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President of GFDD  
Dr. Leonel Fernández



Since its founding in the year 2000, GFDD has won a reputation as a trusted source of independent, non-partisan analysis and innovative project programming. Working with a wide range of global partners and leaders in multinational institutions, we have been able to leverage the resources at our disposal to develop projects and programs that can help shape and improve the policies and practices that support the social, democratic and economic development and modernization of the Dominican Republic.

Our main goal is improving access to knowledge so that the Dominican Republic can find solutions to its major issues within its own population, and we are working hard to bring together political, economic and civil society actors to promote both national and universal goals.

Since we want our projects to have a long-term impact, science, technology and innovation are our preferred tools; and because they are continuously evolving, we try to match their pace by organizing regular events that address the country's particular needs.

We at GFDD are optimistic about the future of the Dominican Republic and of the rest of humanity, mainly due to the revolution in the field of technological innovation and easier access to information. As a result of this technological transformation, in a few years, society will be very different from what it is today. That is why I urge students and professionals to continue training in all fields related to science and technological innovation and knowledge access, so that they can integrate successfully in tomorrow's new society.

The GFDD, with its strong Caribbean and Latin ties and its commitment to social and environmental and humanitarian issues, can make connections across the global development constituency that add depth and perspective to the issues before the United Nations and its regional bodies. GFDD has earned special status with the UN bodies' Economic and Social Council and regularly takes part in UN agencies' discussions and meetings, contributing to their reports and position papers, which inspires publications in our *Research and Ideas Series*.

We may come from a relatively small island, but the work of GFDD through its cultural, social and international gatherings on the world stage helps preserve Dominicans from insularity. No country is an island entire unto itself, as we are all part of the whole.

We hope you can join us as we continue our development efforts in these critical areas, and help us push for policy changes to promote the Dominican Republic and its social and economic well-being.



Executive Director  
Natasha Despotovic



Our work at GFDD encompasses a broad spectrum of critical areas including the environment and sustainable development, media, information and communications technology, economy, international affairs, democracy and globalization.

2013 has been an extraordinary active year for us. III Dominican Republic Environment Film Festival (DREFF) witnessed a significant increase in screenings, venues, panels and attendance over its previous years. Through initiatives like DREFF, audiences are becoming increasingly aware of the importance of environmental conservation practices both in the DR and world-wide.

Our Research and Ideas Series of publications springs from collaboration with the most prominent thinkers, analysts, academics and practitioners, as well as the most reputable institutions around the world. This year the series presented new offerings in the fields of gender, economy and health. The books aim to raise the level of national discussion and promote the implementation of creative solutions for the country's sustainable development.

We have held several exhibits of New Perspectives: Dominican Republic Photo Exhibit in public school and library locations around the US.

We have also launched a new initiative, Global Dominican Academic Exchange Program, which complements InteRDom's program to increase the opportunities for academic exchange for both Dominican and international youth.

Collaborating with the United Nations, GFDD promotes and advances issues at the forefront of the international organization's agenda through panel discussions, written papers and keynote interventions on issues such as women's empowerment, youth employment, science and technology, and financial speculation affecting the socio-economic advancement of the Dominican Republic.

We have also expanded Global Roundtable meetings with UN Ambassadors and other prominent figures in the international community, continuing to address relevant global issues.

Our popular Dominican Get-Togethers Program, which serves as GFDD's outreach to the Dominican Diaspora, and all audiences interested in Dominican culture continues to cover topics of interest including baseball, traditional music, media and cultural heritage. These events help promote an understanding and appreciation of Dominican culture and values, while creating opportunities for discussion.

The Dominican Film Showcase Program has screened Dominican-centric films on many university campuses and public venues up and down the Eastern Seaboard from Providence, RI to Washington, DC.

Another success is Portal Dominicanaonline.org, GFDD's flagship program, which remains the go-to website for the most comprehensive and interactive portal in Spanish and English on the Dominican Republic, presenting the country in all its facets to national and international audiences.

We look forward to an ever-more fruitful, interactive dialogue with you all in the coming months and, again, thank you for your continued encouragement, participation, and support.



Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) is the sister organization in the United States of Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE), headquartered in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. FUNGLODE was created in 2000 by Dr. Leonel Fernández upon completing his first presidential mandate. GFDD was incorporated under US law in 2002 to elevate and expand the international visibility and presence of FUNGLODE, and to strengthen collaboration and exchange with US-based institutions.

GFDD Headquarters are located in Washington, D.C. and its second office is in New York. The Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the advancement of global collaboration and exchange relevant to Dominican professionals, general audiences and institutions in the homeland and abroad. The Foundation conducts research, enhances public understanding, designs public policies, devises strategies, and offers capacity-building in areas crucial to social, economic, democratic and cultural sustainable development.

GFDD promotes better understanding and appreciation of Dominican culture, values and heritage in the Dominican Republic, the United States and worldwide.

GFDD creates, facilitates, and implements wide-scope international human development projects, building on its own experience, expertise and strong national and international networks.

## Mission

GFDD formulates and implements initiatives that contribute to sustainable social, democratic, economic and cultural development in the Dominican Republic and the Western Hemisphere.

## Vision

GFDD brings new perspectives, innovative approaches and solutions to pressing issues and challenges of contemporary society in the Dominican Republic and the Americas. Through the construction of partnerships and networks, the Foundation builds bridges and implements development promoting initiatives on a global level.

## Areas of Interest

- Environment
- Economic and social development
- Education
- Communications
- Health
- Culture
- International relations
- Defense and security
- Knowledge management
- Information and communications technology
- Democracy
- Dominican studies
- Globalization and regional integration

# GFDD in Numbers



**5** Dominican Get-Togethers

**3** Dominican Film Showcase

**5** Photo exhibits  
*New Perspectives Dominican Republic*

**5** Million hits in 2013 on Portal Dominicanaonline.org

## DREFF

+ 6,500 Audience  
19 Screening venues  
23 International guests  
15 Feature films - 6 Short films  
+ 2,500 Views in less than 4 months

## Educational expeditions to Pico Duarte

4 Expeditions - 255 Students  
11 Schools - 5 Cities

**24** Vegetable gardens

17 Schools  
5 Community centers  
4 Families

**40** EcoHuertos workshops

**30** ReCreate workshops in 5 cities

**3** Conferences, meetings and panel discussions

**1** Fundraising event: The Annual Golf Tournament

**4** Collaboration with the OAS

## United Nations

8 Global Roundtables  
13 High Level Panels and participations at United Nations

Special Consultative Status with ECOSOC

Association with the UN Department of Public Information

4 Events organized by ANU-RD

## InteRDom

40 Students  
14 Universities in the U.S.  
10 Dominican organizations certified in internships management

## Fellows

3 new research projects

## GDAE

10 Dominican students visit Yale University

## GFDD Multimedia Productions

5 Mini clips  
10 Videos  
2 Shorts



DOMINICAN ISSUES,  
HERITAGE AND  
OUTREACH



Now in its fourth year with its successful Dominican Get-togethers Program, GFDD expanded its outreach into new areas—New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island—wherever Dominicans are, gathering them around the premise of a fascinating topic. The mission of Dominican Get-Togethers is to promote understanding and appreciation of Dominican culture, values and heritage, and to create opportunities for discussions of contemporary issues relevant to Dominican society in the homeland and abroad. This year's DGT's covered a wide array of interesting and pertinent themes in sports, journalism, culture, film, and literature, among others.

## Dominican Get-Togethers

Cultural events of this nature are important to raise awareness and appreciation among audiences.

**February 28**  
Screening of *Republic of Baseball: The Dominican Giants of the American Game* at William Allen High School in Allentown, PA.

**March 15**  
GFDD participates in the Tenth International Book Fair of Dominican Women Writers

**March 18**  
Presentation of *The White Paper of the Dominican Journalism* with Elina María Cruz at Instituto Cervantes, New York, NY.

**May 16**  
Discussion Panel on the “Impact of Higher Education on the Dominican Republic’s Development”

**June 6**  
Presentation of the documentary *La Vega: Pride of My Land* with Association of Veganos in New York and Centro Cuesta Nacional at The Malcolm X & Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Educational Center, New York, NY.

**June 25**  
“Dominican Cinema: Development of an Art Form and Industry” with Fernando Báez at Instituto Cervantes, New York, NY.

**July 16**  
GFDD Hosts Dominican Intern Meet and Greet in Collaboration with Dominican Embassy to the White House in Washington, DC.

**September 25**  
“Pedro Mir: From the Landscape of Love to the Seed of Hope” by José Rafael Lantigua at Instituto Cervantes, New York, NY.

**September 28**  
GFDD Publications Showcased at New York’s Dominican Book Fair

**October 5**  
GFDD Supports Dominican Theatre Play in New York and Rhode Island

“It is important to better know and love the Dominican Republic in order to promote and protect it.”  
Natacha Quiterio  
The CCN’s representative

“62% of William Allen High School is comprised of students of color and of that percentage, 42% are of Hispanic descent. We emphasize the importance of having cultural events of this nature to raise awareness and appreciation amongst students.”  
Shannon Mayfield  
School Principal

Allentown, PA - Manhattan, NY

**February 28- Allentown, PA**  
High School students and teachers inspired by documentary about early Dominican baseball pioneers

*The Republic of Baseball: The Dominican Giants of the American Game.* William Allen High School students, teachers and residents filled the 200-seat auditorium to watch this inspirational documentary about the early Dominican baseball pioneers, like Felipe Alou, Juan Marichal, Manny Mota and Ozzie Virgil who broke into the major leagues back in the 1950s and 1960s. Following the film, the audience welcomed Joendy Brown, from San Pedro de Macorís, who played shortstop in the Minors for the Texas Rangers and who was also a protagonist of the successful American Dominican baseball movie *Sugar*. Brown told the audience that he was directly influenced by the Dominican Giants who helped pave the way for him and other Dominicans who are undisputedly among the best baseball players in the world. He cautioned the students, however, to get a good education – confessing he did not listen to his own parents’ advice on this topic.



Kenia Hernández and Margaret Hayward with some of the William Allen High School students

**March 15 - New York, NY**  
GFDD participated in the Tenth International Book Fair of Dominican Women Writers

GFDD participated in the Tenth International Book Fair of Dominican Women Writers, which took place March 15–17, 2013, in New York. This event was organized by the Dominican Women’s Development Center with support from FUNGLODE and GFDD, the Hostos Community College, CUNY, the Dominican Cultural Commissioner and the Dominican Consulate in New York City, among other organizations.



Elina María Cruz, Director of the Center for Communication Research and FUNGLODE’s Director of Communications, participated in the get-together with a lecture on “Dominican Femicides and the Role of the Media as a tool for Prevention.”

In the course of a separate speech during the same event, Elina María Cruz addressed the issue of the evolution of the media in the Dominican Republic and the media landscape they present today.

**March 18 - New York, NY**  
The “White Paper of Dominican Journalism” is a reference point for all of Latin America, as there are no other tools like it in the region.



GFDD, in collaboration with *Editorial FUNGLODE*, launched the “White Paper of Dominican Journalism” at the Get-Together at Instituto Cervantes in New York. Dominican journalist Elina María Cruz, Director of Communications at FUNGLODE, presented the investigation, which focuses on key aspects of the current situation with the media in the Dominican Republic. The data collection on the media was carried out in 2009, and involved the participation of communication departments of several Dominican universities, including

Universidad Dominicana Organización y Método (O&M), Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra (PUCMM), Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo (UASD), Universidad Católica Santo Domingo (UCSD), and Universidad Tecnológica de Santiago (UTESA).



**June 25 - New York, NY**  
 One of the most prominent figures of the Dominican Film industry talks about its development, challenges and the importance of expressing the national character.

Speaking about “Dominican Cinema: Development of an Art Form and Industry” organized at the Cervantes Institute in New York City, Dominican filmmaker Fernando Báez explained the country’s film law, passed several years ago by the administration of former President Leonel Fernández. The law, which provides support for both Dominican and foreign film productions, has spurred film production, generated new jobs and increased opportunities for young Dominicans who are venturing into all areas of the film industry.



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**May 16 - New York, NY**

**Discussion Panel on the Impact of Higher Education on the Dominican Republic’s Development**

In the framework of Semana Dominicana 2013 (Dominican Week 2013), GFDD collaborating with APEC University, City University of New York (CUNY), Center for Worker Education and International Studies Program in the City College of New York hosted the discussion panel entitled “Higher Education’s Impact on the Dominican Republic’s Development.”

Dr. Ligia Amado Melo, Head of the Ministry for Higher Education, Science and Technology in the

Dominican Republic, delivered a presentation at this important event. In her presentation, Dr. Ligia Amada Melo’s illustrated, with numbers and figures, the impact generated by the National and International Scholarships Program (ISP) that was launched in 2005 under President Leonel Fernández. The program promotes students’ and teachers’ mobility and social networking, and provides access to Masters and PhD programs in the DR and abroad.

**June 6 - New York, NY**

**The Dominican Diaspora in New York came together to celebrate the history and culture of La Vega Heritage**

The Dominican Carnival of La Vega, one of the most famous in the DR, came to New York on June 6. The Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Educational Center in upper Manhattan hosted a party that opened with the documentary, *Discover La Vega: Pride of my Land*, produced by the Centro Cuesta Nacional (CCN), one of the partners in this event. The film is part of a series being produced by CCN to highlight the unique features of each of the provinces in the DR.

Following the film, the audience got a full sensory look at the La Vega Carnival with a talk by a renowned local historian César Arturo Abréu Fernández from La Vega. To highlight his pride about La Vega Fernández said, “God works around the world, but returns and relaxes in La Vega.” The crowd was treated to a performance by the diablos cojuelos (limping devils), who are legendary characters of the La Vega Carnival.



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*The diablos cojuelos show off their vibrant, colorful costumes adorned with mirrors and bells and large spiky, horned masks.*

**July 16 - Washington, DC**

**GFDD Hosted Dominican Intern Meet and Greet in Collaboration with Dominican Embassy to the White House in Washington, D.C.**

In an effort to support the Dominican community in the US, GFDD and the Dominican Embassy to the White House organized a “meet and greet” with the participation of interns from the IADB, IMF, OAS, World Bank, the White House, Departments of Agriculture and Commerce, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Congressional Hispanic Caucus, International Council on Disabilities, Office of Senators Robert Menendez and Chuck Schumer, Office of Congressmen Jose Serrano and Charles Rangel, and the Smithsonian Museum.

The Celebration of Dominican Interns in Washington, D.C., created by Dominican Embassy, provided a unique opportunity to meet with Dominican interns working in the field of international development in Washington D.C. In addition, the interns had the chance to learn more about the joint efforts of GFDD and the Dominican Embassy, on how best to offer relevant and important contributions to the Dominican and international community.





Former Dominican Minister of Culture José Rafael Lantigua

**September 25 - New York, NY**  
 Dominicans fete Pedro Mir's Life and Work

The subject of this Get-Together, "Pedro Mir: From the Landscape of Love to the Seed of Hope," was part of a series of literary talks in New York that aim to promote an appreciation of Dominican arts and literature. Renowned writer and former Dominican Minister of Culture José Rafael Lantigua talked about the life and writing of one of the DR's most celebrated poets

and novelists: Pedro Mir. Much to the delight of the audience at the conference, Mr. Lantigua recited some of Mir's poems such as *Hay un país en el mundo* and pointed to this, and other poems, to underscore Mir's commitment to social justice and his relentless support for the embattled peasantry of the Dominican Republic and Caribbean region.

**September 28 - New York, NY**  
 GFDD Publications Showcased at New York's Dominican Book Fair

GFDD showcased several publications including *The Presence of Africa in the Caribbean, the Antilles and the United States*, at a presentation and discussion panel at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Dominican Book Fair at Boricua College's Manhattan campus.

Two of the 16 authors who contributed to the book, Mateo Morrison and Avelino Stanley, were present at the discussion in the René Rodríguez Soriano Hall on Saturday, September 28.

The book is part of the GFDD publication series, Research and Ideas, which includes research papers, articles and speeches that address critical issues of the contemporary world, from national, regional and global perspectives.



**September 25 - New York, NY**  
 GFDD Supports Dominican Theatre Play in New York and Rhode Island

On the heels of the huge success of the theatre play *María Montez, 100 Years*, by Luis Dantes-Castillo, comes the story of the first Dominican who triumphed in Hollywood. The glorious piece of theatre was being shown at the Barahona Patron Saint Celebrations in New York.

The theater company Alta Escena and its Director, Bienvenido Miranda, together with the play's author, Luis Dantes-Castillo, received strong support from the Dominican community during its appearances at the PS78 School in Upper Manhattan and at the Providence Career & Technical Academy (PCTA) in Rhode Island.

# Dominican Film Showcase

[www.dominicanfilmshowcase.org](http://www.dominicanfilmshowcase.org)

In case you missed the various film festivals springing up here and abroad, this series of screenings, meetings with directors and movie discussions will bring you up-to-date and behind-the-scenes of the burgeoning Dominican film industry. By partnering with academic and globally-minded institutions on the Dominican Film Showcase Program, GFDD presents a selection of Dominican films to a wider audience within an environment that allows discussion, enhances social awareness, and promotes constructive change. GFDD aims to screen on an ongoing basis a selection of the best films/documentaries/shorts including GFDD-produced media in the US and internationally.



*Promoting, sharing, and celebrating the stories, characters and history of the Dominican Republic with home and international audiences.*

**March 21-22**

Screening of *El Rey de Najayo*, *Faces Behind the Dolls and The Natural Child*, and short films *1st Educational Expedition to Pico Duarte*, *El Crecimiento del Lago Enriquillo: implicaciones medioambientales, sociales y científicas* and *Turning Our Backs to the Ocean* at City University of New York (CUNY) in partnership with Cinema Studies Program in Department of Media and Communications Arts in New York, NY.

to Pico Duarte, *El crecimiento del Lago Enriquillo: implicaciones medioambientales, sociales y científicas* and *Turning Our Backs to the Ocean* at the Dominican Film Festival in New York (DFNY)

**April 9-12**

Screening of *El Rey de Najayo*, *Ballplayer* and *La lucha de Ana* at OAS Museum of the Americas in Washington DC

**October 10**

Screening of *La lucha de Ana* at Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA.

**October 28**

Screening of the short *Milk of Hope* at PLAFF in Providence, RI.

**June 26-30**

Screening of *El Rey de Najayo*, *Ballplayer*, *La lucha de Ana* and GFDD short films *1st Educational Expedition*

**November 6**

Presentation of the GFDD Short film: *Garbage or Resource: A Dominican Republic Experience* at FICMA in Barcelona, Spain



Rudy Furtés, Yamile Eusebio, Leticia Tonos and Jerry Carlson

**March 21-22 – New York, NY**  
 Showcasing Dominican Cinematographic Talent

The first edition of the 2013 Dominican Film Showcase Program in New York took place on Thursday, March 21 and Friday, March 22, at City College of New York, CUNY.

The series included screenings, a master class, and question and answer sessions presented by GFDD. The films present the Dominican Republic under a constructive, positive and engaging light while

at the same time introducing the work of young Dominican filmmakers to a new audience.

GFDD's own short film productions of *Educational Expedition to Pico Duarte*, *Lake Enriquillo: Environmental, Social and Scientific Implications*, and Globo Verde Winner Armando Larrauri's film short *Turning Our Backs to the Ocean* was also on view during the showcase.



**June 26 - New York, NY**  
 Dominican Film Spectacular Captivates New York Audiences

At Columbia University Medical Center, GFDD/FUNGLODE co-organized the Opening Night Red Carpet Event of the Dominican Film Festival in New York (DFFNY). The event celebrated the kick-off of a five-day festival of the most spectacular Dominican films. The opening night film, *The King*

*of Najayo*, was presented to the New York audience by its director, Fernando Báez and lead actor Manny Pérez, who explained that this was the first Dominican film produced under the new film law that went into effect in 2010.



