



Global Foundation for Democracy and Development

Fostering Progress, Collaboration and Exchange



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GFDD - FUNGLODE

Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) and Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE) create national and international networks.



Brief History

GFDD is the sister organization in the US of FUNGLODE, headquartered in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. FUNGLODE was created in 2000 by Dr. Leonel Fernández upon completing his first presidential mandate. After resuming his duties as president of the Dominican Republic in August 2004, Dr. Fernández became honorary president of GFDD and FUNGLODE.

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, DC and its second office is in New York.

About GFDD

GFDD 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 by implementing projects that conduct research, enhance public understanding, design public policies, devise strategies, and offer capacity building in areas crucial to social, economic, democratic and cultural sustainable development.

GFDD promotes a better understanding and appreciation of the Dominican culture, values and heritage, as well as its richness and diversity, in the Dominican Republic, US and worldwide.

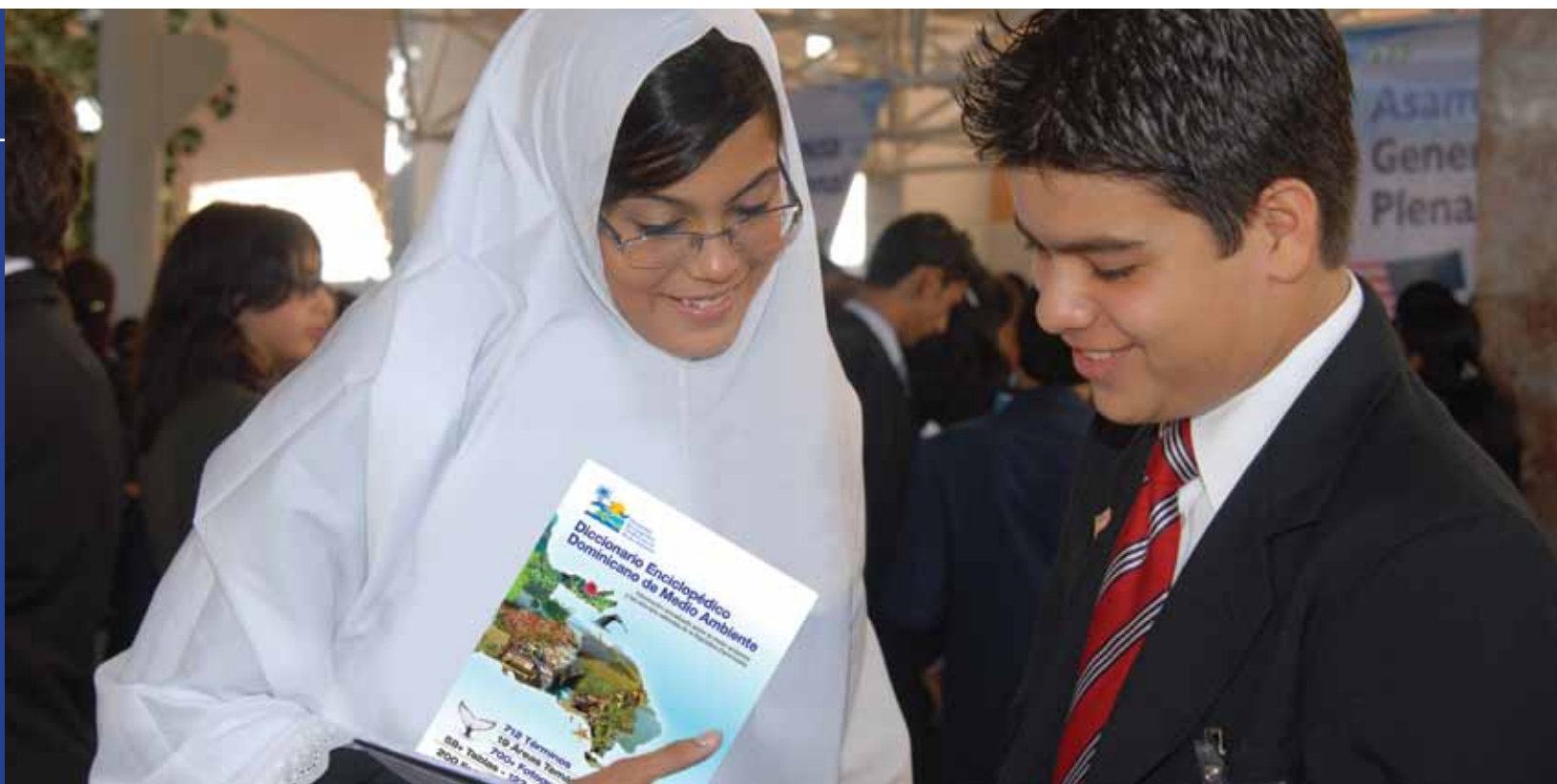
GFDD creates, facilitates, and implements wider scope international human development projects, building on its own experience, expertise and strong national and international networks.

