

**ENVIRONMENT: OUR PARTNER IN DEVELOPMENT**

**FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

*Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, August, 10 – 12, 2005*

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**THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR  
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*with the collaboration of*  
*Counterpart International, the Caribbean Media Exchange on Sustainable Tourism  
(CME<sub>x</sub>)  
and  
The National Geographic Society*

**DAY 1, WEDNESDAY AUGUST, 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

7:00 – 8:00 AM	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
8:00 – 8:30 AM	<p><b>Welcoming Remarks</b> Natasha Despotovic Executive Director Global Foundation for Democracy and Development Washington, D.C.</p> <p><b>Opening Remarks:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Welcome</b> Honorable Javier Vélez Arocho, Secretary, Department of Natural Resources, Puerto Rico</li><li><b>2. Conference goals and objectives &amp; CIEMADeS</b> Roberto Lorán, Ph. D. Vice Chancellor Universidad del Turabo Puerto Rico</li><li><b>3. Expected outcomes</b> Edgard Previlone, Ph. D. Universite Quisqueya Haiti</li><li><b>4. Framework and Background of the event</b></li></ol>

	<p>Lelei LeLaulu, President and CEO Counterpart International/ Caribbean Media Exchange on Sustainable Tourism (CMEx) U.S. <b>Room : Anacaona C</b></p>
<p>8:30 – 9:30 AM <b>Plenary I</b></p>	<p><b><u>A Global Perspective on the Environment and Sustainability</u></b> <b><i>Distinguished Speakers:</i></b> Max Puig, Secretary, Department for Environment and Natural Resources, Dominican Republic  <b>Room : Anacaona C</b></p>
<p>9:45 – 11:00 AM <b>Plenary II</b></p>	<p><b><u>UN Development Goals: From the Barbados Declaration to Mauritius: How to apply the lessons learned of the international system in the Caribbean?</u></b> <b><i>Objectives:</i></b> This presentation will focus on presenting the advances accomplished by the different international consensus in the area of environmental and sustainable development. What has been the impact on the Caribbean? What should be changed and how the region can increase its influence and impact in the international policy making processes.  <b><i>Distinguished Speakers:</i></b>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Claudio Tomasi</b>, UNDP, Dominican Republic</li> <li>2. <b>YocastaValenzuela</b>, Department for Environment and Natural Resources, Dominican Republic</li> </ol>  <b>Moderator:</b> Sixto Incháustegui, UNDP, Dominican Republic  <b>Room : Anacaona C</b></p>
<p>11:00 - 11:15 AM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BREAK</b></p> <p><b>Room Anacaona B</b></p>
<p>11:15 – 12:15 <b>Plenary III</b></p>	<p><b><u>Environmental and Sustainable Development: Challenges and Opportunities for Small Island States</u></b> <b><i>Objective:</i></b> The objective of this session is to provide the framework for the sessions and dialogue for the first day of the Conference: Small Island States  <b><i>Distinguished Speakers:</i></b>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Noel Brown</b>, UNEP</li> <li>2. <b>Dr. Basil Springer</b>, Change-Engine Consultant, Caribbean Business Enterprise Trust Inc./ Chairman, Counterpart Caribbean/ Caribbean Media Exchange on Sustainable Tourism (CMEx)</li> </ol> </p>

	<p>3. <b>Miguel Ceara Hatton</b>, UNDP, Dominican Republic</p> <p><b>Moderador:</b> Jaime Moreno, CIEMADeS, Dominican Republic</p> <p><b>Room : Anacaona C</b></p>
	<p><b>Q&amp;A and discussion session</b></p>
12:15 - 13:30 PM	<p><b>LUNCH</b></p>
13:30 – 3:00 PM	<p><b>Concurrent Sessions I</b></p> <p><b><u>Environmental disasters and its impact on sustainable development</u></b></p> <p><b>Objectives:</b> Impact on environmental disasters in the Caribbean. This session will focus on presenting the challenging vulnerability of the region. Session would also touch the following topics: Disaster prevention, communication to reduce the impact (especially in rural areas), available cost effective technology, community education and public awareness.</p> <p><b>Distinguished Speakers:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Kay Goss</b>, Federal Emergency Management Program</li> <li>2. <b>Mayor General R. Luis A. Luna Paulino FAD (DEM)</b>, Executive Director, Defensa Civil, Dominican Republic.</li> <li>3. <b>Cesáreo R. Guillermo</b>, Pan-American Development Foundation</li> <li>4. <b>Hon. Javier Vélez Arocho</b>, Secretary, Department for Environment and Natural Resources</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Antonio Cocco, ACQ y ASOCIADOS</p> <p><b>Room : Maguana</b></p>
	<p><b>Q&amp;A and discussion session</b></p>
<b>Concurrent Sessions II</b>	<p><b><u>Coastal Zones and Biodiversity: Resources and Conservation</u></b></p> <p><b>Objectives:</b> Present key challenges faced by small island states. This presentation would touch the following areas: land based sources of pollution, research/surveillance and monitoring, technologies. Panelists will present the integrated national and/or international strategies for the conservation and sustainable use of terrestrial and marine biodiversity in small island states. What are the key and critical points for the planning and implementation of such strategies? Key invitees will be encouraged to participate in order to potentially replicate the projects/programs in other islands.</p>

