remain connected !

The new democracy will be a participatory one! We want our party to benefit from an active and varied interface on the Internet, so that Saint-Martiners and the members of Union pour la Démocratie could be kept informed of all the events we will set up. Doing so, we wish that they can suggest their own ideas as well and tell them more about ours. Towards this purpose, we did our best to develop:

- An "UD" app for iOS and Android
- A website, unionpouklademocratie.com
- A Facebook page, both for the UD and for Daniel Gibbs.

We will be glad to communicate with you though this new media and keep you aware of the party's news.

The Party of Rambaud



What a great pleasure to be gathered this year for the celebration of Freetown! Daniel Gibbs The president was thrilled he could attend it this time, and share all of these moments with you, during a warm event. This kind of non-political occasion allows us to revive the islander brotherhood which characterizes us! Let us be proud of our roots!

Open House



On Wednesday, July the 17th, we celebrated Daniel Gibbs's third year of parliamentary seat at the National Assembly. On this occasion, he and the Union pour la Démocratie invited all of you to their offices, in order not only to take stock of this year of mandate, but also to let the non-members of the party discover the UD team,

UD Barbecue

UD will welcome you during October for the new season event. Come and meet us around a friendly barbecue at Happy Bay. It is a very symbolic place for our movement. Indeed, it is where we gathered to celebrate Daniel Gibbs' victory on June 2012. That year, we also met at the same spot to have our first General Assembly. We hope to see you come out in numbers during this event in order to revive a tradition dear to our hearts!

We will keep you informed through the app, our website and Facebook pages!

presided by the deputy.

After Mr. Gibbs delivered a brilliant speech, and presented the members who are part of the party team, we had the chance to talk together around a cocktail reception. You were around sixty, members or not, to join us for this meeting!