Mission

To formulate and implement initiatives that contribute to a sustainable social, democratic, economic and cultural development and to the improvement of lives in the Dominican Republic and the Western Hemisphere.

Vision

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



Areas of Interest

- Economic and Social Development
- Education
- Communication and Public Opinion
- Health
- Culture
- International Relations
- Defense and Security
- Knowledge Management
- Information and Communication Technology
- Democracy
- Dominican Studies
- Environment
- Globalization and Regional Integration



Activities

Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) and the Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE) pursue their goals with the following activities:

- International Meetings
- Conferences
- Seminars
- Workshops
- Courses
- Professional Trainings
- Research Projects
- International Exchange Programs
- Publications
- Working Groups
- Development Projects and Programs
- Film Showcases and Festivals
- Discussion Forums
- Community Outreach



Projects and Programs



Dominican Get-Togethers

In the New York metropolitan area and other locations in the United States where Dominican community is present, GFDD creates opportunities for wide audiences to gather around Dominican related issues, enjoy a Dominican movie, meet a Dominican prominent figure, and participate in a discussion on topics of interest to the Dominican community in the US and in their homeland. www.dominicangettogethers.org

Dominican Republic Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Environment

This book is an A-Z guide on the environment and natural resources of the Dominican Republic. Its 463 pages contain 712 terms defined with the most up to date and comprehensive information, illustrated with 700 photos, 58 tables, 123 figures, and complemented by 17 scientific articles on environmental challenges and conservation methods. The Dictionary seeks to increase understanding of the dangers of environmental contamination, while promoting respect, care and concern for the natural environment and its protection and sustainable use.



New Perspectives: Dominican Republic

Comprised of 400 aerial images taken from a helicopter, the book is divided in 9 chapters – Reflections of Light, Coasts, Heights, Plains, History, City, People, Tourism and Work – that contain text pertaining to various aspects of the country's history, culture, environment and contemporary life. It has become a point of reference for the national population, visitors, students, art and photography aficionados, the numerous Dominicans that reside outside the country and all those interested in a better understanding of the Dominican Republic.

www.newperspectivesdominicanrepublic.com

Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival

DREFF aims to raise awareness and deepen the understanding of environmental issues among Dominican audiences. At the same time, the Festival celebrates the beauty and diversity of the Dominican Republic's natural heritage and offers insights into attitudes and actions that will contribute to its appreciation, conservation and sustainable use.

www.drenvironmentalfilmfestival.org





GFDD Global Roundtable

In close association with the United Nations and affiliated institutions, GFDD organizes regular meetings with UN Ambassadors and other prominent figures of the international community in an effort to spread the news, knowledge and understanding of other countries, global issues and work of different United Nations bodies to its audience in the Dominican Republic, the US and around the world.

www.gfddglobalroundtable.org

The Itinerant Photo Exhibit *New Perspectives: Dominican Republic*

Based on GFDD's book *New Perspectives: Dominican Republic*, the initiative aims at presenting the little known facets of the country's richness and diversity and shedding new light on those that are better known to general audiences. The DR, its history and its people are revealed in a new and fresh way that expands and enriches perceptions and understandings for international audiences. At the same time, the initiative strengthens Dominicans' pride and respect for their homeland. The exhibit travels around the world, hosted by universities, schools, public, private and international institutions.



www.newperspectivesdominicanrepublic.com



InteRDom

Since its establishment in 2005, InteRDom: Internships in the Dominican Republic, has become the leading internship and academic study program in the Dominican Republic. It promotes professional, academic and cultural exchange between students, universities, scholars, professionals, business and non-governmental organizations on a national and international scale. InteRDom works with 36 universities and 500 affiliated national and international public and private institutions.



www.interdominternships.org

Dominicanaonline.org



Dominicanaonline.org is the first comprehensive, detailed and interactive portal in Spanish and English on the Dominican Republic that presents the country in all its facets to a national and international audience. It offers updated information on national life and at the same time compiles, in an objective and reliable manner, existing knowledge on the history, geography, education, culture, environment, tourism and society of the Dominican Republic. The Portal provides access to public services and practical information

for the tourist, investor and businessperson. Users are exposed to a wide array of materials, from written texts, videos, audiotapes, photo galleries and directories, to interactive maps, electronic postcards, downloadable contents, and a virtual library.



www.dominicanaonline.org

Online Dominican Republic Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Environment



Diccionario
Enciclopédico
Dominicano de
Medio Ambiente

This online version of the book, *Dominican Republic Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Environment* offers an opportunity to access comprehensive and updated information on

the Dominican environment and natural resources with the added advantages a digital platform provides, making it a dynamic, up to date and interactive resource. Special features include national and international news on the subject, English-Spanish glossary, information on projects, environmental legislation and agreements, interactive maps, trivia and E-Cards.



www.environmentaldictionary.org

Virtual Educa Caribe



Virtual Educa Caribe (VEC) is the Regional Chapter of the Virtual Educa International Program, an initiative affiliated with the Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government and the Organization of American States. It is an annual forum promoting knowledge and technology transfer and the development of projects that integrate the use of new technologies in higher education and professional training. It serves as a platform for the dissemination of good practices and success stories, their cross-pollination and the creation of regional programs.



www.virtualeducacaribe.org

Partners in Learning

Since 2004 GFDD/FUNGLODE have been the local partners with Microsoft for their international program Partners in Learning (PIL). During this period more than 20,000 Dominican teachers have sharpened their skills with training programs, workshops, discussions, seminars, and conferences. PIL's goal is to motivate teachers to engage in a permanent state of learning and continued education in the use of technological tools integrated in the curriculum.