**October 10 - Philadelphia, PA**  
 GFDD Strengthens Ties with Drexel University through Dominican Screenings

The Dominican Film Showcase, in collaboration with Café Latino and Drexel University's Spanish Club, hosted a screening of *Ana's Struggle* on October 10 at Drexel University, PA. The film's Dominican director, Bladimir Abud, was on hand to answer questions and talk with Drexel students about his award-winning film.

The event drew a diverse audience from the Drexel student body as well as people from the Philadelphia area, who expressed satisfaction at the growing presence of Dominican cultural events in the city.



María de la Luz Matos-Mendoza, Mandy Sciacchitano and Bladimir Abud

**October 28, PLAFF, Providence, RI**  
 The Dominican Film Showcase in Providence

For the second year in a row, GFDD took part in the Providence Latin American Film Festival (PLAFF) with the new Dominican short film *Milk of Hope (El seno de la esperanza)* by Dominican film director, Freddy Vargas. The short film is based on the true story of a poor Dominican mother of five, Sonia Marmolejos, who orphaned Haitian babies after the 2010 earthquake devastated Haiti.

This dramatic short film was shown along with the Dominican feature film, *La guagua (The Bus)*, a comedy of errors about two unlikely people traveling from Providence, Rhode Island to New York City on a cut rate Dominican bus service.



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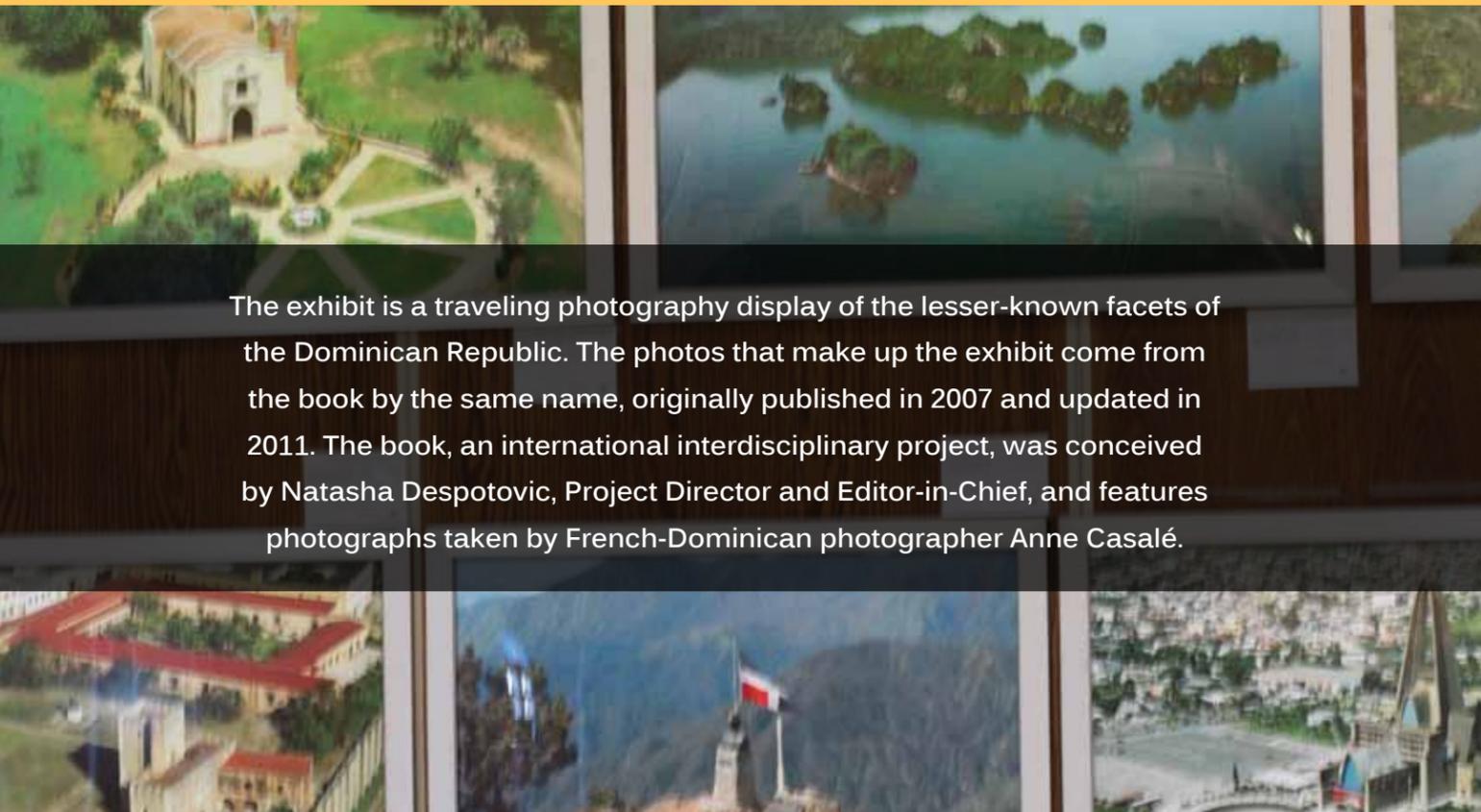
"The Dominican Film Showcase is a great opportunity to meet writers, artists and speakers and to deepen knowledge and understanding of the Spanish speaking culture."

Dr. Maria de la Luz Matos-Mendoza  
 Associate Professor of Spanish at Drexel

# Photo Exhibit

## New Perspectives: Dominican Republic

www.newperspectivesdominicanrepublic.com



The exhibit is a traveling photography display of the lesser-known facets of the Dominican Republic. The photos that make up the exhibit come from the book by the same name, originally published in 2007 and updated in 2011. The book, an international interdisciplinary project, was conceived by Natasha Despotovic, Project Director and Editor-in-Chief, and features photographs taken by French-Dominican photographer Anne Casalé.

*The Photo Exhibit shows aerial images of all thirty-three Dominican provinces.*

### February 1 - March 1

PS 84 Elementary School in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, NY

### February 26

Dominican Consulate and Daniela Vivian & Seymour Milstein-Family Heart Center, New York, NY

### February 28

Dominican Consulate in Paterson Museum, Paterson, NJ

### February 28

William Allen High School in Allentown, PA

### March 7

El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY



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*The photos represent nine conceptual categories—light, coasts, heights, plains, history, city, people, tourism and work—they honor the country's achievements in economic, social, environmental and democratic progress.*



*New Perspectives exhibit recreates an "Island Oasis" atmosphere in public spaces across New York and surrounding States*

### February 1 - New York, NY

Dominican Photo Exhibit Featured Heavily During Its Heritage Month

The Exhibition opened on February 1 at the José de Diego Magnet School for Visual Arts & Sciences, PS 84, in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn where streams of students, teachers and residents of the neighborhood enjoyed the photographs that were on display for a full month in the school's cafeteria.

### February 26 - New York, NY

In Honor of Juan Pablo Duarte

The Exhibit was on display at the Myrna Auditorium of Daniela Vivian & Seymour Milstein-Family Heart Center in upper Manhattan as part of a lecture given by the Dominican historian Héctor Luis Martínez, Director of the Museum of History and Geography of the Dominican Republic, on the Life of Juan Pablo Duarte.

### February 28 - Paterson, NJ

New Jersey Museum Houses DR Exhibit

Dr. Martinez's lecture and the photo exhibit then moved over to New Jersey's Paterson Museum. About twenty of the photos peeled off and traveled to the William Allen High School where the exhibition formed part of GFDD's Get-Together in Allentown, PA.

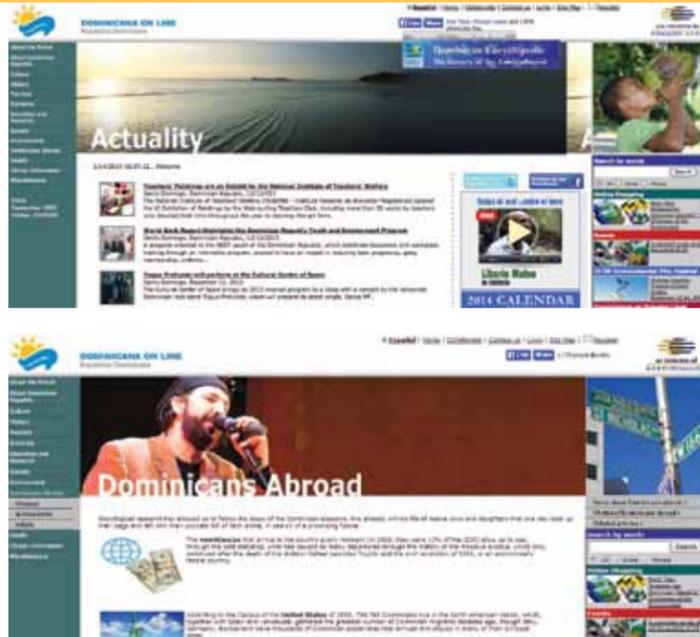
### March 7 - New York, NY

New Perspectives Exhibit Meets Haute Couture to Benefit Underprivileged Kids



Hundreds of people enjoyed the exquisite New Perspectives exhibition at this successful "Sueños 2013" DREAM Project fundraiser for Dominican children held at El Museo del Barrio.

GFDD collaborates with the Celia Cruz Foundation to support the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual DREAM Project Fundraiser which seeks to serve the educational needs of over 4,000 poor children along the northern coast of the Dominican Republic.



For nearly a decade Portal Dominicanaonline.org, the bilingual cultural and educational website, has been the gateway for all Dominican Republic related news as well as Dominican events in the DR and abroad. Over the years, Portal Dominicanaonline.org has maintained a strong web presence for a wide range of readers from students, teachers, journalists, tourists, business people and academics who visit this easy to use site for all types of information about the country's history, geography, economy, culture, customs and traditions.

*One-Stop Shop for All Things Dominican, the Site Features Daily Updates on All Cultural and Relevant Events, News and Activities.*

### Highlights for 2013

- Every month, the popular website registers more than 13,000 visits
- U.S., China, Ukraine, Sweden, Dominican Republic, United Kingdom, France, Brazil and Germany are among the countries that most often visit Portal Dominicanaonline.org
- More than 35 individual collaborators submitted contributions in 2013
- The Major League Baseball special edition of Portal Dominicanaonline.org has had a huge following
- The topic of Carnivals across the various Dominican provinces is a popular feature
- Updated information on the economy from official sources is always available
- The website has a publications section, which includes links to magazines, important research work, a virtual library and book purchases
- Links to Dominican and international ecological reports and analysis through the interactive *Dominican Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Environment*



**February 19**  
Hands On New York & Dominicanos Unidos de New York

**May 4**  
Cultural Tourism Passport DC with Dominican Embassy to the White House

**October 10-11**  
NYC Poetry Festival with CWE-CUNY

### February 19 - New York, NY Hands On New York & Dominicanos Unidos de New York (DUNY)

GFDD in collaboration with DUNY hosted a community celebration of Dominican Heritage Month under the theme “The Duarte Honors” as part of the celebrations underway for the 200th anniversary of Juan Pablo Duarte’s birth.

Scores of prominent community leaders threw their weight behind this gathering including Haile Rivera, President of DUNY; Sully Bonnelly, fashion designer; Rudy Fuertes, President of the Fine Fare supermarket franchise; Cid Wilson, Chairman

of the committee for the creation of the National Museum of the American Latino and financial analyst at the New York Stock Exchange; Dr. Juan Tapia-Mendoza, Pediatrics 2000; Manny Ortiz of MannyZoom.com; Miguel Cruz Tejada, prominent New York-based journalist; Johnny Marines, artistic entrepreneur; Félix Jerez, community activist and District 7 council candidate for the Democratic Party; and Carlos Abreu, owner of the Montecarlo Room.



Visitors from five continents and hundreds of local residents stream into GFDD/FUNGLODE stand at Passport DC to find out more about GFDD activities in DR, US and overseas.

**May 4 - Washington, DC**  
 Passport to the World through Culture

Cultural Tourism Passport DC program, May 4, in partnership with the Dominican Embassy in Washington DC, was among the most successful to-date. The event, billed as a global celebration for a global city, attracted several thousand visitors from all over the world.

**October 9 - New York, NY**  
 Poetry Festival Brings Latin Verse to New York's Financial District

Thanks to support from GFDD and FUNGLODE, the City's financial district was revived with echoes of dulcet tones as 30 accomplished Latin Poets from the US and abroad, including the Dominican Republic, read excerpts of their work at the Latin American Poetry Festival in NYC, October 9-11.

The event, now in its second consecutive year, has become a major cultural draw in the Big Apple, as it brings together local and international poets from New York and beyond.



Basillio Belliard



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*"The Festival was a gratifying experience and I am thankful to organizations like GFDD for exposing me to other points of view and exchanges with different poets. It is important to highlight Dominican and Latin American poetry in international festivals to make their unique point of view heard."*

**Basilio Belliard**  
 Dominican National Poet

# GFDD Fundraising Event

**October 1**  
 Third Annual Golf Tournament and Fundraiser in Long Island, NY



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## *Third Annual Golf Tournament and Fundraiser, with Dominican Sponsors from the New York Area*

**October 1 - New York, NY**  
 GFDD Fortifies US/DR Links through Golf

Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) held its Third Annual Golf Tournament, celebrated this year at the historic Fresh Meadow Country Club, in Lake Success, Long Island, NY. 100 golfers teed off at this fun event, now a GFDD tradition. This year's special guests included Dr. Leonel Fernández and Dominican baseball great, Juan Marichal.



President Leonel Fernández, GFDD Executive Director Natasha Despotovic and GFDD staff and collaborators



Following 18 holes, GFDD supporters enjoy a fundraising cocktail party and raffle presided over by GFDD Executive Director, Natasha Despotovic. Raffle winners took home GFDD publications, autographed photographs of Juan Marichal or golf equipment and apparel as well as other gifts donated by contributors.



garbage.dreff.org



Since 2012, GFDD has risen to the challenge and started producing its own short documentary films, highlighting and raising awareness on important local environmental issues and also educating audiences in the different and unique cultural aspects of the country.



### Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience

The Dominican Republic has more than 340 open-air landfills without any type of management or control, which have become highly-concentrated areas of air and water pollution. They are an unseen danger for every Dominican. Fortunately, the country is witnessing cultural changes, which are creating initiatives that convert this “problem” into an opportunity for development. The message is clear: trash is no longer just trash, rather it has value. As long as trash can be utilized, it is not trash. The appropriate term is “discarded material,” a resource which is raw material and then turned into a new product. *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience*, a film produced by GFDD/FUNGLODE, depicts how recycling has become an important economic opportunity for Dominicans. Through various corporate and educational projects, the viewer observes how-- aside from the obvious environmental benefits-- recycling enables economic development through the generation of new companies, industries and community initiatives. It's a short film which inspires, moves and calls to action.

*“The screening of the GFDD short film Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience has been an honor as well as a great value to our country. There are so few films and audiovisuals arriving to Spain that they could surely be counted on the fingers of one hand. Observing what is being done in the Dominican Republic and the high-quality of its films and new talents is very remarkable and rewarding.”*

**Jaume Gil I Llopart**  
Director, Environmental International Film Festival (FICMA)



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### Salga el mal y entre el bien: The story of Liborio Mateo

Liborio Ledesma Mateo marked the social, political and religious history of San Juan de la Maguana in the twentieth century. More than a leader, he was considered by many a religious figure, from which Liborismo emerged. Was he a healer or a fighter? A hundred years later the question remains a controversy for Sanjuaneros and Dominicans alike.

GFDD is proud to present the story of Papá Liborio, and the legacy he left behind in the southern region of the Dominican Republic.



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*“This type of events have a significative impact in our community and promotes the cultural understanding and appreciation for our heritage. We would like to continue collaborating with GFDD/ Portal Dominicanaonline.org for future projects.”*

**Leopordo Antonio Oviedo**  
Deputy Minister of Culture for the southern region



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The Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival was created by GFDD in 2011, to promote increased stewardship of the environment and a more educated and responsible citizenry, while celebrating the beauty and diversity of the country's natural heritage. Now in its fourth year and taking place every September, the Festival screens a diverse selection of high quality environmental films across the country, organizing panel discussions, workshops and community events with environmental experts, filmmakers and other stakeholders, helping to foster dialogue and inspire Dominican audiences to adopt practices that will ensure the health and environmental sustainability of the Dominican Republic.

Complementing the festival, the Foundation also holds year round environmental screenings of critical films shown during the festival, together with discussions and workshops to continue to foster and inspire dialogue, raise awareness and promote sustainable practices.

# DR Environmental Film Festival

GFDD Geared Up for III DR Environmental Film Festival.

DREFF Panels, Workshops, and a Special Master Class Provide Ideal Platforms to Learn about Environmental Issues.



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**July 3**  
First volunteer meetings for DREFF in Santo Domingo

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DREFF Blog goes online

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**August 23**  
DREFF announces the participation of Guests of Honor for its III Edition: Lucy Walker, Yann Arthus-Bertrand and Jon Bowermaster

**September 4-8**  
Celebration of the III Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival in the Dominican Republic

**September 8**  
Reforestation activity in the Parque de la Biodiversidad in Monte Plata

**October 19**  
The DR Environmental Film Festival attended the biggest environmental, media and entertainment event of the year in Burbank, California, US

**October 30**  
DREFF announced the names of the 2013 Audience Award Winners

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GFDD Short film presentation *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience* at 20<sup>th</sup> FICMA in Barcelona, Spain

**November 9**  
DREFF presented its environmental agenda at the 20<sup>th</sup> FICMA in Barcelona, Spain

*"Once I wrote that we are the generation that is writing the history of the Dominican film industry, and that we must not make spelling errors in the process."*  
**Fernando Báez**  
Dominican filmmaker



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2013 DREFF Summary

Santo Domingo - San Francisco de Macorís  
Santiago de los Caballeros - Punta Cana - Baní  
Sosúa - Puerto Plata - San Juan de la Maguana

**July 3 - Santo Domingo, DR**

First of many volunteer meetings for DREFF in Santo Domingo got underway in July. But, it's not all work and no play. Volunteers interact with DREFF team, film producers, sponsors, members of the Festival and many other interesting people.

**August 5 - New York, NY**

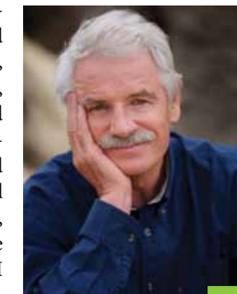
DREFF Blog went online. This bilingual (Spanish/English) blog links up to media reports and news articles connected to the themes of each film, the festival and a myriad of other environmental issues [mustracine.wordpress.com](http://mustracine.wordpress.com). It is still up and running today with all the latest news on the environment.

**August 15-25 - Santo Domingo, DR**

DREFF set off on a press conference tour to present the line-up of films and the festival program in the cities of Puerto Plata, Baní, and San Juan de la Maguana, concluding at Santo Domingo's Agora Mall.

**August 23 - Santo Domingo, DR**

DREFF announced the two-time Academy Award nominated British filmmaker Ms. Lucy Walker, renowned French photographer, journalist, reporter and environmentalist, Mr. Yann Arthus-Bertrand and oceans expert and longtime grantee of the National Geographic Expeditions Council, Jon Bowermaster will participate as Guests of Honor during the III DREFF.



Yann Arthus-Bertrand



Lucy Walker

*No Festival Can Function without its Industrious Volunteers.*

*The III Annual DR Environmental Film Festival Took Place 4-8 September, Surpassing all Expectations with 55 Screenings at 19 Screening Sites and 8 Cities Across the Dominican Republic.*



**September 4-8 - Santo Domingo, DR**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Environmental Film Festival was a great success, surpassing all expectations in terms of quality films, visiting directors' and experts' participation, audience satisfaction and, perhaps most importantly, the promise of doing something positive and proactive for the environment, ecosystems, water, flora and fauna of our beloved country. The level of enthusiasm at the 2013 Festival, whether at the film screenings, panels and workshops was beyond extraordinary!