	<p><b><i>Distinguished Speakers:</i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Alexandra Cousteau</b>, Oceans Advocate and Environmentalist, Counterpart International</li> <li>2. <b>Francisco Gerales</b>, National Aquarium, Dominican Republic</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Idalia Acevedo, Deputy Secretary, Department for Environment and Natural Resources, Dominican Republic</p> <p><b>Room : Higüey</b></p> <p><b><u>Simultaneous translation available</u></b></p>
	<b>Q&amp;A and discussion session</b>
3:00 - 5:00 PM	<b>BREAK</b>
5:00 - 6:00 PM	<b>Cocktail offered by Bacardi Corporation</b>
6:00 -7:00 PM	<b>POSTER SESSION I</b>

**DAY 2 – THURSDAY, AUGUST 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

8:30 - 9:30 AM	<p><b><u>Environmental and Sustainable Development: Challenges and Opportunities for the Caribbean Islands</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Objectives:</i></b> The objectives of this plenary will be to raise key and critical issues in the area of environmental and sustainable development for the Caribbean region. Challenges, opportunities, lessons learned and the future ahead.</p> <p><b><i>Distinguished Speakers:</i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Carl Soderberg</b>, Environmental Protection Agency, Puerto Rico</li> <li>2. <b>Paul Latortue</b>, Université Quisqueya</li> <li>3. <b>Yvonne Arias</b>, National Aquarium</li> <li>4. <b>Yolanda León</b>, National Aquarium</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ing. Omar Ramírez, Former Director for National Parks</p>
<b>Plenary I</b>	

	<p>and expert on protected areas, Dominican Republic</p> <p><i>Room : Anacaona C</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Q&amp;A and discussion session</b></p>
10:30 - 10:45 AM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BREAK</b></p>
<p>10:45 – 12:15 AM</p> <p><b>Concurrent Session I</b></p>	<p><b><u>Tourism and Sustainable Development; Geotourism</u></b></p> <p><i>Objectives:</i> Panelists will explain the concept of geotourism, the planning and implementation of a geotourism strategy and how this vision is being (or can be) applied particularly in the Caribbean. Key invitees will be encouraged to participate with the objective of developing similar initiatives in the Caribbean.</p> <p>Remarks: Andria Hall, Journalist and President SpeakEasy M.E.D.I.A. Inc./ Caribbean Media Exchange on Sustainable Tourism (CMEx)</p> <p><i>Distinguished Speakers:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Lelei LeLaulu</b> , Counterpart International</li> <li>2. <b>Deirdre P. Shurland</b>, Caribbean Alliance for Sustainable Tourism (CAST), Barbados</li> <li>3. <b>Adolfo López</b>, Hotel Association of La Romana, Bayahibe</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Jack Kiel, Punta Cana Corporation</p> <p><i>Room : Maguana</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Q&amp;A and discussion session</b></p>
<p><b>Concurrent Session II</b></p>	<p><b><u>CAFTA, Trade and Sustainable Development</u></b></p> <p><i>Distinguished Speakers:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Marta Prado</b>, Humane Society International</li> <li>2. <b>Mara Burr</b>, Office of the United States Trade Representative</li> <li>3. <b>José Montes *</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator:</b> TBD</p> <p><i>Room : Higüey</i></p> <p><i><u>Simultaneous translation available</u></i></p>