Dominican Film Showcase

The Showcase contributes to the dissemination of the best contemporary films produced in the Dominican Republic, by Dominican filmmakers, about Dominican topics. In its mission to promote the knowledge and appreciation of Dominican culture as well as to inspire Dominican filmmakers to reach out internationally, GFDD partners with institutions worldwide and creates opportunities for wide audiences to enjoy art, learn about Dominican culture and engage in conversations with filmmakers.

www.dominicanfilmshowcase.org

Collaboration with the OAS

GFDD and FUNGLODE are civil society organizations affiliated with the Organization of American States (OAS) and active supporters of the organization's objectives, of the Inter-American System and the Summit of the Americas program. Joint specific programs in the field of democracy, regional integration, trade, environment, education, culture, drug abuse prevention, as well as internships and professional training opportunities are developed and implemented with different departments and divisions of the OAS.



Collaboration with the United Nations



GFDD and FUNGLODE are non-governmental organizations with consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Department of Public Information (DPI), the Global Compact Office, the Office on Drugs and Crime and the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS). GFDD and FUNGLODE are dedicated to promoting and advancing issues at the forefront of the United Nations' agenda. Their Fellows Program areas of research are aligned with the

ECOSOC topics of interest and the research results are presented during ECOSOC regular sessions at UN Headquarters in New York. GFDD/FUNGLODE regularly participate in UN agencies discussions and meetings and contribute with their reports and position papers.



Collaborative Projects with the United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic (UNA-DR)



UNA-DR is a nonprofit, non-governmental organization dedicated to supporting the work of the United Nations. It coordinates educational and cultural initiatives to raise awareness of the United Nations' work and encourage participation in UN-related activities. In 2003, GFDD joined the partnership and has since been providing 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.



Training, Capacity Building and Knowledge Sharing



In collaboration with the most prominent thinkers, analysts, academics and practitioners, as well as the most reputable institutions around the world, GFDD and FUNGLODE offer regularly innovative and inspiring training programs, seminars, workshops, conferences and discussion forums to audiences in the Dominican Republic with the purpose of enhancing the local capacity, raising the level of the national discussion and promoting the implementation of creative solutions for the country's sustainable development.

Fellows Program

Launched in 2009, the program responds to the GFDD/FUNGLODE's desire to develop a community of scholars that contributes to the growing body of research on matters of international concern that directly impact the Dominican Republic. Fellows Program seeks to develop scholarship on issues at the forefront of the United Nations' agenda in order to give voice to national and regional concern and to offer viable solutions to domestic and international challenges.

www.gfddfellowprogram.org



GFDD Annual Calendar

The annual English-Spanish GFDD calendar features stunning images which bear witness to the Dominican Republic's richness and diversity, accompanied by interesting information on the country's historic and natural heritage. At the same time, it showcases GFDD's educational and cultural initiatives.

Some of Collaborating Institutions are:

Amherst University	Inter American Drug Abuse Control Commission	The Earth Institute Columbia University
Baruch College	Ithaca College	The Economist Intelligence Unit
Baylor University	Johns Hopkins University	The Global Compact
Blue Ocean Film Festival	Lafayette University	The New School
Boston College	Long Island University	The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
Boston University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
Brandeis University	Miami-Dade College	The World Summit on the Information Society
Brooklyn College	Microsoft's Partners in Learning	The University of Illinois in Chicago
Brown University	Monterey Institute of International Studies	The UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
Center for Strategic and International Studies	National Geographic Society	The UN Department of Public Information
City College of New York	Organization of American States	Ubuntu Forum
Columbia University	Pace University	University of Panama
Columbia University School of Social Work	Paris II	UN Population Fund
Consortio-Red de Educación a Distancia	Queens College	Université Quisqueya
Cornell University	Rhode Island University	University of Miami
Counterpart International	Rutgers University	University of South Florida
CUNY Center for Dominican Studies	San José State University	Universidad Tecnológica Nacional - Facultad Regional Córdoba
Dartmouth College	Seton Hall University	University of Turabo
Daytona Beach Community College	Sciences Po	Virtual Educa
Environmental Law Institute	Smith College	Washington & Lee University
Florida International University	Stevens Institute of Technology	Wesleyan University
Georgetown University	Sistema Universitario Ana G. Méndez	Yale University
George Washington University	Stony Brook University	Young Americas Business Trust
Fordham University	SUNY Buffalo College	
Harvard University	SUNY New Paltz	
Google Ocean		
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