This year's DREFF, in its successful goal of reaching out to the whole country, held 55 screenings in eight cities: Santo Domingo, San Francisco de Macorís, Santiago de los Caballeros, Punta Cana, Baní, Sosúa, Puerto Plata and San Juan de Maguana, the latter being a new city just added this year.

The five themes focused upon this year - oceans, biodiversity, green economy, sustainable agriculture and climate change - were all covered in this series of 28 excellent features, documentaries, short films, Dominican productions and two retrospective films.

**Feature Films**

- A Thirsty World
- Harmony
- Dr. Seuss' The Lorax
- Mother: Caring for 7 Billion
- Minds in the Water
- Money & Life - A Story About Money that Will Change Your Life
- Otter 501
- Pad Yatra: A Green Odyssey
- Planet Ocean
- Sacred Science
- Keep on Rolling: The Dream of the Automobile
- Sharkwater
- Trashed
- Uranium Drive-In
- Voices of Transition

**Short Films**

- A Sea Turtle Story
- Hanging Around
- Papiroflexia
- The Windmill Farmer
- The Tsunami and the Cherry Blossom
- What Would Darwin Think? Man vs. Nature in the Galapagos
- Garbage or Resource: A Dominican Republic Experience

**Dominican Productions**

- Death by a Thousand Cuts
- Cordillera Central Dominicana: Oásis del Caribe
- Between Islands: A Lifeline of Survival
- Reserva de la biósfera: Jaragua, Bahoruco, Enriquillo
- Valle Nuevo: Mother of the Waters

**Retrospective Films**

- Bag It!
- TERRA



*DREFF Panels, Workshops, and a Special Master Class  
Provide Ideal Platforms to Learn about Environmental Issues.*



Over 6500 festival goers had the opportunity to interact and learn from the more than 70 national and international invited participants - producers, directors, researchers and explorers through series of 25 Q&A sessions, 11 panels, 3 workshops and 1 master class.

The eleven panels with the participation of award winning environmental film makers, scientists, and non-government organizations followed film screenings. Set in the form of an open forum, the panels covered a broad range of thematic discussions: from traditional medicines and their contribution to mainstream healthcare, the environmental benefits of ecotourism, the use and value of money, to the importance of biodiversity protection, the urgent need for enhanced waste management and over-population as a threat to sustainable development.

#### Sponsors and Collaborators

The III Environmental Film Festival was made possible thanks to the support and contributions provided by our extensive list of sponsors, partners and collaborators, which included: Agora Mall; Alianza ONG; The American School of Santo Domingo; Infantil y Juvenil Republica Dominicana Library; Centro Cuesta Nacional; Centro Cultural Monina Campora; Centro Cultural Narciso González; Centro Cultural Perelló; Centro Cultural León Jiménez; Children International; ECORED; Propa-Gas Foundation; FUNDSAZURZA; Siempre Mas Foundation; Impulsar; INSAPROMA; Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources; Odebrecht; OH! Magazine; Palacio del Cine; Plan Lea; Puerto Plata Tourism Cluster; Listín Diario; PUNTACANA Resort & Club; APEC University; Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña University (UNPHU); Católica Nordestana San Francisco de Macorís University; Vida Azul Foundation and Ztadium Studios.

Three workshops, held September 6-7, focused on art as a way to bring people's attention to pressing environmental issues. Thanks to the participation of the award winning photographer, Eladio Fernández, and environment film makers Chris and Caleb Farro, the workshops were a huge success with the Festival audiences.

Finally, a special Master class was conducted by internationally reputed environmentalist Yann Arthus-Bertrand on September 8. Mr. Arthus-Bertrand, who has made it his life's goal to demonstrate the Earth's beauty and show the impact of mankind on the planet, focused on the art and science of aerial photography, sharing his personal stories and insight on this particular art form.

#### September 8 - Monte Plata, DR

Partly to offset its carbon footprint and to mark the final day of the DREFF, Festival organizers held a reforestation activity in the Parque de la Biodiversidad in Monte Plata. A total of 2,000 endemic tree species were planted, which will sequester 309 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> over the course of the trees' life, symbolizing the spirit of the festival which is to preserve our environment and to be conscious of the impact our activities generate on our natural surroundings. In keeping with this objective, the DREFF also included two more community activities: a beach cleanup - now a permanent part of the Festival - and the Mogote Cleanup Environmental Excursion.

Planting Endemic Tree in Monte Plata



#### October 19 - Burbank, CA

The DR Environmental Film Festival attended the biggest environmental, media and entertainment event of the year in Burbank, California. DREFF Director Natasha Despotovic attended the event and the numerous social events and networking meetings organized around it in an effort to establish new connections and initiate projects to benefit GFDD and FUNGLODE programs that foster and support environmental awareness and protection, sustainable development, filmmaking and multimedia development.

Stuart Sender, Natasha Despotovic and Julie Sender at the Environmental Media Awards in LA.



#### October 30 - Santo Domingo, DR

DREFF is pleased to announce this year's Audience Award Winners. Out of the diverse selection of acclaimed films - 15 featured films, 6 short films, 5 Dominican productions and 2 retrospective films - audience members selected their top picks.

First prize went to *The Tsunami and the Cherry Blossom*; coming in a close second was *Valle Nuevo: Mother of the Waters*; and taking home third place was *Dr. Seuss' The Lorax*.

The Audience Awards are special acknowledgements, as they reflect the preferences and interests of our audience members. DREFF congratulates all the winners for earning this important recognition.

The Tsunami and the Cherry Blossom



#### November 5-9 - Barcelona, Spain

DREFF presented its environmental agenda at the 20<sup>th</sup> Environmental International Film Festival in Barcelona (FICMA), screening its original 17 minute short film *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience*, to an enthusiastic crowd at the Biblioteca Sagrada Familia.

Yamile Eusebio Presents GFDD Agenda at FICMA





The EcoHuertos Program seeks to support the creation of organic and sustainable vegetable gardens in schools and communities throughout the Dominican Republic, as well as support, through hands-on workshops, the areas of natural sciences contained in the educational curriculum. The program also generates awareness of the importance of a balanced diet, achieving a greater appreciation for and receptiveness towards the consumption of vegetables.

## Ecohuertos Begins 2013 with the Establishment of 5 New School Gardens in Baní and Azua.



### January 12 - Baní, DR

EcoHuertos launches its first induction workshop of the year at the Rene Descartes School in Baní. Throughout the month, gardening workshops take place at 5 schools under the green thumb of the botanist Cristiana Cruz Minier, GFDD's School and Community Garden Program Coordinator.

### January 12- 28

4 workshops on the set-up of vegetable gardens in two provinces in the Dominican Republic: Baní and Azua

### February 11

Set up of vegetable garden at Fray Ramón Panes School in Santo Domingo, DR

### March 18-22

Seed Conservation Workshop with Rose Lord in public and private schools in Santo Domingo and Baní, DR

### June 22-July 1

GFDD expedition to the village community of LeBrun in Haiti

### October 19

Planting of eight fruit and vegetable garden systems throughout the country

### October 29–November 15

7 induction workshops in Santiago and Santo Domingo, DR

### November 20 – December 11

7 EcoHuertos Creation Days at different schools and educational centers in Santo Domingo including Capotillo Education Center in Santo Domingo, DR



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### January 18 - Azua, DR

After an initial site visit, the EcoHuertos program travels to Azua to set up vegetable gardens at the Las Barreras Elementary school and the Women's Association of La Nueva Esperanza. Each group takes part in a garden creation workshop where they learn how to set up plant beds and plant fast growing vegetables.





January 28 - Baní, DR

EcoHuertos continues its work in Baní with the establishment of two new school vegetable gardens at the Canada School and the El Llano Elementary School.

February 11 - Santo Domingo, DR

After the first visit to the Fray Ramón Panes School in Santo Domingo, students eagerly set up their new vegetable garden.

## EcoHuertos Initiates Second Generation Seed Conservation Workshops.

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March 18-22

The second phase of the EcoHuertos began with a Seed Conservation Workshop at the René Descartes School in Baní and then moved on to the Loyola, Babeque and Fray Ramon Pane schools in Santo Domingo over the next four days. Rose Lord of the *Make Gardens Not War* initiative conducted the workshops which sought to build on the students' knowledge base and provide tools for the development of self-sustainable garden systems.



“The single greatest lesson the garden teaches is that our relationship to the planet need not be zero-sum, and that as long as the sun still shines and people still can plan and plant, think and do, we can, if we bother to try, find ways to provide for ourselves without diminishing the world.”

Michael Pollan, *The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals*

## EcoHuertos Program Takes Root in Haiti.

June 21- July 1 - LeBrun, Haiti

EcoHuertos set off on a 9 day expedition to the village community of LeBrun in Haiti, alongside Rose Lord of the Global Coalition for Peace and HaveServe, two organizations which share GFDD's goal to meet the Millennium Development Goals through community-led development by empowering people to play a role in determining their own futures. EcoHuertos took on the challenge and was able to reinforce the local gardening project by providing technical assistance and instruction through a series of workshops on cultivation, harvesting and seed conservation.

## EcoHuertos brings year to a close with creation of 12 new school, community and family gardens.

October 19 - San Cristóbal, DR

Eco-Huertos worked until the end of the year, organizing a series of induction workshops that resulted in the planting of eight fruit and vegetable garden systems throughout the country.

The first of 8 induction workshops was held at the Fe y Vida Abundante Church Center Foundation in Madre Vieja, San Cristóbal. Some 35 people, children, teens and adults, took part in the program and group discussion that centered on defining goals, regular duties, and functional

details in preparation for the creation of their community garden.

Targeting groups of 30 to 40 people, including students, teachers and parents, the induction workshops are of critical importance for the long term success and sustainability of the gardens, as they lay the groundwork for the program, help establish goals and group commitments, set expectations, and address the functional details for garden creation.



October 29 - Santo Domingo, DR

Thirty-one students, teachers and school personnel attended the EcoHuertos Induction Workshop held at the Ave Maria Polytechnic School in Santo Domingo.



## EcoHuertos Garden Creation Workshops Sweep the Country. Time to Get Out Your Shovels and Grow Your Own Food!

### October 30 - Santo Domingo, DR

Thirty students, teachers, staff, parents and two invited guests from the local community took part in the EcoHuertos induction workshop held at the Capotillo Education Center in Santo Domingo. The high-spirited group was enthusiastic with their questions, comments and desire to participate.

### November 6 - Santo Domingo, DR

Thirty-nine participants, comprised of students, teachers, staff and parents attended the EcoHuertos induction workshop held at the Youth in Development School in Santo Domingo.

### November 8 - Santiago, DR

Forty students, teachers, personnel, support staff, and parents attended the EcoHuertos induction workshop held at the Quisqueya Educational Center in Santiago.

### November 11 - Santo Domingo, DR

Twenty-four high school students and teachers attended the EcoHuertos induction workshop held at the Unión Panamericana Secondary School in Santo Domingo.

### November 12 - Santo Domingo, DR

Forty-seven participants representing the educational community, including students, teachers, support staff, directors and parents attended the EcoHuertos induction workshop at the Republic of Paraguay School in Santo Domingo.

### November 15 - Santiago, DR

Thirty-three students, teachers and parents attended the EcoHuertos induction workshop held at the Braulio Paulino Polytechnic School in Santiago.



### November 20 - December 11

The program entered its second stage with garden creation workshops at the aforementioned schools and community centers. Each garden was built to meet the specific needs of each group and took full advantage of available land, including vertical space and rooftops.

All of the students, teachers and parents who had previously participated in the induction workshops came together again to build their respective fruit and vegetable gardens.

### Eco Huerto Creation Day

November 20  
Capotillo Education Center

November 21  
Ave María Polytechnic School

November 28  
Republic of Paraguay School

November 29  
Youth in Development School

December 2  
Quisqueya Education Center

December 6  
Braulio Paulino Polytechnic School

December 11  
Unión Panamericana Secondary School

## EcoHuertos expands program to include family gardens.

### December 18 - Azua, DR

The EcoHuertos Program ended the year on a high note, traveling to Las Barreras, Azua to support the establishment of the program's first four family gardens. EcoHuertos donated materials, distributed seeds and provided technical assistance to these needy families, while also taking advantage of the visit to conduct follow-up and maintenance on the already established gardens at the Women's Association of La Nueva Esperanza and Las Barreras Elementary School. GFDD hopes that by supporting the creation of family gardens in rural areas, locals will learn to apply sustainable agricultural practices, thus supplementing their diets and at the same time generating income.





Since its inception the program has created a total of 24 vegetable gardens across the country in the cities of Santo Domingo, Santiago, San Cristobal, Baní, Bayaguana, and Azua.

#### 7 Private Schools

- Babeque Secondary School
- Loyola School
- Centro Educativo Los Prados
- René Descartes School
- Calasanz School
- Saint George
- New Horizons

#### 10 Public Schools:

- Fray Ramón Pane School
- El Llano Elementary School
- Canadá School
- Las Barreras Elementary School
- Capotillo Education Center
- Ave María Polytechnic School
- Republic of Paraguay School
- Youth in Development School
- Quisqueya Education Center
- Braulio Paulino Polytechnic School
- Unión Panamericana Secondary School

#### 5 Community Centers:

- Club BanReservas
- Women's Association of La Nueva Esperanza
- Children International's Community Center in Bayaguana
- FUNDSAZURZA
- Fe y Vida Abundante Church Center Foundation

#### 4 Family gardens:

- Figuero and Yumary Castillo Family
- Bernardina Agramonte Family
- Matos Vargas Family
- Stalin Feliz Beltré Family



*"Everything I did at the Women's Center, I applied to my own home garden where I planted scallions, cilantro, radishes and chili peppers."*

*"As partners, we grow our own food, harvest it and provide healthy meals for our families."*

*"My daughter and I grew cilantro that we later sold at the market."*

Nueva Esperanza  
Women's Association Community Garden

# ReCreatee

## Creative recycling workshops



www.r3createe.org

*Time to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle... but for now, Let's Recreate!*



The ReCreatee program is a practical education initiative which offers women, youth and children workshops in art recycling. The program demonstrates how recycling waste into art can empower individuals and communities alike. Through this program, GFDD seeks to engage Dominican communities into reformulating the way they think about trash, thereby promoting the three golden rules of proper waste management: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

#### February 1

The ReCreatee program is officially launched, under the expert eye of the local recycling artist, Bertha Santana, in Santo Domingo, DR

#### April 18

Workshop "Recycling at Home" during the Second Annual Geography Fair, organized by Listín Diario's Plan Lea in Santo Domingo, DR

#### May 2-3

Three Recycled Art Workshops for students, mothers and teachers at the Dominican Children and Youth Library in Santo Domingo, DR

#### May 8

Workshop with 30 children in Samaná, DR

#### May 10-25

Recycled Art Workshops with the Perelló Cultural Center in Baní, DR

#### May 25

ReCreatee's website is officially launched!

#### July 2-4 & August 5-21

Cycle of workshops for teachers and parents at the Dominican Children and Youth Library in Santo Domingo, DR

#### September 8

Graduation of 32 men and women who completed a full cycle of workshops held

throughout the year at the Perelló Cultural Center in Baní and the Dominican Children and Youth Library, in Santo Domingo, DR

#### September 26-27

Recycling Workshop for the general public at Agora Mall in Santo Domingo, DR

#### October 1-2

Recycled Art Workshop for 80 women from the Dominican Technological Community Center at the Dominican Children and Youth Library in Santo Domingo, DR

#### October 3

Workshop for 25 men and women between the ages of 55-75 at the Center for Integral Development and Technologies in Capotillo, Santo Domingo, DR

#### October 5

Recycled Art Workshop for future public sector teachers studying under the Master's program at INTEC University in Santo Domingo, DR

#### October 7

Workshop for a group of 20 students aged 13-16 at the Loyola School in Santo Domingo, DR

#### November 28

Workshop for disabled students, at the Center for Integral Development and Technologies in Boca Chica, DR

## In 2013 the ReCreate Program Celebrated More Than 30 Workshops Across the Country.

### February 1 - Santo Domingo, DR

The ReCreate program is officially launched, under the expert eye of local recycling artist, Bertha Santana.

### April 18 - Santo Domingo, DR

ReCreate presented a *Recycling at Home* workshop at the Second Annual Geography Fair, organized by Listín Diario's Plan Lea.

### May 2-3 - Santo Domingo, DR

ReCreate hosted three recycled art workshops for students, mothers and teachers at the Dominican Children and Youth Library in Santo Domingo. Each three-hour workshop included a lecture and hands-on arts and crafts project, in which participants learned how to reutilize and re-fashion used textiles, such as old T-shirts and jeans, into art.

### May 8 - Samaná, DR

ReCreate traveled to Samaná, where some 30 children sat down with Bertha Santana and turned their old jeans and T-shirts into art.

### May 10-25 - Baní, DR

ReCreate joined forces with the Perelló Cultural Center in Baní, to host a series of recycled art workshops throughout the month of May. The four hour workshops targeted 25 local art teachers, which received in depth training on how to refashion used textiles, paper and plastic bottles and bags into art. The teachers can then serve as multipliers and replicate the workshops with their respective student base.

### May 25 - New York, NY

ReCreate's website is officially launched!



"Participating in the ReCreate workshops has been an unforgettable experience for me. It has changed how I see things - nature, life. Now, when I see everything around me, I want to turn it all into art, especially jeans and sweaters."

**Bastilia Javier**  
Biblioteca Infantil y Juvenil República Dominicana  
workshop participant



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ReCreate Gains Momentum with Workshops Springing up across the Country!

### July 2-4 & August 5-21 - Santo Domingo, DR

ReCreate carried out a full cycle of workshops for teachers and parents at the Dominican Children and Youth Library in Santo Domingo, throughout the months of July and August. A total of 9 workshops were held, under the expert eye of the Dominican artist Bertha Santana. Each workshop included a lecture, followed by hands-on arts and crafts projects designed to develop the skills set of each teacher.

### September 8 - Baní, Santo Domingo, DR

ReCreate celebrated the graduation of 32 men and women who completed a full cycle of workshops held throughout the year at the Perelló Cultural Center and the Dominican Children and Youth Library. The graduates have gone on to produce their own crafts and are generating income through the sale of their art.

"Professor Bertha was great and taught us many techniques, including how to weave plastic bags. The workshop was very interesting as it introduced me to new materials and alternatives that can be applied in design. Before, it was just a used plastic bag, but now we're giving it a new use. These workshops should be continued and carried out in other towns around the country, to provide women with opportunities to work from home and create a business."

**Laura García**  
Cultural Perelló Center workshop participant



## ReCreate Continued to Draw Attention from Communities Around the Country, with New Centers Signing up for Workshops.

### September 26-27 - Santo Domingo, DR

ReCreate held a recycling workshop for the general public at Agora Mall in Santo Domingo.

### October 1-2 - Santo Domingo, DR

ReCreate joined forces with the Progressing with Solidarity program, led by the Vice-presidency of the Dominican Republic, carrying out a recycling art workshop for 80 women from the Dominican Technological Community Center at the Dominican Children and Youth Library.

### October 3 - Capotillo, DR

In commemoration of International Day for the Elderly, ReCreate carried out a workshop for 25 men and women between the ages of 55-75 at the Center for Integral Development and Technologies in Capotillo.



### October 5 - Santo Domingo, DR

ReCreate joined forces with INTEC University, imparting a recycling art workshop for future public sector teachers studying under their Master's program.

### October 7 - Santo Domingo, DR

ReCreate held a workshop for a group of 20 students aged between 13-16 at the Loyola School in Santo Domingo.