	<b>Q&amp;A and discussion session</b>
12:15 - 1:30 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:30 - 3:00 PM <b>Concurrent Session I</b>	<p><b><u>Research in Environmental Sciences: Role of the Academia</u></b>  <b>Objectives:</b> Present key findings from research studies that have contributed to concrete practical actions to the promotion of environmental and sustainable development in the Caribbean. This presentation should also delineate potential next steps for the planning and implementation of projects and/or programs.</p> <p><b><i>Distinguished Speakers:</i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Malika Hobbs</b>, Energy Department, USA</li> <li>2. <b>Edgar Previlon</b>, Université Quisqueya (Haïti)</li> <li>3. <b>José Scott</b>, Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo (INTEC) Dominican Republic</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Melissa M. Santana, Puerto Rico</p> <p><b>Room : Maguana</b></p>
	<b>Q&amp;A and discussion session</b>
<b>Concurrent Session II</b>	<p><b><u>Renewable Energy and Regional Initiatives in the Caribbean</u></b>  <b>Objectives:</b> Present current renewable energy initiatives in the Caribbean. This presentation will also outline challenges and risk assessments to addressing scarce energy resources. This presentation should also highlight next steps for the planning and implementation of projects and/or programs. Key invitees will be encouraged to participate with the objective of developing similar initiatives in the Caribbean.</p> <p><b><i>Distinguished Speakers:</i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Roberto Callarotti</b>, Instituto Venezolano de Investigaciones Científicas.</li> <li>2. <b>Honourable Tom Roper</b>, Independent Consultant, Expert on Sustainability/ Former Australian Cabinet Minister</li> <li>3. <b>Doroteo Rodríguez</b>, National Commission on Energy Dominican Republic</li> <li>4. <b>Omar Bross</b>, Expert on Bio sustainable communities, Haiti/ Dominican Republic</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Pierre Schmidt, Dean, School of Engineering, Universidad del Turabo</p>

	<p><i>Room : Higüey</i></p> <p><u><i>Simultaneous translation available</i></u></p>
	<p><b>Q&amp;A and discussion session</b></p>
3:00 - 3:15 PM	<p><b>BREAK</b></p>
3:15 - 4:15 PM	<p><b><u>Environment and Urbanization</u></b></p> <p><b>Objectives:</b> This presentation will outline and present the critical challenges faced by small islands states, particularly in the Caribbean in the areas of urbanization and its impact on the environment.</p> <p><b>Distinguished speaker:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Zoila González</b>, Department for Environment and Natural Resources</li> <li>2. <b>Erick Dorrejo</b>, National Council for Urbanization</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Víctor García, Deputy Representative, Department for Environmental Policy, Dominican Republic</p> <p><b>Room : Anacaona C</b></p>
	<p><b>Q&amp;A and discussion session</b></p>
4:30 - 5:00 PM	<p><b>POSTER SESSION II</b></p>

**DAY 3 - FRIDAY AUGUST 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

**Participation is optional**

8:15 – 9:00 AM	<p><b>Funding for Environmental and Sustainable Development Projects</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Provide information about possible funding from international and various government agencies from the USA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Eric Morales, Universidad del Turabo</li> </ol> <p>Moderador: Alberto Rivera Rentas</p>
9:00 – 10:00 AM	<p><b>Initiatives Related to Water</b></p>

	<p><b>Objective:</b> Present and receive recommendations water related Projects that has been proposed y CIEMADeS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jaime Moreno, Funglode</li> <li>2. Edgar Previlone, Universite Quisqueya</li> <li>3. Mattheus Goosen, Universidad del Turabo</li> </ol> <p>Moderator: Melissa Santana</p>
10:00 – 10:15 AM	<b>BREAK</b>
10:15 – 12:00 Noon	<p><b>Initiatives Related with the Development of Specialized Centers and Professional Development</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Promote the dialogue and receive recommendations toward the development of divers Environmental Centers that has been proposed by CIEMADeS. Present related projects to professional development at different levels and other disciplines by CIEMADeS.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jaime Moreno, Funglode</li> <li>2. Alberto Rivera Rentas, Universidad del Turabo</li> <li>3. Pierre Schmidt, Universidad del Turabo</li> <li>4. Ariel Díaz, Universidad del Puerto Rico</li> </ol> <p>Moderator : René Labarca</p>
12:00 - 13:30 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>
13:30 – 14:30 PM	<p><b>Initiative Related to Environmental Investigation</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Exchange information regarding scientific investigation projects related to environmental and sustainable development on different countries</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cesar Lozano, Universidad del Turabo</li> <li>2. Fred Shaffner, Universidad del Turabo</li> <li>3. Eddie Laboy, Universidad del Turabo</li> </ol> <p>Moderator: Alberto Rivera Rentas</p>
14:30 – 15:00 PM	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <p>Summaries by presenters and facilitators  Media and Communications Strategy: Ian Williams, Journalist/  Caribbean Media Exchange on Sustainable Tourism (CMEx)</p>

**DAY 3 - SATURDAY AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

10:00 – 16:30 PM	<b>GUIDED VISIT TO NATIONAL PARK “LOS HAITISES”</b>
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