### November 28 - Boca Chica, DR

ReCreate concluded the year holding a workshop for disabled students at the Center for Integral Development and Technologies in Boca Chica.



# Dominican Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Environment



www.environmentaldictionary.org

While the modern world faces many environmental challenges, effective conservation and protection of our natural environment will require informed and concerned citizens. In response to this critical task, GFDD and FUNGLODE created the Dominican Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Environment.

The dictionary offers basic knowledge on conservation methods, planting the seeds of life-long learning and environmental responsibility. It masterfully unites information on the environment and natural resources of the Dominican Republic, incorporating information from a wide range of disciplines, including chemistry, physics, geology, biology, atmospheric engineering, earth and soil sciences, geography, demography, economics and law.

The Dominican Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Environment comprises three main sections: scientific articles, definitions of terms and concepts, and a resource guide containing a map of national protected areas, a directory of

environmental organizations and government agencies, and a list of endemic flora and fauna. Featuring an incredible 712 defined environmental terms, 58 table sets, 123 graphics, 19 scientific articles and over 700 photographs, this educational tool is sure to serve as an important reference for generations of students, environmentalists and concerned citizens.

In an effort to continually promote understanding of environmental topics and respect for the natural environment, and expand its reach to new audiences, GFDD disseminates the content of the encyclopedic dictionary in a variety of formats, including a photography exhibit, calendar, and the "Google Earth Tour of the Coastal and Marine Ecosystems of the Dominican Republic," which forms part of the "Explore the Ocean" layer of Google Earth.

The Dictionary has been available online in Spanish since 2008 and in print since 2011. In 2012, GFDD launched the online publication in English.



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## January 25 - February 28

Environment Week with the *Dominican Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Environment* Exhibit at Centro Cultural Perelló in Baní, DR

## January 31 - February 28

*Dominican Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Environment* Exhibit at the Dominican Children and Youth Library in Santo Domingo, DR

## May 20

Completed 75 posts in English and Spanish for the "Explore the Ocean" layer of Google Earth

## September 3 - 30

Sixty-six panel exhibit of the *Dominican Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Environment* at the Dominican Children and Youth Library in Santo Domingo, DR

*196 News Articles Kept Readers Up-to-Date on Local and International Environmental Headlines.*

*The Dominican Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Environment Exhibit Travels to Baní.*



## January 25 - February 28 Santo Domingo - DR

GFDD inaugurated Centro Cultural Perelló's (CCP) Environment Week with the Dominican Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Environment Exhibit. Welcoming remarks were delivered by Julia Castillo, CCP's executive director, who asserted the center's commitment in the continued development of environmental programs, aimed at engaging the community, and inspiring interest in the natural beauty of the province of Peravia. The Exhibit, which displays the great wealth of information, photos and graphics found within GFDD's acclaimed reference

book, offers basic knowledge to young readers on environment and conservation methods, planting the seeds of life-long learning and environmental responsibility. Some 35 panels were on display through the month of February.

## January 31 - February 28 Santo Domingo - DR

GFDD hosted a special showing of its *Dominican Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Environment* at the Dominican Children and Youth Library, displaying information and graphics on 12 different environmental concepts.

*The Dictionary Completes 75 Posts for the Explore the Ocean Layer of Google Earth.*

## Educational Expeditions to Pico Duarte



DREFF's Educational Expeditions to Pico Duarte takes underprivileged high school students from around the country on a 5-day educational expedition up the highest peak in the Antilles: Pico Duarte. The objective is to turn youth into protectors of the environment while they learn the value of personal effort, teamwork, companionship and discipline as well as the necessary skills to overcome obstacles and achieve personal goals - now and in the future.



*Students Made History During Pico Duarte Expedition.*



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### May 20 - New York, NY

*The Dominican Dictionary of the Environment* fulfills the partnership agreement with Sylvia Earle Alliance, completing 75 posts in English and Spanish for the "Explore the Ocean" layer of Google Earth. Since 2012, GFDD has been an active partner in the development of content for the "Oceans in Google Earth" project, which forms part of its wider mission to create a broader Dominican Republic educational outreach initiative promoting greater environmental literacy among its citizens and tourists.

### September 3 - 30 - Santo Domingo - DR

After the success of the smaller photo exhibit held in January, GFDD teamed up once more

with the Dominican Children and Youth Library to set up a sixty-six panel exhibit on display throughout the month of September. Welcoming remarks were delivered by Natasha Despotovic, GFDD's Executive Director, who asserted that the initiative seeks to inspire interest, raise awareness and strengthen the appreciation of the country's unique ecology and biodiversity. It also provides an invaluable opportunity for students and visitors to take advantage of this educational experience in the hope of broadening their horizons and fostering a sense of national pride in the conservation of the nation's natural wealth.

### February 18

Launch of the 5<sup>th</sup> Educational Expedition to Pico Duarte. The event took place at Children International's center in La Caleta, DR

### February 21-24

Fourth Educational Expedition to Pico Duarte

### March 14-17

Fifth Educational Expedition with 50 high school students

### June 14

Certification Ceremony for participants of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Educational Expeditions to Pico Duarte at FUNGLODE's headquarters in Santo Domingo, DR

### September 12-15

The 6<sup>th</sup> Educational Expedition took off with 93 underprivileged high school students from around the country

### October 3-6

The 7<sup>th</sup> Educational Expedition to Pico Duarte, which closely followed the sixth expedition, included the participation of 36 students, activity leaders and guides

### October 26

Special screening of the newly released Dominican film, *La Montaña*, for the students who previously participated in the Educational Expeditions to Pico Duarte at Blue Mall Palace Cinema in Santo Domingo, DR

## February 18

GFDD and FUNGLODE, in collaboration with Siempre Más Foundation and Children International, launched the 5<sup>th</sup> Educational Expedition to Pico Duarte. The event, which took place at Children International's center in La Caleta, included a screening of GFDD's short film on the First Educational Expedition to Pico Duarte, as well as a presentation by professional mountaineer and DREFF contributor Karim Mella, who was on site to motivate the students and set trip expectations.

*"Now that we've met the challenge of scaling the mountain, which few people have, I feel like I can do everything that I set my mind to accomplish. Though we were faced with many obstacles along the way, as soon as you reach the summit, the exhaustion vanishes and you feel like you're on top of the world....or even higher."*

**Genesis Catano**  
I Educational Expedition to Pico Duarte

## February 21 - 24

After months of preparation and planning on behalf of the Siempre Más Foundation, the Fourth Educational Expedition to Pico Duarte took off with 76 students from 5 high schools across the country, including two special needs students from the Quiéreme Como Soy Foundation, marking the first time in Dominican history that special needs children reach the highest peak in the Antilles.

*"I realized that the obstacles I faced climbing Pico Duarte were similar to the ones that would come up again and again in my life. I told myself that if I could reach the top and make it back down, my goals and dreams would also be attainable one day."*

**Elieser Peña Victorino**  
IV Educational Expeditions to Pico Duarte



## September 12 - 15

The 6<sup>th</sup> Educational Expedition took off with 93 underprivileged high school students from around the country, as well as special needs students from the Quiéreme Como Soy Foundation. On the four day climb to the tallest peak in the Caribbean, the students learned leadership skills, had the opportunity to build respect and love for their natural environment and understanding of the importance of environmental conservation.

Asociación Popular de Ahorros y Préstamos (APAP) initiative "Give a Chance," which rewards students recognized for academic excellence with training and capacity building opportunities. During the expedition, students received 11 educational talks from environmental conservation experts at the Armando Bermúdez National Park, including one by the director of the park, Mr. Alex Corona.

## October 26

GFDD and FUNGLODE Films held a special screening of the newly released Dominican film, *La Montaña*, for the students who previously participated in the Educational Expeditions to Pico Duarte. More than 300 students took part in the screening, held at Santo Domingo's Blue Mall Palace Cinema, and saw themselves reflected in the film's important message.

## October 3-6

The 7<sup>th</sup> Educational Expedition to Pico Duarte, which closely followed the sixth expedition included the participation of 36 students, activity leaders and guides, this time forming part of financial institution's

Some 255 students representing 11 schools and organizations from the cities of Santo Domingo, San Pedro de Macorís, San Cristobal, Santiago, and Punta Cana participated in this year's program.

- Aragón Polytechnic
- Liceo Darío Gomez Highschool
- Ann & Ted Kheel Polytechnic
- Hogar Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos
- Liceo Marcos Castañer High School
- Fe y Alegría School
- Hermando Miguel High School
- Quiéreme Como Soy Foundation
- Children International
- Casa Santa Ana
- Escuela Hogar Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos
- Asociación Popular de Ahorros y Préstamos (APAP)



*Some 255 Students Participated in the Educational Expeditions in 2013*

## March 14 - 17 Cordillera Central - DR

After much anticipation, DREFF's 5<sup>th</sup> Educational Expedition took off, this time with 50 high school students who did it again - trekked through the Cordillera Central while learning about the flora and fauna, rivers and geography of the region.

## June 14 - Santo Domingo - DR

A Certification Ceremony was celebrated at FUNGLODE headquarters for Participants of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Educational Expeditions to Pico Duarte. The event acknowledged the students' achievements, and provided an opportunity for participants to openly share, reflect upon and reinforce the values instilled during the four-day trek.



# Year-Round Environmental Screenings



As part of its mission to reach more communities, institutions and individuals around the country, the DR Environmental Film Festival (DREFF) organizes year-round film screenings that bring interesting and important films to new and remote communities. By showing a diverse selection of quality movies on critical environmental issues and organizing discussions and workshops, the year-round film screenings program seeks to foster and inspire dialogue, raise awareness and promote sustainable practices.

## Films Screened in 2013

- *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience*
- *Planet Ocean*
- *Trashed*
- *Anna, Emma and the Condors*
- *Bag it*
- *Big Miracle*
- *Someplace with a Mountain*
- *Life: Challenges of Life*
- *Where the Whales Sing*
- *Ocean Voyagers*
- *TERRA*
- *Surviving Progress*
- *In Organic We Trust*
- *Economics of Happiness*
- *Dirt! The Movie*
- *Vegucated*
- *Turning Our Backs to the Ocean*
- *Big Miracle*

### January 15-18

Three whale-themed film screenings of *Where the Whales Sing*, *Ocean Voyagers* and *Big Miracle* in collaboration with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Humpback Whale Festival in Samaná, DR

### January 22-26

Screening tour of documentary film, *Bag It!*, across the country, including Santo Domingo, Baní, Samaná and La Caleta, DR

### January 30

Special screening of the film *Anna, Emma and the Condors* at the Dominican Children and Youth Library in Santo Domingo, DR

### March 17-24

Two Dominican shorts, *Turning Our Backs to the Ocean* and GFDD's very own production, *The Growth of Lake Enriquillo: Environmental, Social and Scientific Implications*, were screened at the 21<sup>st</sup> edition of the Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital, Washington, DC

### April 11

Lunchtime screening of *The Growth of Lake Enriquillo: Environmental, Social and Scientific Implications* at the OAS in Washington, DC, US

### April 26-29

Five documentary film screenings of *Bag It*, *In Organic We Trust*, *Economics of Happiness*, *Dirt! The Movie* and *Vegucated* at Constanza's Ecotourism Cluster in celebration of its First Annual Spring Fair at the Club Japonesa in Constanza, DR

### April 22

Film screening of *Surviving Progress* in commemoration of Earth Day at FUNGLODE's headquarters in Santo Domingo, DR

### April 22

Public screening of the short 3-D documentary film, *Terra* in coordination with the original Earth Day Network, the Department of Sustainable Development and Energy, and the Climate Partnership of the Americas organized at the Art Museum of the Americas in Washington, DC and two bilingual schools in the DC area

### October 16-18

Screening Program premieres at the Dominican Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, with back to back screenings of the films *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience* and *Trashed* at the Ministry Headquarters in Santo Domingo, DR

### December 6

Special screening of the film *Planet Ocean* at the Dominican Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources in Santo Domingo, DR



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January 15-18 - Samaná, DR

DREFF joined forces with Samaná's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Humpback Whale Festival to commemorate the start of the 2013 annual whale-watching season, with three whale-themed film screenings of *Where the Whales Sing*, *Ocean Voyagers* and *Big Miracle*.



January 22-26 - Santo Domingo, DR

DREFF Commences the screening tour of documentary film, *Bag it!* Across the Country the DR Environmental Film Festival organized four screenings of the documentary film *Bag it!* followed by discussion sessions with its director, Suzan Beraza. The first screening took place January 23 at the Aida Cartagena Portalatín School in Santo Domingo, in collaboration with Sanamiento Ambiental de la Zurza Fundacion (FUNDSAZURZA), followed by subsequent screenings at the Centro Cultural Perelló in Baní on the 24<sup>th</sup>, La Caleta National Park on the 25<sup>th</sup>, concluding with a screening at Santa Barbara de Samaná's City Hall on January 26. The program served to raise awareness on one of the greatest environmental challenges facing the Dominican Republic today -- the safe and effective disposal of solid waste.

January 30 - Santo Domingo, DR

GFDD and the Dominican Children and Youth Library unite to raise awareness about the environment, with a special screening of the film *Anna, Emma and the Condors*.

Kate Wallace of the Society for the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds (SCSCB), and renowned conservation photographer Eladio Fernández were on hand to speak to the audience.

March 17-24 - Washington DC

GFDD partnered with the 21<sup>st</sup> edition of the Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital, which screened films at 75 venues across Washington, DC, U.S.. DREFF joined their effort to reinforce and expand their Spanish-language program and involvement of the Hispanic community. Two Dominican shorts, *Turning Our Backs to the Ocean* and GFDD's very own production, *The Growth of Lake Enriquillo: Environmental, Social and Scientific Implications*, were screened at the Festival.

DREFF Celebrated Earth Day with Multiple Screenings in Santo Domingo and Washington DC.

April 11 - Washington, DC

DREFF was proud to present a lunchtime screening of *The Growth of Lake Enriquillo: Environmental, Social and Scientific Implications*, GFDD's 16 minute short film. The screening and discussion session, hosted in collaboration with the Department of Sustainable Development (SEDI) at the OAS was held as part of a 4-day Dominican Film Showcase Program presented in Washington, DC.

April 11 - Washington, DC

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April 22 Santo Domingo, DR and Washington, DC

In commemoration of Earth Day, DREFF organized a joint film screening with the United Nations System in the DR of the film *Surviving Progress*, a thought provoking look at humanity's "progress" while posing the question: what if progress is actually spiraling us downwards, towards collapse? The program, which included remarks by UN Representative Roberto Gálvez, took place at FUNGLODE Headquarters in Santo Domingo.

One the same day, GFDD also joined forces with the original Earth Day Network, the Department of Sustainable Development and Energy and the Climate Partnership of the Americas organizing a public screening of the short 3-D documentary film, *Terra*, at the Art Museum of the Americas in Washington, DC and two bilingual schools in the DC area. *Terra*, which explains global warming and the environment in terms children can understand, has been used as an educational tool on sustainable development reaching out to more than 5,000 Dominican children and youth.





**April 26 - 29 - Constanza, DR**

DREFF joined Constanza's Ecotourism Cluster in celebrating its First Annual Spring Fair at the Club Japonesa with five documentary film screenings of *Bag It!*, *In Organic We Trust*, *Economics of Happiness*, *Dirt! The Movie* and *Vegucated*. The films highlighted best practices that can be applied in the areas of soil conservation, sustainable agriculture, solid waste management and economic localization.

**October 16 - 18 - Santo Domingo, DR**

GFDD's Year-Round Environmental Film Screening Program premieres at the Dominican Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, with back to back screenings of the films *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience* and *Trashed*. The program, held at the Ministry Headquarters in Santo Domingo, included opening remarks by Ginny Heinsen, encouraged dialogue among officials on sustainable waste management practices and raised awareness of the negative environmental, social and health consequences of using incinerators to burn trash.



**December 6 - Santo Domingo, DR**

DREFF joins the Dominican Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources in raising awareness for ocean conservation, with special screening of the film *Planet Ocean*.

# Globo Verde Dominicano Award



[www.globoverdedominicano.org](http://www.globoverdedominicano.org)



The Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival, through its Award Globo Verde Dominicano presents its Short Film and Public Service Announcement Competition. DREFF seeks to encourage the production and distribution of films about the environment and sustainable development.

*Globo Verde Dominicano Award is a unique opportunity for filmmakers, students and professionals to get involved in a less-explored area in the Dominican Republic: the making of audiovisual material on issues related to the environment.*

**January**

Launch of the second edition of Globo Verde Dominicano Award

**March 12 - 24**

Presentation of the winning short of 2012, screening of *Turning Our Backs to the Ocean* at 20<sup>th</sup> DC Environmental Film Festival in Washington DC, US

**May 1**

GFDD Rated Among Top Fifty Environment-Minded Organizations in the Dominican Republic

**September 8**

The winners of the second Globo Verde Dominicano Award were revealed during the III Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival in Santo Domingo, DR

*These kinds of contests help to develop an interest in preserving the environment. It encourages people to get involved in the issue and be part of the solution.*

**Armando Larrauri**  
Winner of the first Globo Verde Dominicano

*Globo Verde Dominicano Award is a Unique Opportunity for Filmmakers, Students and Professionals to Get Involved in a Less-Explored Area in the Dominican Republic: the Making of Audiovisual Material on Issues Related to the Environment.*



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1<sup>st</sup> Place Short Film Category

**January - Santo Domingo, DR**

Shortly after the bells tolled in the New Year, GFDD and FUNGLODE launched the second edition of Globo Verde Dominicano Award.

**March 12 - 24 - Washington, DC**

Armando Larrauri, winner of the first Globo Verde Dominicano environmental short film competition, was hosted by GFDD and FUNGLODE during the *DC Environmental Film Festival*, which took place in Washington, DC. Mr. Larrauri's visit to the nation's capital and participation in the Film Festival with the screening of *Turning Our Backs to the Ocean*, highlights the objective of the award in spreading the environmental message and promoting the talent of young Dominican filmmakers.

“Top Green Brands Dominican Republic”, which lists a total of 50 organizations and brands that stand out for their environmental management, is a study initiative of Plan Dominicana Verde, a non-governmental, non-profit, multidisciplinary organization that builds bridges among sectors committed to the conservation of the Dominican Republic's natural heritage. Their main objective is the dissemination of information about the environment and recognition of pro-environmental actions.

**September 8 - Santo Domingo, DR**

The winners of the second Globo Verde Dominicano Award were revealed during the III Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival.

**May 1 - Santo Domingo, DR**

GFDD and FUNGLODE are proud to be rated among the top 50 environment-minded listed organizations in the DR. The Foundations are represented by their creative initiatives, the environment publication *Dominican Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Environment* and the DR Environmental Film Festival (DREFF), which regularly brings national experts together with the most prominent international leaders in the environment field.

**Short Film Category**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** - Sebastian Cabrera took home a GoPro Hero 3 camera and an invite to the DC Environmental Film Festival for the screening of his short film *Primeros Pasos*.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** - Bryan Grullón Abreu won a free training of his choice at FUNGLODE for *Truculencia Indómita*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** - Ramsés Moreno García won a free training of his choice at FUNGLODE for *Descarga Cero*



Sebastian Cabrera and Yamile Eusebio

**Public Service Announcement Category**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** - Querlin Cortorreal took home an iMac computer for *Mi Voz*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** - Adria Mejía won a free training of her choice at FUNGLODE for *Trituradora de Árboles*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** - Mohamed Ashraf won a free training of his choice at FUNGLODE for *Distrito 62*



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1<sup>st</sup> Place Public Service Announcement Category





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InterDom coordinates academic, cultural and professional development programs for individual students, professors and groups in the Dominican Republic, including internships, research, study, and cultural and language immersion. It also promotes opportunities for exchange for Dominican students and professional development for private, public and non-profit organizations in the Dominican Republic.

## InteRDom

### January 2

Two students from Johnson and Wales University and the University of South Carolina performed internships at the PUNTACANA Club and Resort and Hospital General Plaza de la Salud, respectively, in the Dominican Republic

### January 6-18

Two University of Rhode Island Winter Programs at Santo Domingo, DR

### February 13-15

Visit to the University of Miami and Florida International University in Miami, US

### February 22

First-ever Employer Appreciation Breakfast at FUNGLODE headquarters in Santo Domingo, DR

### March 12

First Dominican International Student Program in Dominican Republic

### March 29-31

Participation in the National Dominican Student Conference at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, US

### April 9-10

Participation in the Virtual Career Fair: International Opportunities in the U.S. and Abroad, hosted by New York University's Wasserman

Center for Career Development in New York, US

### April 24-25

7th Internship Certification Seminar with thirteen representatives from Dominican companies in Santo Domingo, DR

### April 25

Participation at the internship fair at the New School for Social Research in New York, organized by the Office of Career Development in New York, US

### June 2

The conference "Challenges to the Development of the Dominican Republic and the Republic of Haiti" is held in collaboration with Fundación Yspaniola in Santo Domingo, DR

### June 3

Eleven international students from the United States and Europe arrived for summer programs in Santo Domingo, DR

### September 19-21

InterDom visit to the University of Rhode Island, Brown University and Johnson and Wales University in Rhode Island, US

### October 3

Participation in Baruch College's Work Abroad Fair in New York, US

### October 3

Workshop on Interviewing Techniques for International Internship Opportunities by InterDom at the Work Abroad Fair, The New School University in New York, US

### October 23-25

Visit to Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) and the University of Georgia (UGA) in Atlanta, GA, US

### October 28

Welcome party for 5 education students from the University of Mondragón from Spain in Santo Domingo, DR

### October 29-30

8th edition of the InterDom Conference "Work Challenges Facing the New Generations" at FUNGLODE's headquarters in Santo Domingo, DR

### November 8

InterDom visit to New York University during the NYU Public Health Career Fair in New York, US

### November 20-23

InterDom participates in the "Align. Innovate. Educate." Conference sponsored by the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) in Minneapolis, Minnesota, US

In 2013, the Program Hosted 40 Students from 14 Universities and Certified 10 Dominican Organizations in Internship Management.



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Giselle Deñó, Dominican International Student Program, Summer 2013



Gretcher Hernández, Dominican International Student Program, Summer 2013

### March 12 - Santo Domingo, DR

The Dominican International Student Program was launched to provide internship and cultural exchange opportunities for Dominican citizens enrolled in institutions of higher education outside the DR, or graduating from international universities. Through this new division, InterDom seeks to cultivate a higher level of cross-cultural exchange by encouraging Dominican students to serve as cultural ambassadors to their fellow international students participating in regular InterDom programs. Two students were accepted into this program for the summer term, and performed internships in the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic and the Dominican Congress.

### March 29 - 31 - Middletown, CT

For the 6th consecutive year, InterDom attended the National Dominican Student Conference held at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. The conference attracted more than 400 students, who got behind the GFDD, InterDom and Fellows Program's mission to educate, uplift and unite the Dominican college student community in the United States and to empower students to initiate social change.



Autumn Brookmire  
InterDom Marketing and Admissions Coordinator

### April 9 - 10 - New York, NY

InterDom continued to increase its marketing efforts at U.S. universities by participating in the Virtual Career Fair: International Opportunities in the U.S. and Abroad, hosted by New York University's Wasserman Center for Career Development.

Baruch College - Brown University - Georgia Institute of Technology  
Johnson and Wales University - New School University  
New York University - University of Georgia - University of Mondragon  
University of Rhode Island - Wesleyan University

### January 2 - Punta Cana, DR

InterDom welcomes two students from Johnson and Wales University and the University of South Carolina to perform internships at the PUNTACANA Club and Resort and Hospital General Plaza de la Salud, respectively.

### January 6-18 - Santo Domingo, DR

InterDom kicked off the New Year by hosting two University of Rhode Island Winter Programs that were attended by 21 students and 4 professors. The nursing and political science students participated in a week's worth of activities aimed at helping them contextualize their field experiences by providing historical, cultural and political information about the Dominican Republic. This program is a result of the previous three January term trips made by University of Rhode Island students to the DR.

### February 13-15 - Miami, FL

InterDom visits the University of Miami and Florida International University in Miami, Florida to expand relationships and recruit students. New partnerships were formed with the UM Sports Management department, which promise to lead to special internships and short programs.

### February 22 - Santo Domingo, DR

InterDom invited its partner organizations to the first-ever Employer Appreciation Breakfast to thank them for being such great affiliates and to strengthen inter-agency relations, discuss new possibilities for collaboration and to give the businesses an opportunity to suggest projects in which they might want to include international interns through the program.

*New programs in 2013 provide opportunities to Dominican students.*

*Visits to more than 13 U.S. universities in 2013 brought the InteRDom program to hundreds of students.*

**April 24-25 - Santo Domingo, DR**

InteRDom gave its 7<sup>th</sup> Internship Certification Seminar in which thirteen representatives from various Dominican companies received training in how to create, structure or improve internship programs that will help grow the organization, while providing an important professional development experience for interns. In the certification seminar, participants also discussed recruiting strategies, policies they could use and challenges that may arise when setting up internship programs.



**April 25 - New York, NY**

The New School for Social Research in New York held its first ever internship fair organized by the Office of Career Development. They recruited more than 20 organizations that represented a wide range of fields. InteRDom representatives were pleased to be one of the pioneer organizations at this event.

**June 2 - Santo Domingo, DR**

In collaboration with Fundación Yspaniola, InteRDom hosted the conference “Challenges to the Development of the Dominican Republic and the Republic of Haiti.” Presentations were made by: Joseph Harold Pierre, University of Barcelona; Maria Virtudes Berroa, Executive Director of the Batey Relief Alliance; and Zugeilly Coss Sanz, a Fulbright scholar.



**June 3 - Santo Domingo, DR**

Eleven international students arrived in Santo Domingo for summer programs from the United States and Europe, and performed internships at: Major League Baseball, the Dominican Chamber of Deputies, Santo Domingo Institute of Technology (INTEC), the Plaza de la Salud General Hospital, Learning for Life Foundation, the Dominican Council of International Relations, Dominican-Haitian Observatory, Un Techo para mi País, Batey Relief Alliance and the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic. Summer 2013 programs included weekly events at FUNGLODE, participation in InteRDom’s fun and interactive blog (<http://www.interdominternships.blogspot.com>), and for the first time in summer 2013, InteRDom introduced two new interactive media projects: the InteRDom Baton and the InteRDom Photo Contest.



**September 19-21 - Providence, RI**

InteRDom visited faculty and students at the University of Rhode Island, Brown University and Johnson and Wales University on a road trip to Kingston and Providence. The two-day schedule included participation in an international fair, meetings with faculty and student organizations and an information session for interested students.





**October 3 - New York, NY**

InteRDom took part in Baruch College's Work Abroad Fair for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. InteRDom has hosted several Baruch College students as summer interns, and had Baruch student interns working with the program in its New York offices.

**October 3 - New York, NY**

Immediately after the Work Abroad Fair, InteRDom representatives jetted over to the New School University to give a workshop on Interviewing Techniques for International Internship Opportunities.



Mandy Sciacchitano, InteRDom Manager



Mandy Sciacchitano meets with 2012 summer intern Justine Burke and UGA Law's Maria Gimenez during a visit to the University of Georgia School of Law

**October 23-25 - Atlanta, GA**

InteRDom representatives traveled to Atlanta, where they met with faculty and students at Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech), and strengthened their relationship with the University of Georgia (UGA). The three-day visit

included meetings with faculty, staff and student organizations as well as information sessions for students interested in professional development and cultural immersion opportunities in the Dominican Republic.

**October 28 - Santo Domingo, DR**

5 education students from the University of Mondragón in the Spanish Basque country arrived in the Dominican Republic to serve a two-month stint as teacher's assistants at bilingual education institutions across Santo Domingo.

"Thanks to this internship I've been able to make a lot of contacts and network with people in my field who have the same interests; I think that this always gives me more knowledge and experience in my field."

**Ines Camarero**

University of Richmond in London,  
InteRDom Summer 2013



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"For the last year I've been pouring my life into my senior thesis, a short film called '24 By Foot'. My experience in DR definitely jumpstarted this project. Since my visit I've been constantly photographing, networking, and pulling together people, things I wouldn't have the confidence to do before my internship. Thank you so much for the opportunity to be in InteRDom. I will forever benefit from the experience you and your team organized for me!"

**Kim Sanchez**

University of Toledo,  
InteRDom Summer 2013

## InteRDom Conference addressed “How Millennials are Changing the Dynamics of the Workplace.”



Yamile Eusebio, Rachel Reiser, Martha Beato, Mandy Sciacchitano and Reyna Rodríguez



The Fellows Program seeks to generate scholarship on issues at the forefront of the United Nations' agenda in order to give voice to national and regional concerns and offer viable solutions to domestic and international challenges. The Fellows Program provides opportunities for M.S., M.A. and Ph.D. candidates interested in conducting high-level research, together with in-country experts and advisers in the Dominican Republic, on issues related to sustainable development. The final output of the investigation is a comprehensive report which may be published in GFDD's Research & Ideas series and presented before the United Nations community on behalf of GFDD and FUNGLODE.

### October 29-30 - Santo Domingo, DR

The 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the InteRDom Conference “Work Challenges Facing the New Generations” included a keynote address and two workshops on the Millennials, or Generation Y, given by Rachel Reiser, Assistant Dean for the Undergraduate Business Program at Boston University and founder of the company Generationally Speaking. To complement the keynote address, two workshops on practical tools for communication and integration of Millennials into the workplace were also given

-- one by Ms. Reiser and one by renowned coaching expert, Martha Beato, who gave her “Communicating to Transform” workshop on multi-generational communication, especially in the workplace. Rachel Reiser’s workshop “Strategies for Incorporating Millennials into Your Organization” offered tools for developing a comprehensive organizational approach to professional development and management in a multigenerational workplace.

### November 8 - New York, NY

InteRDom representatives promoted internship and research opportunities in the DR to students and graduates of New York University at the NYU Public Health Career Fair that focused on connecting students with businesses promoting public health.

### November 20-23 - Minneapolis, MN

InteRDom representatives joined international education and academic professionals at a four-day conference entitled, “Align. Innovate. Educate,” sponsored by the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), in Minneapolis, Minnesota. More than 500 professionals discussed educational innovations and demands as they networked to form new relationships with study abroad professionals from different universities in the US and abroad.

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### July 26

Panel Discussion “Fiscal reform of the political economy: two focuses,” with Dr. Mahon, GFDD Fellow, and Mrs. Germania Montas, former deputy director general of the Dirección General de Impuestos Internos (GDII) at FUNGLODE’s headquarters in Santo Domingo, DR

### September 16

Yuan Li, a Chinese native and M.A. candidate at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies begins the three-month field portion of her research project entitled “Chinese Influence on Dominican Economic Development: Analyses

of Trade and Investment between Dominican Republic and People’s Republic of China” in Santo Domingo, DR

### October 17

Panel “Local Capacity Development: The Key to Benefiting from Globalization and Reducing Unemployment in the Dominican Republic” by Fellow researcher José Caraballo Cueto and comments by Andrés Van der Horst, Executive Director of the National Council on Competitiveness at United Nations in New York, US

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necessary research in New York, the team expanded its focus to Dominican children living in their home country in order to study the impact of culture, migration and acculturation on family processes and children’s mental health. In just two weeks researchers interviewed nearly 240 Dominican parents of pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first graders of all social strata concerning the early education of their children. Findings will be used to inform the adaptation of family interventions for young Dominican children living inside and outside the Dominican Republic.

## 3 New Research Projects Began in 2013, and 3 Others Concluded with Presentations for Both U.S. and Dominican Audiences.

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Carl Allen presented his published research on urban transport with the former President of the Dominican Republic, Dr. Leonel Fernández



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Gustavo Rojas, Yamile Eusebio, Yosmayra Reyes, Victor Ángeles

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scriptive analysis of the services and treatments available in Monte Plata and in the national institutions dedicated to mental health.

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## July 26 - Santo Domingo, DR

Dr. Mahon gave a seminar to an audience of economists and political experts at FUNGLODE's headquarters in Santo Domingo, where he explained the need for countries to be conscious of the importance of efficient social spending that emanates from incoming tax revenue. At the panel discussion, entitled "Fiscal reform of the political economy: two focuses," Mr. Mahon discussed distribution of taxes in Latin America, together with his counterpart, Mrs. Germania Montás, former deputy director general of the Dirección General de Impuestos Internos (GDII), who provided the Dominican perspective.



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## October 17 - New York, NY

In honor of the United Nations International Day of Eradication of Poverty, GFDD and FUNGLODE, in collaboration with the Dominican Republic Mission to the UN, held a panel discussion and book launch of 2013 Fellows Program scholar José Carballo Cueto's research: *Local Capacity Development: The Key to Benefiting from Globalization and Reducing Unemployment in the Dominican Republic*. Dr. Carballo's study provides an incisive analysis on how increases in employment and entrepreneurship contribute to poverty eradication and could enhance market competitiveness in the Dominican Republic. Andrés Van der Horst, Executive Director of the National Council on Competitiveness, also participated in the panel discussion to represent the Dominican perspective.



# Global Dominican Academic Exchange

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The Global Dominican Academic Exchange Program (GDAE) aims to introduce Dominican students to the American style of liberal arts education and encourage dialogue between them and their Dominican-American counterparts attending these institutions, thereby encouraging and inspiring partnership and entrepreneurship initiatives which will foster innovation and stimulate Dominican economic development and international understanding.

The initiative organizes a series of annual topic-specific events of short (maximum one week) duration in collaboration with the Dominican student organizations at a variety of U.S. universities. GDAE works closely with student representatives to plan the activities, then recruits and brings students from Dominican universities to participate. Hosting events with different thematic concentrations ensures that diverse groups of Dominican students have the opportunity to participate.

May 22

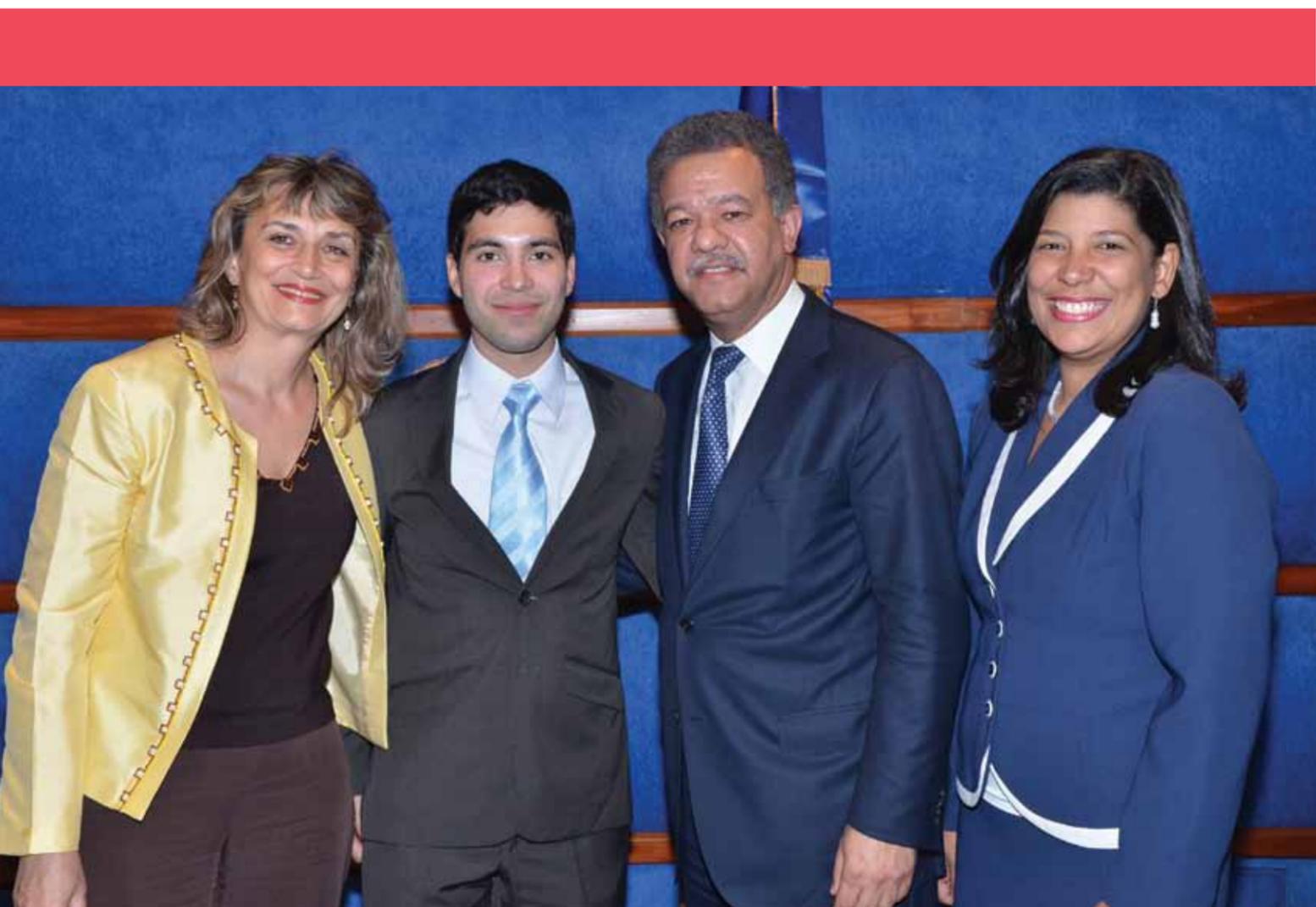
GFDD Hosted Panel to Promote the Utilization of Latin American Political Thinkers in Political Science Studies

September 15

Official launch of the Global Dominican Academic Exchange Program at Yale University

November 11

Ten Dominican college students participated in the first edition of the InterRDom program at Yale University



May 2 - Santo Domingo, DR

During a roundtable discussion on “The intellectual debates in Latin America during the 19<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries,” Patricio Brito, Executive Director of Policy at the Dominican Students Association in the United States and supporter of GFDD’s initiative GDAE, advocated the inclusion of Latin American political thinkers in the study of political sciences and other sciences.

The roundtable discussion was hosted by the President of both foundations and former President of the Republic, Dr. Leonel Fernández, who led a roundtable discussion and addressed issues concerning the education abroad and the challenges that Dominican students face to be admitted at a foreign university.

## 10 Students From 4 Dominican Universities Traveled to Yale University for the Inaugural GDAE Event.

September 15  
New York, NY

The Global Dominican Academic Exchange Program is officially launched with the opening of applications for the first program at Yale University.



“In short I can conclude that the program left me simply stunned, I could not be more proud and happy to have been part of the first cultural and academic exchange with Yale University. I never thought such a simple and short week could impact my life in the way that it did. Undoubtedly everything we learned both academically and socially will be put into action.”

Carmen de Pool

Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra (PUCMM)



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November 11 - New Haven, CT

Ten Dominican college students participated in the first edition of the program at Yale University. Participating students included majors in economics, psychology, law, medicine, marketing, chemistry, from both public and private universities in the Dominican Republic: the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo (UASD), Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra (PUCMM), Iberoamerican University (UNIBE) and the Technological Institute of Santo Domingo (INTEC). Each participant was matched with a Yale student based on mutual interests and study area. They roomed with that student and attended classes with them throughout the week.



The schedule of activities included a private meet and greet session with Pulitzer Prize-winner Junot Díaz, as well as a performance by Sabrosura, the Latin dance group; a panel discussion on Latinos in Higher Education; a lecture on immigration policy and the treatment of migrants in America; visits to the Yale Undergraduate Art Gallery and Peabody Museum, and various social events with the Dominican Student Association and other student groups on campus.

“I believe that this first experience should be seen as a good example of the many to come, because the more people who live this unforgettable experience, the more auto sufficient – motivated – determined – entrepreneurs Dominicans there will be, who will always seek the welfare of not only them but their country.”

Pamela Polanco

Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra (PUCMM)

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For more than 3 years, GFDD's Global Roundtables have brought together some of the most pre-eminent figures on the global scene, primarily from intergovernmental bodies like the United Nations, to discuss issues of international concern, ask questions and exchange ideas. Through these Global Roundtables, GFDD contributes to enhancing the visibility and understanding of the work in the United Nations System. Through the years, these initiatives have evolved into important regular meetings looked forward to by participants as well as viewers, here and abroad. These meetings look at issues pertaining to the Millennium Development Goals and other sustainable development targets in the countries being spotlighted.



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## Global Roundtables

In 2013, GFDD and FUNGLODE produced 8 editions of their online broadcasting series "Global Roundtables." The program hosted United Nations dignitaries representing the following UN Agencies, Departments and Ambassadors:

### February

Mr. José Miguel Guzmán  
Chief of the Population and Development Branch of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

### March

Mr. Ion Botnaru  
Director of General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management

### April

H. E. Luis Alfonso de Alba  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations

### May

H. E. Jorge Valero Briceño  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations

### June

H. E. Carlos Enrique García González  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations

### July

Mr. Michael Lennard  
Chief of International Tax Cooperation and Trade in the Financing for Development Office of the United Nations

### September

H.E. John William Ashe  
President-Elect, 68th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

### November

Mr. Victor Ovalles Santos  
Coordinator of G-77 in issues related to Global Economic Governance and Financing for Development, United Nations



"We should ensure that human rights, the rule of law, and good governance practices anchor the evolving policy platforms in a manner that empowers people to contribute to sustainable development."

Ambassador Ashe



"Since the establishment of the UN, Mexico has taken the lead in seeking to find a balance between the political, social and economic agendas. For that reason, the country has been advocating reform of ECOSOC, the Economic and Social Council, wherein sustainable development is a high priority."

Ambassador de Alba



"Financing is a seed.. that can have multiple effects. ODA is a very important tool, mobilizing resources domestically and internationally, to spur FFD to work and progress."

Mr. Ovalles

H.E. Carlos Enrique García González - Mr. Ion Botnaru  
H.E. John William Ashe - H.E. Jorge Valero Briceño  
Mr. José Miguel Guzmán - H.E. Luis-Alfonso de Alba  
Mr. Victor Ovalles-Santos



Yamile Eusebio, José Miguel Guzmán, Natasha Despotovic

### Mr. José Miguel Guzmán

Chief of the Population and Development Branch of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Walking us through some of the burning, and at times controversial, questions related to "Megatrends", Mr. Guzmán elaborated on the topic.

Mr. Guzmán described current demographic trends that are transforming economies, societies, the earth's ability to provide as well as our general wellbeing around the world. "And they will have even a greater impact in the future," he explained. These "megatrends" include such processes as ageing, migration and urbanization, all of which carry their own set of problems such as caring for the elderly while educating, providing jobs, housing and, hopefully, leaving a half-way decent planet for the younger generation.

Other population "megatrends", said Mr. Guzmán, include migration and urbanization, both of which, these days, seem unavoidable and unstoppable.

"How well we plan our actions to cope with [the urbanization trend] today, will have an impact on the world and our future on the planet."

Mr. Guzmán.



Margaret Hayward, Natasha Despotovic, Ion Botnaru

### Mr. Ion Botnaru

Director of General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management

United Nations' influence continues to be essential in its search for world peace, economic equality, and environmental awareness.

Ion Botnaru sat down at the roundtable to explain some of the ins and outs of the world body to GFDD viewers. While the UN is generally understood as an international forum comprised of representatives from Member States and other groups from around the world who meet to deliberate on the world's major questions, issues and mostly crises and propose solutions, Mr. Botnaru shed light on how it is set up, who gets to speak and vote, how it has evolved or been reformed over time and, most importantly, are voices from civil society being heard and who is listening.

Explaining about the interaction between the UN and NGOs, Botnaru said that even though the latter don't participate in the General Assembly directly, they are closely involved in the UN on many levels through the debates, panel discussions, roundtables and mandatory briefings by the Secretariat on all UN meetings, resolutions, and actions.

The Global Roundtables Are Unique Windows into a World at the United Nations that Would Otherwise Not Be Seen by the General Population. Dominican and International Audiences in New York Area Can Apply to Participate in Person.



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### H. E. Luis-Alfonso de Alba

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the UN

Financing sustainable development, the outcome of the Climate Change summit in Cancun in 2010, ECOSOC Reform and the current political situation in Mexico was discussed in detail.

As Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations and a career diplomat since 1983, de Alba has extensive knowledge about the international politics and how that world interfaces with important global issues, especially in the area of the environment.

As President of the UN Human Rights Council and Chief Negotiator for the Climate Change Summit, Ambassador de Alba spoke about the recent developments in UN reform procedures and to what extent Mexico is engaged.



### H. E. Jorge Valero Briceño

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the UN

#### What Next for Post-Chavez Venezuela?

In the wake of the death of the country's indomitable leader Chávez, Venezuelan Representative to the UN, Mr. Jorge Valero Brinceño sat down at the Global Roundtable and told GFDD audiences that he is very enthusiastic about the direction that Venezuela is heading and the example it is setting for the rest of the world. "What was accomplished under the late President Chávez, including reducing extreme poverty by 70% and unemployment by 7.5%, providing financial support for stay-at-home mothers, free health care and free education (college enrollment in Venezuela is the fifth highest in Latin America) will continue," said Ambassador Valero.

He called his country a key actor on the continent as it provides support across the board for many struggling countries, such as Haiti for whom Venezuelan donations are the highest in the region.

He cited President Jimmy Carter who said that the Venezuelan electoral system is the most efficient in the world and he lauded the newly elected President Nicolás Maduro for his efforts in uniting Venezuelans and continuing Chávez's work to improve people's standards of living.



### H. E. Carlos Enrique García González

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the UN

Speaking about Ciudad Mujer and Peace Zones set up to keep rival gangs apart, Ambassador García seemed happy to spread the good news about his country which has too often been equated with violence and instability.

El Salvador, still recovering from having suffered a lengthy civil war in the 1980's, is back in the news again with domestic violence issues in a country where six thousand cases are reported weekly.

As Vice-Chairman of the Commission for Social Development and the Commission on the Status of Women, H. E. García explained the importance of a new project "Ciudad Mujer," an Inter-American Development Bank-supported initiative to improve

the quality of women's lives. The first center was opened in March 2011 and since then, explained Ambassador García, three more have opened since then and at least six more will be opening in the near future. Women have access to periodic medical and dental visits, child healthcare service, domestic violence prevention/assistance, financial empowerment, sexual and reproductive health, as well as the promotion and defense of her rights.

### Mr. Michael Lennard

Chief of International Tax Cooperation and Trade in the Financing for Development Office of the UN

Taxes are an antidote to aid dependence and a solution to sustainable growth.

Taxes...we all pay them, we all complain but most of us don't totally understand how they work - and with good reason. Michael Lennard, Chief of International Tax Cooperation and Trade in the Financing for Development Office (FfDO) of the United Nations, told the Global Roundtable why taxes are a tangible solution for sustainable growth: they provide governments with the funds needed to invest in development, relieve poverty and deliver public services.

Giving an example of how tangible tax matters are, Mr. Lennard introduced, explained and illustrated the concepts of Transfer Pricing and Double Tax Treaties, two major regulations that constitute an important legal framework for international exchange of goods and services. He simplified Transfer Pricing as "the price at which multinationals conduct transactions within them."



Michael Lennard

## H.E. John William Ashe

President - Elect, 68<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly

### Eradication of Poverty: Top Priority for the President of the 68<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

John William Ashe, President of the 68th Session of the UN General Assembly, with nearly 3 decades of diplomatic work under his belt, sat down at the Global Roundtable to state that the core of his work as President of the General Assembly, which he assumed in September 2013, would be the eradication of poverty and respect for human rights.

In the UN's search to identify the parameters of the Post-2015 development agenda, His Excellency John Ashe told the Roundtable about the Open Working Group, composed of 30 high level experts, who are working on a proposal to replace the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

GA President Ashe helped Roundtable participants comprehend the differences between the two frameworks and why adopting SDGs would be constructive for a post 2015 development agenda. "By replacing MDGs with SDGs," he explained, "we can continue to build a sustainable economy and address the needs of climate change and environmental degradation, which clearly undermines development and threatens civilization itself."



## Mr. Victor Ovalles-Santos

Coordinator of G77 in issues related to Global Economic Governance and Financing for Development, UN

### Financing is a Seed That Can Have Long Term Multiplying Effects.

The International Conference on Financing for Development took place in Monterrey, Mexico, marking an important landmark in the partnership on global development. Heads of State and Government joined by the Heads of the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the World Trade Organization, prominent business and civil society leaders as well as other stakeholders adopted the outcome document of the Conference, a.k.a. the "Monterrey Consensus," – a major reference

point for international development cooperation. The follow-up Conference in 2008, which adopted the Doha Declaration on FfD, included the key message of a strong commitment by developed countries to maintain their Official Development Assistance (ODA) to developing nations irrespective of the current financial crisis.

Mr. Ovalles explained that FfD, in all instances, means solidarity and a larger collaboration amongst nations for more sustainable growth and prosperity.

# Collaboration with the United Nations System



GFDD and FUNGLODE are dedicated to promoting and advancing issues at the forefront of the United Nations' agenda. Its Fellows Program chooses areas of research that are fully aligned with ECOSOC topics of interest, and research outcomes and results are presented during ECOSOC regular sessions at UN Headquarters in New York. GFDD and FUNGLODE regularly participate in UN agencies discussions and meetings and contribute to their reports and position papers. See our website for access to GFDD/FUNDGLODE position papers and contributions made to the UN Development Goals during lively panel discussions.

### GFDD allies itself closely with the work of the UN:

- *Special Consultative Status with Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)*
- *Association with the UN Department of Public Information (DPI)*
- *UN Global Compact UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)*
- *Office on Drugs and Crime*
- *World Summit on Information Society (WSIS)*

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## By Further Fostering the Partnership with the United Nations and the Rest of NGO Community, the Foundation Hopes to Continue Making a Difference to the Planet and Its Peoples

### At United Nations, New York, US

#### February 11

Panel Discussion “Policy Space through Domestic Resource Mobilization - a Key to Empowerment for Social Development”

#### March 6

Panel Discussion “Education and Other Important Tools for Women Empowerment and Gender Equality”

#### April 22

Written statement “Coherence, Coordination and Cooperation in the Context of Financing for Sustainable Development and the Post-2015 Development Agenda”

#### May 16

Panel “Moving Forward: Growth and Opportunities in the Dominican Capital Markets” in conjunction with DOWS and AMCHAMDR

#### May 29

Special Meeting of ECOSOC on International Cooperation in Tax Matters: Keynote Presentation on “Transfer Pricing Challenges for Developing Countries”

#### August 1

2013, GFDD Granted United Nations Accreditation with Special Status to ECOSOC and Simultaneously FUNGLODE Upgraded to General Status to ECOSOC

#### September 17

GFDD Associated to DPI

#### October 7

High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development GFDD organized Panel Discussion “Innovative Financing for the Post-2015 Agenda: The Implications of a Financial Transaction Tax”

#### October 17

Panel discussion and publication launch “Local Productivity, Entrepreneurship and Employment: Essential Tools for Poverty Eradication”

#### November 6

GFDD elected to NGO Committee on Financing for Development and Executive Committee



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to Promote Sustainable Development and to Achieve the MDGs” at United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland

#### August 7

Meeting with President Elect of the General Assembly, John Ashe, FUNGLODE in Santo Domingo, DR

### Around the world

#### June 6

GFDD Joined Executive Committee of UN USA in Washington DC, US

#### July 3

GFDD delivered an oral and written statement at the ECOSOC High-Level Segment: “The Dominican Republic: Science, Technology and Innovation, and the Potential of Culture

## GFDD Contributed Regularly to the United Nations Agenda Through a Series of Ongoing Panels, Events and Interventions.

### February 11 - New York, NY

GFDD/ FUNGLODE represented the work of Dominican Tax Office as it weighed in on Promoting Social Justice during United Nations Commission on Social Development (UNCSD).

The topic of the meeting, “Policy space through domestic resource mobilization - a key to empowerment for social development,” was tackled by GFDD/ FUNGLODE, in partnership with Social Justice in Global Development, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNSRID), Loretto Community and the Committee on Financing for Development within the framework of the 51st Session of the Commission for Social Development, the focus of which was empowerment of people for social development through the eradication of poverty and decent employment.

Ms. Germania Montás, Former Deputy Director of the Dominican Tax Office’s position paper, “Best practices in the tax administration for sustained revenue increase for social development” was presented by the GFDD. Ms. Montas’ paper underscored the importance of best practices in the tax administration in order to increase social development, using her country, the Dominican Republic, as a case study of a tax collection system that promotes social justice.



Dominican Republic is showcased as a country where tax revenues can promote social justice and development during the UN annual CSD.

## United Nations Panel During the Commission on Status of Women Affirmed that Education is Key to Female Empowerment.

Alejandrina Germán speaks on behalf of Dominican women

### March 6 - New York, NY

UN Panel Affirmed Education is the most effective way to achieve equality between men and women and is an important tool to prevent and combat violence against women.

GFDD/FUNGLODE, the Dominican Republic Mission to the UN, the Dominican Republic Ministry of Women, Reso-Femmes-International and the Alliance of Civilizations joined up at a UN Side Event as part of the 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women. “Education and Other Important Tools for Women Empowerment and Gender Equality,” a topic that brought together government, civil society and youth representatives from different countries and

continents, including the Dominican Republic, Africa and Haiti.

Minister for Women’s Affairs in the Dominican Republic, Alejandrina Germán, told the gathering that in the DR women are participating in every area of Dominican society thanks to education that has been ongoing since the 19<sup>th</sup> century with the establishment of the teachers’ training institute.



April 22 - New York, NY

GFDD and FUNGLODE participate on behalf of Civil Society Organizations in the High-Level Meeting of the Economic and Social Council.

GFDD/FUNGLODE contributed to the Special high-level meeting of ECOSOC with the Bretton Woods Institutions, the World Trade Organization and the UN Conference on Trade and Development with a written contribution on its stance on the important issue of financing for development.

The Foundations presented their work on the impacts of innovative sources of financing for

development, and put forth recommendations and on behalf of the Committee for Financing for Development reaffirmed their support for the multi-stakeholder financing for development of the follow-up and implementation process set out in The Monterrey Consensus, which is a major point of reference for international development cooperation.

May 16 - New York, NY

GFDD/FUNGLODE UN Panel Looked at Opportunities for Growth in DR's Capital Markets.

As part of Dominican Week 2013, GFDD/FUNGLODE, in collaboration with Dominicans on Wall Street, American Chamber of Commerce DR and the Dominican Mission to the UN, hosted a panel "Moving Forward: Growth and Opportunities in the Dominican Capital Markets."

In recent years, the DR has made great strides in developing its capital markets, banking sector

and improving the institutional framework for the management of public debt, the private bond market and pension funds. However, the panelists concluded, the level of financing within the economy is still small and there are important structural challenges that need to be addressed. They discussed the potential of the Dominican financial system and offered a series of recommendations to help develop the capital markets.



Máximo Vidal, President AmChamDR, General Manager Citi Bank; Yamile Eusebio, GFDD New York office Director; Frank Gutiérrez, President of DOWS and Vice President at J.P. Morgan Asset Management; Roberto Herrera, President of the US-DR Semana Dominicana Organizing Committee

May 28 - New York, NY

GFDD and FUNGLODE gave Keynote Address at UN ECOSOC International Tax Cooperation Meeting.

GFDD and its sister organization FUNGLODE were in attendance of the Expert Group Meeting on the Taxation of the Extractive Industry organized by the Financing for Development Office of UN-DESA. The meeting at the UN's ECOSOC chamber brought together the most respected national tax authorities with expertise in the extractive industry, experts from international financial organizations, as well as representatives from non-governmental organizations and the private sector.

The purpose of the event was to contribute to advancing the work of the UN Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters through interactive discussions among relevant stakeholders on key issues and emerging challenges, particularly for developing countries.

One of the highlights of this high level meeting was the keynote address given by GFDD and FUNGLODE collaborator, Germania Montás Yapur, who is a senior economist and former deputy of the General Directorate of Internal Revenue of the Dominican Republic. Ms. Montás introduced the Dominican Republic

experience as a resource rich country seeking to mobilize resources for the national development. She highlighted the importance of signing contracts between tax authorities and mining companies on exchange of information for tax purposes, with the ultimate fiscal transparency of mining contractors. "In this regard," noted the distinguished guest, "the IMF's Code of Good Practices on Fiscal Transparency and the civil society's Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative provide the most efficient guiding principles and standards on transparency of payments and revenues from the extractive industries."



Germania Montás

June 14 - Washington, DC

GFDD Elected to Executive Committee of Council on Organizations.

GFDD attended the 2013 UNA-USA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC as part of the organization's 70th anniversary.

Having officially joined the UNA-USA Council of Organizations in January, GFDD was elected to the COO's Executive Committee by unanimous vote on June 2.

At this year's annual meeting, panelists discussed the Millennium Development Goals, human rights, UN Women and civil society, and grass roots mobilization.

As part of the Annual Meeting, UNA-USA also hosted the most important advocacy event of

the year - Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill, which gave members an opportunity to meet with the elected officials and to remind them about an institution that represents public interests in the United Nations.



July 3 - New York, NY

GFDD Called to Speak at ECOSOC.

Economic and Social Council High Level Segment: "Science and Technology in Overcoming Twenty-first Century Challenges, such as Extreme Poverty, Inequality and Environmental Degradation".

GFDD and FUNGLODE were one amongst only three NGOs with consultative status to be called to speak at ECOSOC on the evening of July 3rd concerning: "The Dominican Republic: Science, Technology and Innovation, and the Potential of Culture to Promote Sustainable Development and to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals."

The Foundations presented their work on supporting initiatives that link public and

private sectors to civil society and asserted that, binding different sectors that governed people's lives would strengthen stakeholders' actions and allow the expected results to be achieved in less time and with a greater success. To illustrate, GFDD and FUNGLODE's set an example of the projects that had been implemented successfully for more than ten years titled "The Partners in Learning Program," initiated between the Ministry of Education, Microsoft Dominicana and GFDD. As a result, the program trained 30,000 teachers in the use of informational technologies at various levels of the educational process, both for public and private educational institutions.

July 18 - New York, NY

New UN Accreditation Status Heightened Foundations' Role at the UN.

Within the framework of the Substantive Session of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, GFDD was officially granted special consultative status with ECOSOC. At the same time, FUNGLODE, its sister organization in the Dominican Republic, was also reclassified and upgraded from special consultative status to general consultative status.

These further recognitions and heightened roles were acknowledged by the decisions made in reference to an NGO Committee Report E/2013/32 (Part I), and signal a considerable

achievement for our Foundations and their work with the UN body.

This special consultative status is granted by ECOSOC upon recommendation of the ECOSOC Committee on NGOs, which is comprised of 19 Member States. To be eligible for consultative status, an NGO must meet certain criteria such as: being established for at least two years with its own headquarters, having a democratically adopted constitution, authority to speak for its members, and possess a representative structure that has appropriate mechanisms for accountability and transparent decision-making processes.

*"Taxes are the ultimate source of state income and the three pillars of sound revenue generation - i) adequate tax system, ii) sound fiscal rules and iii) an efficient tax administration with fiscally responsible citizens."*  
Germania Montás

*"Civil society organizations, such as FUNGLODE and GFDD must play a key role in this work because it is not possible for governments to do it alone."*  
H.E. John Ashe

*GFDD Communications said on behalf of the Foundation, "Acknowledging the importance of public-private-non-profit partnerships to achieve common goals, we take a strong stance in promoting strategies and realizing projects that seek to expand cooperation between the three sectors."*  
Margaret Hayward,



H.E. John Ash, President of the 68th Session of UNGA asserts that poverty eradication will be the main focus

AUGUST 5 - Santo Domingo, DR

UN General Assembly President-Elect Met with GFDD/FUNGLODE Executives in Santo Domingo.

His Excellency John Ashe, incoming President of the 68th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), visited FUNGLODE headquarters in Santo Domingo where he was hosted by Dr. Leonel Fernández, Ms. Natasha Despotovic and others in a roundtable discussion in which the newly-elected UNGA President talked about the eradication of extreme poverty as a key factor in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015.

GFDD Director Natasha Despotovic led the group discussion, which also included important members of the Dominican diplomatic corps.

Although he recognized that the eradication of poverty is a difficult goal and most likely will not be completely fulfilled, Mr. Ashe stressed the achievements that can be highlighted and which must move forward. But he insisted that "the eradication of extreme poverty must be the focus of everything we will do." He explained that when initially planning for the MDGs, there were no established goals on areas as basic as water, sustainable energy and sanitation, for which specific objectives are now being proposed. To these he added issues about women and youth, for which, he said, "we should not leave anything aside in the post-2015 agenda."

September 11 - New York, NY

GFDD Strengthened Its Association with UN Department of Public Information.

The UN Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations approved the GFDD for association with the Department of Public Information (DPI).

The DPI, established in 1946, promotes global awareness and understanding of the work of the UN through radio, TV, print, Internet and video-conferencing - all media tools the GFDD possesses and has honed over the years through its numerous projects.

The DPI's mission of interacting and partnering with diverse audiences and building support for

peace, development and human rights are in keeping with and have guided and inspired the GFDD. This recognition and heightened roles of GFDD and FUNGLODE reflect a considerable achievement of the Foundations' ongoing work with the United Nations. The Foundations look forward to focusing a portion of their publications and information activities on the work of the UN, while cooperating with UN Information Centers to meet mutual goals and objectives.

## Civil Society, Private Sector and Governments Debated Who Would Finance the Post 2015 Development Agenda.



Yamile Eusebio, Director, NY GFDD Office; José Caraballo Cueto, Ph.D. in Economics, and former InterDom Fellow; Andrés Van der Horst, Minister and Executive Director, National Advisory for Dominican Committee on Competitiveness and Mandy Sciacchitano, InterDom and Fellows Program Manager who moderated the panel.

### October 7 - Monterrey, Mexico GFDD/FUNGLODE UN Panel Addressed “Innovative Financing for the Post-2015 Agenda and the Implications of a Financial Transaction Tax”

The first UN International Conference on Financing for Development in Monterrey Mexico 2002 attracted 50 Heads of State and over 200 government ministers, as well as private sector, civil society, trade, economic and monetary organizations. On October 7-8, a follow-up High Level Dialogue on Financing and Development was held at the UN in New York. As part of this program, three interactive multi-stakeholder roundtables were held – one of them was organized by FUNGLODE/GFDD in coordination with the Dominican Mission to the UN, UBUNTU, International Trade Union Commission and NGO Committee on Financing for Development. The discussion centered on “Innovative Financing for the Post-2015 Agenda: The Implications of a Financial Transaction Tax.”

GFDD Executive Director Natasha Despotovic, called for greater funding, in the form of Financial Transaction Taxes (FTT) on global financial transactions as a way of mobilizing resources towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and paving the way for a Post-

2015 development agenda. Explaining FTT’s as a very small tax on trades of stocks, derivatives, currency and other financial instruments, she asked her fellow panelists to heed to the experts who agree that the most efficient way to raise capital is to tax the global financial transactions that are ending up untouched in tax havens. She noted that between \$190 and \$280 billion dollars are lost annually due to tax evasion on money stashed in offshore banks, representing fully 5 to 7 trillion dollars, or 6-8% of total global investment, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

In her presentation at the UN side panel, Ms. Despotovic gave specific examples of the results of this practice. One was jarring: an annual \$250 billion in tax evasion will be responsible for the deaths of 5.6 million children between the years 2000-2015, according to Christian Aid. This evasion of \$250 billion annually is the amount the World Bank estimates is needed to complete the funding necessary to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, according to Dr. Leonel Fernández, as quoted by Ms. Despotovic.

### October 17 - New York, NY GFDD and FUNGLODE UN Panel Highlighted Local Solutions for Global Issues: Poverty Reduction and Eradication.

In honor of the United Nations International Day of Eradication of Poverty, GFDD/FUNGLODE in collaboration with the Dominican Republic Mission to the UN, organized a Panel Discussion entitled: “Local Productivity, Entrepreneurship and Employment: Essential Tools for Poverty Eradication.”

The same day, the Fellows publication: *Local Capacity Development: The Key to Benefiting from Globalization and Reducing Unemployment in the Dominican Republic*, by José Caraballo, was released.

Caraballo’s extensive research delivers incisive

analysis on how increases in employment and entrepreneurship contribute to the economic development of the DR.



On behalf of Ambassador Alcántara, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Dominican Mission to the UN, Counselor Luz Andújar, thanked GFDD for this initiative and for organizing this event for International Day on the Eradication of Poverty.

### November 6 - - New York, NY GFDD Representative Elected to Executive Committee of Financing for Development.

GFDD was selected to the NGO Executive Committee on FfD by unanimous vote on October 2 for a two-year term, in recognition of its efforts in the areas of Financing for Development (FfD). The new role will provide an opportunity to network and dialogue at the UN with those working on FfD issues and collaborate with the global network of FFD organizations.

Margaret Hayward, GFDD Representative, who has been appointed member at large, said it is an

opportunity to reach a wider audience in an effort to influence global policy and change.

The NGO Committee, of which GFDD has been a member since 2009, is guided by the 2002 Monterrey Consensus, and urges policy makers to support development strategies that end global poverty and advance human rights. The Committee seeks international financial systems that are fair and truly representative of all people.

# Collaboration with the United Nations Association of Dominican Republic (ANU-RD)

*These events provide open interactive forum for students to broaden their understanding of the work done by the UN while giving them with an invaluable opportunity to improve their professional skills through debates on global issues within the context of the UN agenda.*



The UNA-DR is dedicated to promoting the work of UN in the Dominican Republic. Since 2003 it has been coordinating educational and cultural initiatives to raise awareness of the United Nations' work and encourage participation in UN-related activities. GFDD joined the partnership and has provided significant support to the organization of activities like the Model UN, Model OAS and Model Inter-American System, providing valuable learning and networking experiences for thousands of youths.



## February 26 - Santo Domingo, DR 300 Students Attended Dominican Model Inter-American System (MODOSI 2013).

The former President of the Dominican Republic Leonel Fernández, and President of GFDD and FUNGLODE, offered the closing remarks to this third edition at the Mauricio Báez Cultural Center Auditorium of Santo Domingo.

OAS General Assembly, the Summit of the Americas and the Inter-American Development Bank. After three days of discussion, debate and negotiation, students passed three resolutions and a statement, the preparation of which was aided by the advice of experts from the OAS in these subjects.

During the MODOSI students performed simulations of the Permanent Council and the

**February 26**  
Dominican Model Inter-American System (MODOSI 2013)

**March 22**  
NYDRMUN in New York

**July**  
DEUROMUN in Paris

**September 6**  
UNA-DR in Association with UNDP-DR and GFDD Announce Winner of 5th Dominican Youth Delegate to UN Program

**October**  
CILA in Punta Cana

*"There is a need to generate greater income and decent employment for young people; the protection and promotion of the freedom of expression; and strategies for combating drug abuse. There is no doubt that there is a relationship between poverty, the lack of opportunities and information, and their connection to crime and violence."*

**Albert Ramdin**  
Assistant Secretary General of the OAS, Ambassador

*"The United Nations is important because of the manner in which it has responded with respect, tolerance and consensus to problems ranging from the HIV-AIDS to the environment."*

**Lorenzo Jiménez de Luis**  
UNDP Resident Representative

## March 22 - New York, NY About 600 Dominican students gathered at the Ninth meeting of the DR Model UN (NYDRMUN) in New York.

Young diplomats from the Dominican Republic crowded the UN General Assembly Hall and the Convention Center of the Hilton Hotel for this 4-day event wherein they joined students from other countries, like Venezuela, Colombia, Mexico, Argentina, Haiti, Bolivia and the US. They came to discuss major challenges the international community is facing today and how to find solutions to the most urgent issues as laid out by the UN Agenda and the Millennium Development Goals.

Nations Association of the Dominican Republic (UNA-DR), participants discussed and examined the umbrella topics of the Millennium Goals as well as others including water cooperation in view of International Water Day (March 22) as well as peace and security in Africa, Haiti and Palestine and the US-led economic embargo of Cuba.

The NYDRMUN is an open interactive forum for students to broaden their understanding of the work done by the UN while providing them with an invaluable opportunity to improve their professional skills through debates on global issues within the context of the UN agenda.

At this event, an initiative of GFDD and FUNGLODE in partnership with the United

July 14-21 - Paris, France

### Dominican-European Model UN Conference in Paris.

The Dominican Association of the United Nations (UNA-DR), in collaboration with GFDD/FUNGLODE officially inaugurated the III edition of the Dominican-European Model United Nations Conference (DEUROMUN 2013).

This meeting in Paris involved more than 100 students from around the world, including Dominican high schools and colleges, who gathered to discuss global

issues and to take special courses with experts from the Sorbonne and UNESCO.

The DEUROMUN is an open interactive forum for students to broaden their understanding of the United Nations while improving their professional skills through debates on global issues within the context of the UN agenda.



Work at CILA culminated with the presentation of awards to the most outstanding delegations of the conference.

October 27-31 - Punta Cana, DR

### Enthusiastic CILA Participants Reflected and Reveled in Uniting Nations.

The Ninth Edition of the International Conference of the Americas (CILA 2013) drew to a successful and inspiring close on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> in Punta Cana, with the participation of more than 1,200 animated students from different regions of the world, who had for three days united in an environment of diplomacy and cooperation to discuss and propose solutions to the challenges facing the international community.

This year's conference saw its participants representing one of 15 separate UN bodies/commissions and a

number of related multilateral, regional or international institutions, and offered seminars, conferences, workshops and exhibitions, in addition to social and cultural activities, on themes directly related to the agenda of the United Nations. A series of parallel activities to the Model United Nations were held, among which were: the II Congress of Educators, a Global Concert, Cultural Meeting Delegates Party, and the Second Edition of the Dominican International Law of Procedure Competition before the International Court of Justice (CODOCIJ 2013).

September 6 - New York, NY

### UNA-DR in Association with UNDP-DR and GFDD Announced Winner of 5<sup>th</sup> Dominican Youth Delegate to UN Program.

Dr. Richard Bidó Medina was selected to be the 5<sup>th</sup> Dominican Youth Delegate to the UN and attended the Third Committee of the General Assembly: Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Affairs at the UN in New York.

Executive Director of UNA-DR Mr. Emil Chireno stressed the importance of these types of initiatives for young Dominicans to gain knowledge, development opportunities and bolster the DR's reputation.

# Collaboration with the Organization of American States



GFDD has been a vigorous supporter of the objectives of the Organization of American States (OAS), Summit of the Americas and the Civil Society of the OAS, the nongovernmental and civic association set up to share expertise and participate in decision-making processes related to development and democratic advancement in the region.

Thanks to a long-standing partnership with the OAS, GFDD has been able to develop joint programs and projects with different departments and secretariats of local and international bodies that benefit the Dominican Republic.

*As active members of the civil society community, GFDD and FUNGLODE regularly develop and implement programs with different departments and divisions of the OAS, in fields such as; democracy, regional integration, trade, environment, education, culture, drug abuse prevention, as well as internships and professional training opportunities*

February 13

Dominican-Haiti Exhibit "On Common Ground-Dominican Republic and Haiti" in Washington DC, US

February 26

III Annual Dominican Model of the Inter-American System (MODOSI) in Santo Domingo, DR

April 12

Corporate Social Responsibility Addressed at OAS Side-Events in Washington DC, US

June 3

GFDD/FUNGLODE Attends 43rd General Assembly of OAS in Antigua, Guatemala

*"Culture is an unbreakable bridge that serves nations not only by forging new ties, but in particular by deepening relationships and broadening the ties of understanding and friendship that countries are always seeking in their aspirations for greater integration."*

José Miguel Insulza  
Secretary General

*"The Exhibition reflects the aspirations of both countries to move forward in their relationship, thus it is only fitting that we would present contemporary works of art from emerging artists pointing us in the direction of a fruitful future."*

Paul Altidor  
Haitian Ambassador to the United States



**February 13 - Washington, DC**  
**OAS Secretary General Inaugurated Dominican/Haitian Photo Exhibit: Strengthening Ties on the Island of Hispaniola.**

“On Common Ground - Dominican Republic and Haiti,” the photo exhibit mounted by GFDD/FUNGLODE in collaboration with the Dominican and Haitian Missions to the US and OAS, was inaugurated by José Miguel Insulza, OAS Secretary General in Washington DC. In an appropriate description of the strong ties between the DR and neighboring Haiti.

The exhibition did not shy away from the complexity of the Haitian-Dominican relationship but indeed offered a hopeful future. Featured artists from Haiti included: Patrick Ganthier, Marc Lee Steed, Jean Enmanuel, Manuel Mathieu, Pascale Monnin and from the DR: Natalia Ortega Gámez, Hulda Guzmán, Gustavo Peña, Engel Leonardo and Julio Valdez.

**February 26 - Santo Domingo, DR**  
**OAS, FUNGLODE and GFDD Recreate Dominican Model Inter-American System in Santo Domingo.**

The MODOSI is the result of an alliance between the OAS General Secretariat, GFDD/FUNGLODE, and the UN Association of the Dominican Republic. Former President of the Dominican Republic, Leonel Fernández, emphasized the importance of reforming the education of young Dominicans and urged teachers to incorporate into their teaching programs and unconventional and interactive activities like the MODOSI, which “break out of the mold” and favor the development of skills that young people can apply to their lives and future work.

The OAS participation in national models is done through the Model OAS General Assembly (MOAS) Program, in the Office of the Assistant Secretary General of the OAS. The MOAS seek to promote democratic values and the spread of OAS work among the youth of the hemisphere by conducting exercises that simulate the political bodies of the OAS.



Representatives from GFDD, FUNGLODE, OAS, and ANUR-RD at the inauguration ceremony.



**April 16 - Washington, DC**  
**Corporate Social Responsibility Addressed at OAS Side-Events.**

A double-billing of OAS side events piggy-backed with the DR Film Showcase in DC and took advantage of the presence of two of the filmmakers, María Jose Bengoa and Fernando Báez to talk about BanReservas Volunteering Program and corporate social responsibility. But the match was appropriate as the filmmakers talked about Banco de Reservas’ well-established Volunteering program that provides assistance to the needy in the areas of health care and, having expanded, raises awareness of environmental protection and corporate performance.

The Dominican Banco de Reservas, established in 1941, became renowned for its Volunteering Program. It was recognized as the first Dominican financial institution to promote music, literature, education, sports and art in the Dominican Republic and is considered to be one of the most committed Dominican institutions to projects of solidarity and social impact.

This OAS side event took place in collaboration with the Division of Corporate Social Responsibility and Inter-American Network of the Department of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism of the OAS.

The second complementary discussion at OAS headquarters held by GFDD during their four-day Dominican Film Showcase Program, was based on the film, *Growth of Lake Enriquillo: Environmental and Social Impacts*. Following the screening and discussion of the film, the OAS’s Department of Sustainable Development opened its archives with aerial photographs and maps of the Dominican Republic including the Lake Enriquillo area. Film director Fernando Báez was given access to the photos. He thanked the organizers for the photographs, adding that they will provide excellent material for his upcoming documentary on the subject.



# International Participation

by Dr. Leonel Fernández, President of GFDD

## April 16 - Antigua, Guatemala

GFDD/FUNGLODE Attended 43<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of OAS in Antigua, Guatemala.

GFDD's Directors, Semiramis de Miranda, and Yamile Eusebio, attended several meetings on Americas Civil Society with OAS Secretary General José Miguel Insulza at the OAS's 43<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, in Antigua, Guatemala - June 4-6. More than 500 people from civil society, labor, and private sector organizations attended the meeting, underscoring the importance of the OAS's commitment to highlight and serve the needs of civil society and grass roots organizations. The central theme of this year's General Assembly was "Comprehensive Policy against the World Drug Problem in the Americas." Many leaders throughout Latin America agree that drug trafficking and the violence it breeds has become a scourge and is eating away at the fabric of society. Guatemalan President Otto Pérez Molina, who inaugurated the regular session, said this year's General Assembly will be remembered throughout the world for daring to discuss "a paradigm shift that seeks substantive contributions to the global debate on drugs."

Secretary General Insulza said he hoped the OAS's report on the drug problem in the Americas would encourage a joint search for solutions to a problem that affects all countries of the hemisphere. Mr. Insulza was referring to an OAS report released in May urging governments to consider decriminalizing some drug use. Written under Insulza's direction, the report is part of a growing movement to find new global strategies that focus on treatment and education for drug users rather than incarceration.

Guatemalan President Pérez Molina referred to the "shared responsibility" among the region's governments to recognize the seriousness of the problem and to find solutions.

GFDD/FUNGLODE attended the panel "Women and Drugs in the Americas: A diagnosis in the making," organized by the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM- for its acronym in Spanish) to analyze and debate the gender dimensions of the drug industry and growing role of women in drug trafficking. The OAS has expressed concern at the high numbers of women being arrested for drug-related crimes in the Americas - 48 percent of women in prison in Latin America are there for drug-related crimes while the figure for men is 15 percent.

GFDD/FUNGLODE also attended a regional one-day seminar with experts and practitioners on disability rights throughout the hemisphere. The meeting, hosted by Washington-based Trust for the Americas ([www.trustfortheamericas.org](http://www.trustfortheamericas.org)), was a discussion about best practices, challenges and opportunities in the implementation of Article 12 of the UN Disability Convention, and its interplay with current OAS resolutions and conventions on disability.

Recommendations released at the end of the forum called on States to promote policies and actions that ensure dignity and respect for the rights of persons with psychosocial disabilities, eradicating all forms of stigmatization, discrimination and abuse such as forced hospitalization/commitment, isolation, abandonment, mistreatment, torture, over-medication and medical experimentation. The General Assembly adopted the Inter-American Convention against Racism, Racial Discrimination, and Related Forms of Intolerance, and the Inter-American Convention against All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance.

## Addresses and International Participation by Dr. Leonel Fernández, President of GFDD and FUNGLODE: Global Outreach for the Continued Strengthening, Development and Advancement of the Dominican Republic

### March 26

Dr. Fernández chosen VP of Eminent Persons Group of African, Caribbean and Pacific States in Brussels, Belgium

### April 9

"Does Latin America Matter in the 21st Century?" Speech at Yale University, US

### April 11

Annual Conference of Executives in Panama

### May 12

Dominican Film Industry Agenda in Paris, France

### May 14

International Seminar "The Caribbean and the CELAC - EU Synergy. Operational Proposals after the Santiago Summit" in Brussels, Belgium

### May 17

Dr. Leonel Fernández opened FUNGLODE office at UNESCO in Paris

### May 18

"International Symposium: Think Global | Thinking globally" at the Institute for Global Studies in Paris, France

### June 18

"Public Leadership and Latin America's Critical Role in the World's Sustainable Development" with the Global Center for Development and Democracy (CGDD) at IADB in Washington DC, US

### July 2

GFDD and FUNGLODE, President Leonel Fernández Sought a New Economic Paradigm to Combat Inequality and Guarantee Prosperity at UNHQ in Geneva

### August 13

Promoting Dominican Film Development in the United States University, New York, NY, US

### August 30

Dominican Film and Technology-related Innovations for DR Agenda in Chicago and Miami, US

### September 12

Second meeting of the Eminent Persons Group of the ACP countries in Brussels, Belgium

### September 22

Diploma Course in Financial Management Graduation at UAPA, Santiago, DR

### October 1

Collaboration for Tech Training in DR at New York, US

### October 10

"The IV Forum on Latin American Democracy: Strengthening Social and Democratic State of Law" in Mexico

### October 28

Leonel Fernández received Honorary Degree from Paris University for Haiti Solidarity after 2010 Earthquake in Paris, France

### October 30

UNESCO Youth Forum Awards Ceremony in Paris, France

### November 15

"Winning Political Campaigns and Strategies" at GWU in Washington DC, US



**March 26 - Brussels, Belgium**

**Dr. Fernández was Chosen VP of Eminent Persons Group to Bolster Relations Between African, Caribbean and Pacific States.**

In his new function as Vice President of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) of African, Caribbean and Pacific states (ACP), Dr. Leonel Fernández will work to re-organize and relaunch the organization’s activities in cooperation with the European Union as well as other organizations and states. Particularly, he will work to establish a new kind of relationship for African, Caribbean and Pacific states in partnership with Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) as a way of enhancing South-South cooperation.

*“In the second decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the challenge for ACP countries is to reunite themselves as a block, with new identity and prospects for partnerships which will enable them to strive for progress, advancement and strengthening of democracy.”*

**Dr. Leonel Fernández**  
President of GFDD

**April 9 - New Haven, CT**

**Dr. Leonel Fernández Emphasized the Critical Role of the Hispanic Community in the Political, Social, Cultural and Economic Life of the US.**

Dr. Leonel Fernández asked and then answered the question “Does Latin America Matter in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?” at Yale University’s Law School in his capacity as Spring Chubb Fellowship Recipient 2013.

Despite the region’s achievements during the past decade in macroeconomic stability, poverty reduction and improvement of income distribution, the question “is still looming out there,” said Dr. Fernández who referred to the region as a place of enormous contrasts - not wealthy enough to be a state-of-the-art center for international financial transactions, not

poor enough to provoke worldwide pity and not dangerous enough to generate global fear.

Fernández characterized Latin America and the Caribbean as standing out in terms of cultural contributions, thereby having built its brand on a global scale. Nevertheless, Dr. Fernández expressed concern for the region’s long-term sustainability in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. He said Latin and Caribbean nations must, without exception, promote education, science and technology, and open the doors to innovation and economic diversity.



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**April 11 - Panama**

**Dr. Fernández Lauded Participatory Democracy at Annual Conference of Executives (CADE), in Panama.**

President Fernández spoke at the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Executives (CADE) “Towards a New Democracy with the Participation of All” where he said that true democracy can only be achieved through citizen participation. He described participatory democracy as “the relationship, the ongoing interaction, the dialogue between those who govern and those who are governed.” He explained that the Dominican Constitution, enacted in 2010, was the result of participatory democracy as Dominican society actively contributed to its drafting through various civic organizations.

CADE chairman, Themistocles Rosas, recognized the former Dominican president for his important leadership role in Latin America and the Caribbean.



**May 12 - Paris, France**

**Seeking Financing and Co-Productions for the Dominican Film Industry**

France’s BRED Banque Populaire expressed interest in providing financial and technical support for film co-productions in the Dominican Republic. This was discussed at a meeting in France between Dr. Leonel Fernández, the President of BRED, Steve Gentili, and a delegation of Dominican businessmen and individuals involved in culture in the DR.

**May 14 - Brussels, Belgium**

**Former President of the Dominican Republic, Leonel Fernández, Urged Latin and Caribbean Countries to Become Self-Sufficient in Food Production at the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) Summit.**

Speaking at the International Seminar “The Caribbean and the CELAC – EU Synergy. Operational Proposals after the Santiago Summit” in Brussels, President Fernández urged Latin American and Caribbean countries to work toward self-sufficiency in the area of food production as a way of cutting their reliance on outside markets. The seminar was dedicated to various aspects of bilateral relations between Europe and Latin American and the Caribbean.

Citing the case of Haiti, which practically does not grow its major dietary staple of rice because it’s cheaper to buy it from the United States where production and sales are subsidized by the government, Dr. Fernández called for a new wave of reforms in Latin America and the Caribbean that will be necessary to create the conditions for establishing a chain of production that would enable the region to effectively integrate into the world economy.

### May 17- Paris, France

Leonel Fernández Opened FUNGLODE/ GFDD Office at UNESCO in Paris: Called for Politicians to Embrace Social Sciences from an Interdisciplinary Perspective.



Recalling the WWII bombing that left much of Europe in rubble, Leonel Fernández praised the role UNESCO played since its founding in 1945, supporting mankind, building peace and promoting culture, science and education.

Fernández met with French and foreign sociologists and politicians, and discussed how social sciences can nurture and guide public policies in a roundtable entitled “From Social Sciences Research to Implementing Public Policies,” that was attended by Alain Touraine, founder of the Center for Studies on Social Movements (EHESS) and Director of Studies at

the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales. Dr. Fernández urged politicians to embrace social sciences from an interdisciplinary perspective, “because they have to do with the economy, with political sciences, with international relations and, in some cases, even with the anthropological interpretation in order to understand the problem of chronic poverty.”

*“We are extremely proud that FUNGLODE, a non-profit organization, has become the first institution of the civil society in the Dominican Republic to be welcomed as part of the UNESCO family.”*

Dr. Leonel Fernández  
President of GFDD

### May 18 - Paris, France

Leonel Fernández Taught “Latin America in Globalization” Course at the Institute for Global Studies in Paris.

Dr. Leonel Fernández, along with the former Presidents of Chile, Ricardo Lagos, and Brazil, Fernando Henrique Cardoso, joined the teaching staff at the Institute for Global Studies in Paris to teach about “Latin America in Globalization.” This new Institute was created as part of a three-day symposium called “Think Global / Thinking Globally,” which offered a series of fifteen courses in Paris from May 15-17, 2013. Participants discussed internationalization and globalization of social sciences and humanities while promoting the emergence of creative research.

Former Presidents (left to right) Ricardo Lagos (Chile), Leonel Fernández (DR) and Fernando Henrique Cardoso (Brazil) taught course on globalization in Latin America.



The three former presidents taught the course under the direction of Dr. Ernesto Ottonne, renowned Chilean intellectual and author of numerous papers on the topic. The course promoted discussion on economic, social, political, cultural, technological and environmental issues in the context of Latin America.



### June 18 - Washington, DC

Former Latin American Presidents Discussed Region’s Role in Sustainable Development.

Dr. Leonel Fernández and a sizable group of former Latin American presidents and senior US State Department officials met at the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) in Washington, DC to exchange points of view and build consensus among the key organizations providing training for emerging public leaders and public policy enforcers in Latin America. Important issues addressed at the seminar included the current investment environment in Latin America for US companies and training of Latin American leaders and public sector administrators.

During the discussion, Dr. Leonel Fernández pointed out that, after a time of relative neglect,

the United States has again started to turn its gaze toward the Latin America and the Caribbean, which he said was positive for both regions.

He noted, however, that although the US agenda for the region has focused on trade and investment, in recent years investment from other regions of the world in Latin America and the Caribbean has surpassed that from the United States, which is attributed to the emergence of a new architecture of the international system. There should be a clear and defined agenda, said Fernández, between the US and Latin America, especially in regard to Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.

### July 2 - Geneva

GFDD and FUNGLODE, President Leonel Fernández Sought a New Economic Paradigm to Combat Inequality and Guarantee Prosperity at UNHQ in Geneva.

Dr. Leonel Fernández gave a lecture during the political dialogue event organized between the United Nations, the World Bank, the World Trade Organization and the International Monetary Fund on the current evolution of the world economy. The theme of the meeting was “Science, Technology and Innovation and the Potential of Culture for Promoting Sustainable Development and Achieving the Millennium Development Goals.”

Dr. Fernández proposed the urgent need to establish a new global economic paradigm, under UN guidance, that would reduce inequality and ensure prosperity for all inhabitants of the world. He particularly called for the implementation of an international plan of action to promote innovation in a healthy economic atmosphere as a way of accelerating the development of different countries.

August 13 - New York, NY

Promoting Dominican Film Development in the United States.

Dr. Leonel Fernández paid a visit to the Maurice Kanbar Film and Television Institute of the Tisch School of Arts at New York University where he met with the Director John Tintori. In addition to promoting the Dominican film industry, Fernández was making a series of contacts with US universities with which GFDD and FUNGLODE aim to develop joint initiatives for Dominican youth.



Former President Fernández with John Tintori at Tisch School of Arts' Maurice Kanbar Film and Television Institute

August 30 - Chicago, IL and Miami, FL

On to Chicago and Miami for Film Industry and Technology-Related Innovations for DR.

Dr. Leonel Fernández made important contacts in Miami and Chicago this past summer to garner technical advice and financial support for the Dominican film industry and to promote technological innovations in the DR.

He started off at the LAB Miami, an incubator for technology-related companies that provides people how develop projects and technological initiatives with the space and guidance. The Lab Miami executives agreed to undertake a training program in the development of incubators and high tech companies for young Dominicans.

While in Florida, Fernández visited the Science and Technology Park at the University of Miami and discussed collaboration for the creation of an incubator of technology-related companies in the DR.

Moving along to Chicago, he signed an agreement with the Chicago-Kent College of Law for the development of a series of programs and educational activities for Dominican students, academics and law practitioners in the DR in the areas of Patents Law, Entertainment



A smile and a signature as Dr. Fernández negotiated support for the DR film industry and technology-related innovations with The Lab in Miami.

Law, American Law and Entrepreneurship, and Regulation of the Financial Markets.

Fernández also agreed with DePaul University to conduct a series of training courses in the DR in programming and application development of video games as well as developing the “Bluelight Cinema,” program in the DR; the program consists of design, pre-production, filming and distribution of a film made by the students themselves.



September 12 - Brussels, Belgium

Second Meeting of the Eminent Persons Group of the ACP Countries.

Dr. Leonel Fernández participated in the Second Meeting of the Eminent Persons Group of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP Group) convened to analyze the future of the ACP Group members and, in particular, examine what would happen to the Cotonou Agreement.

“We know that a lot has happened since the agreement was signed in the year 2000; much has been happening in the world, in the European Union and in the countries of the ACP Group,

and that we need to adjust our future relations taking into account a paradigm shift in terms of international relations,” he affirmed.

He stressed that many of the ACP Group countries that previously were poor are now becoming middle-income nations and that their needs have shifted, requiring their economies to become more competitive. It is also making it necessary to improve their human resources and broaden their knowledge and access to technology.

“Looking at our relations with the European Union, we have to organize the transfer of knowledge, as well as improve market access and promote new investments.”

Dr. Leonel Fernández  
President of GFDD

September 22 - Santiago, DR

Former President Fernández Called for More Access to Technological Innovation.

Former President of the Dominican Republic Dr. Fernández views the future of the country and of the rest of humanity with optimism, mainly due to the “great revolution” occurring in the field of technological innovation and access to knowledge. This came out in his keynote speech at the Open University for Adults (UAPA - Universidad abierta para adultos), in Santiago where he talked about “Volatility of the futures market and its effect on products derived from international trade.”



President Fernández with students and staff from the UAPA

October 1 - New York, NY

Dr. Fernández Visited U.S. Academic Institutions Seeking Collaboration for Tech Training in DR.



Dr. Leonel Fernández at the New Jersey Institute of Technology

Dr. Leonel Fernández visited various higher education institutions and prestigious research centers in the United States, which pledged to work with the DR in a variety of aspects, mainly related to technology, education and cultural exchange.

In particular, Fernández visited:

New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) in Newark – to build a lasting relationship with the Institute, through which Dominican companies and universities can establish partnerships and learn from its technological expertise.

*Traveling with a large delegation of Dominican entrepreneurs, Dr. Fernández said they are also going to work on the idea of establishing a center for economic development, where incubators for Dominican investors in the area of high-tech can be created.*

Montclair State University – to enhance collaborative exchange on issues related to education, teacher training, online education and technology in education aimed at improving the training of Dominican educators.

Princeton University – the University Administration laid the groundwork for establishing partnerships between FUNGLODE, the Center for Latin American Studies and Princeton’s Office of Technology of Licensing and Intellectual Property for the Innovation Across America program.

Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs – on topics related to sustainable development.

Dr. Leonel Fernández negotiated agreement with the New York Presbyterian Hospital to benefit medical students and professionals

Schomburg Center of Research in Black Culture – in pursuit of inter-agency collaboration to take place through FUNGLODE’s participation with various Dominican universities.

New York Presbyterian Hospital – Dr. Fernández laid the foundations for an inter-agency exchange agreement to benefit Dominican students and medical professionals.



October 10 - Mexico City

IV Forum on Latin American Democracy: Strengthening Social and Democratic State of Law.

Speaking at the IV Forum on Latin American Democracy with his “Poverty and Representation Crisis: towards a more or less social cohesion in 2020?”, Dr. Leonel Fernández said that to avoid pessimism taking root in the region, Latin America must define and implement a new development model, which should be consistent and in harmony with the consolidation of a social and democratic state of law.

To achieve this goal, he explained, Latin America should accept the idea of adopting a combination of two models: the first labor-intensive and the second capital-intensive. These, in addition to a strong technological base, would result in goods and services with higher value added.

“This strategy would generate a greater volume of wealth and, therefore, would increase the

annual gross domestic product, which in turn would lead to an increase in per capita and higher productivity,” Dr. Fernández said. He stressed that the economic and social future of the region is linked to its ability to generate increased productivity, competitiveness and innovation within a context of global interdependence.



Dr. Leonel Fernández at the IV Forum on Latin American Democracy

October 28 - Paris, France

Dr. Leonel Fernández Received Honorary Degree from Paris University for Haiti Solidarity after 2010 Earthquake.

Dr. Leonel Fernández was awarded a Doctor Honoris Causa from the University of Paris VIII for the outstanding support his government provided Haitian people following the devastating earthquake of January 2010. University President Dr. Danielle Tartakowsky, said that Dr. Fernández not only demonstrated great solidarity with Haiti from the first moments of the tragedy, but also made an impassioned appeal to the international community to come to Haiti's aid.



October 30 - Paris, France

Professor Juan Bosch Praised at UNESCO Youth Forum Awards Ceremony in Paris.

Director General of UNESCO, Irina Bokova, praised the work and public career of the late former President of the Dominican Republic, Professor Juan Bosch at the first UNESCO / Juan Bosch Prize for the Promotion of Social Science Research in Latin America and the Caribbean award ceremony. The prize was presented to Colombian sociologist Karen Nathalia Cerón Stevens in a ceremony also led by Dr. Leonel Fernández and Dominican Ambassador to UNESCO, Laura Faxas.



Public career of Professor Juan Bosch praised at Youth Forum awards ceremony at UNESCO in Paris

After an overview of the political, intellectual and humanistic trajectory of Bosch, the Director General of UNESCO said that the example of the late Dominican political leader should serve as an inspiration to the youth of the world, today and in the future. "Professor Juan Bosch used to say that the future of humanity is in the hands of children rather than their parents," Bokova said.

Former President Leonel Fernández, who led the ceremony with Bokova, thanked UNESCO for selecting Bosch as a prototype to promote the study of and reflection on the social sciences.

About the Award Winner Karen Nathalia Cerón Stevens, upon receiving the award, said "Juan Bosch's democratic and reformer spirit was demonstrated throughout his life, both during his government tenure as well as during his time in exile." She said it was Bosch's dedication to humanity's social problems that motivated her to study the emergence and expansion of gangs in Latin America.



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November 15 - Washington, DC

Dr. Fernández Spoke Authoritatively and Insightfully about the Global Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Electoral and Political Campaigns in Europe, US and Latin America Stating that Global Interdependence Has a Role to Play Because Power Is Shifting from States to Non-State Actors, from Institutions to Networks.

Dr. Leonel Fernández gave the keynote address at a George Washington University (GWU) seminar entitled "Political Communication and Campaigns: Winning Strategies and Governance."

In his presentation, Dr. Fernández was able to make a direct link between governments winning or losing depending on the economic situation of the time. He drew the connection country by country. He highlighted a diverse group of presidents who have done well in handling the economy, and who have retained very high levels

of public support. This has been the case in many countries in Latin America, but has not held so true in Europe where the economic situation has drastically worsened, with the exception of Germany.

The Seminar, hosted by GWU's prestigious GSPM, is giving participants the opportunity to learn from some of the most experienced political leaders and renowned academics.





Basilio Belliard, José Rafael Lantigua, Catherine Florentino and Cecilia García Bido

## December 5

### Celebrating Dominican Artistic Achievement – FUNGLODE/GFDD Awards: Publication Launch and Announcement of 2013 Winners

Editorial FUNGLODE released three publications containing the winning entries of the 2012 FUNGLODE / GFDD Awards in the categories of Journalism, Novel and Essay Writing. On the same day, it also announced the winners of the 2013 FUNGLODE/GFDD Awards.

The annual Awards, which are divided into three groups: Literary (short stories, non-fiction, novel and poetry), Journalism, and Audiovisual (photography and documentary), are an opportunity for young artists and more seasoned professionals to seize their chances at winning cash prizes, prestige and public recognition.

## *Research and Ideas: A Book Collection by GFDD and FUNGLODE Offers New Visions and Insights on National and Global Issues*

### Research and Ideas Series

#### January 15

*El Metro Transportation System and its Impacts on Sustainable Development* (launch of English edition)

**Author:** Carl Allen

#### April 16

*Perspectives of Mental Health Development in the Dominican Republic: A descriptive analysis of mental health development and treatment options availability through the study of a medical clinic in Monte Plata and national institutions* (launch of English edition)

**Author:** Yosmayra E. Reyes

#### October 17

*Local Capacity Development: The key to Benefiting from Globalization and Reducing Unemployment in the Dominican Republic* (Launch of English and Spanish editions).

**Author:** Jose G. Caraballo-Cueto

#### September 28

*The Presence of Africa in the Caribbean, the Antilles and the United States* (Launch of English edition)

**Various authors;** including those present, Mateo Morrison and Avelino Stanley



"I believe the book will be an invaluable addition to a government agency for transportation library, as it sets a good example, with its concrete and accountable solutions, of how to build a national transportation system based on efficacy and respect for environmental issues"

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Amazon reviewer

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[www.globalfoundationdd.org](http://www.globalfoundationdd.org)



Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival  
[www.dreff.org](http://www.dreff.org)



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[www.dominicangettothers.org](http://www.dominicangettothers.org)



Portal Dominicanaonline.org  
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Globo Verde Dominicano Award  
[www.globoverdedominicano.org](http://www.globoverdedominicano.org)



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[www.eco-huertos.org](http://www.eco-huertos.org)



Fellows Program  
[www.drfellowsprogram.org](http://www.drfellowsprogram.org)



Year Around Screenings  
[www.dominicanscreenings.org](http://www.dominicanscreenings.org)



InterDom  
[www.interdominternships.org](http://www.interdominternships.org)



ReCreate  
[www.r3create.org](http://www.r3create.org)



Dominican Republic Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Environment  
[www.environmentaldictionary.org](http://www.environmentaldictionary.org)



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[www.dominicanfilmshowcase.org](http://www.dominicanfilmshowcase.org)



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