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Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) complements the mission of Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE), created in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, in the year 2000, enhances its impact and expands its scope. Education, capacity building, public awareness, strengthened competitiveness and improved living conditions stand at the forefront of both institutions' interests and goals. Numerous collaborative activities and programs with highly respected institutions and internationally renowned professionals create space for the exchange of experiences and transfer of knowledge, while setting the stage for social, economic and political transformations.



Incorporated in 2002, Global Foundation for Democracy and Development opened its Washington D.C. and New York offices in 2003. The first three years of its full operation have produced impressive results, proving once again how important it is for developing countries to reach out, connect, learn and take home the best knowledge and expertise in order to overcome the hurdles of the past and successfully face the challenges of the 21st century. Strong partnerships have been established, new perspectives opened, and lessons have been learned on both sides. A great number of Dominican and international students, professionals, aspiring talents, intellectuals, community activists and enthusiasts have benefited from the Foundation's activities and programs. We have spurred personal and professional growth as well as sustained institutional development.

Infused with enthusiasm, Global Foundation for Democracy and Development takes upon itself the responsibility to continue the hard work and live up to the needs and expectations of the Dominican and international community.

Leonel Fernández

President of the Dominican Republic

Founder and Honorary President of Global Foundation for Democracy and Development

In the first three years of its activity, Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) has striven to respond to the needs of the Dominican community, both at home and abroad, by partnering with reputable domestic and international organizations to create venues for knowledge transfer and opportunities that foster individual and national progress.

An extensive series of conferences, seminars, workshops, panels and training sessions have bred full-fledged programs and institutional spin-outs, all of which have strengthened the Foundation and broadened its scope of influence. Portal Dominicanaonline.org is widely acknowledged as the most comprehensive and reliable Internet gateway to the Dominican Republic; InterDom has established itself as the nation's premier internship and academic exchange program; the Global Media Arts Institute (GMAI) has evolved into a center of excellence dedicated to training professionals in the audiovisual arts; DR Global Film Festival has been recognized as the largest national cultural event, drawing filmmakers, aficionados and spectators from across the World; Virtual Educa Caribe has affirmed itself as the prime venue for the exchange of knowledge and experience in the area of technology and education, and CIEMADeS is a growing Caribbean initiative that joins efforts in environmental and sustainable development research and practices.

We can only imagine the many new and exciting initiatives that will spring-out of the ongoing collaborative efforts. We look forward to all of them, fully relying on the passion, dedication and perseverance of the laborious GFDD team.

Natasha Despotovic
Executive Director
Global Foundation for Democracy and Development



Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD), together with its sister institution, Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE) in Santo Domingo, and in collaboration with its partners in the United States, Latin America, Canada and Europe, designs and implements projects and programs that contribute to the social, economic and democratic development of the Dominican Republic and the Region.

Our main programs and projects are:

- Knowledge Transfer and Public Awareness Lecture Series
- Partners in Learning Program, in collaboration with Microsoft and the Dominican Ministry of Basic Education
- Lecture Series of the Americas, in collaboration with the OAS
- UNA-DR and UN Events
- Univirtual Global Dominicana
- Global Media Arts Institute
- Portal Dominicanaonline.org
- International Center for Environmental and Sustainable Development Studies (CIEMADeS)
- Coral Gardens Project in the Dominican Republic, in collaboration with Counterpart International
- Cooperative Programs with the Young Americas Business Trust (YABT)
- InteRDom: Internships in the Dominican Republic
- Dominican Republic Global Film Festival
- Virtual Educa & Virtual Educa Caribe



Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) is a private, notfor-profit and non-partisan institution, dedicated to promoting collaboration between international institutions and the Dominican Republic. GFDD conducts research and analysis, raises the level of understanding and public opinion, designs strategies and public policies. The Foundation provides educational and training programs, and implements development and exchange activities in areas critical for the social, economic and democratic development of the Dominican Republic, the Caribbean Region and Latin America.

Brief History

Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) is a sister institution of Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE), headquartered in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

FUNGLODE was created by Dr. Leonel Fernández in the year 2000, at the end of his first term as Head of State.

GFDD was incorporated under U.S. laws in 2002 with the purpose of raising and widening the international visibility and presence of FUNGLODE and strengthening collaboration and exchange with U.S. institutions.

FUNGLODE and GFDD were created by President Fernández to contribute to the social, economic and democratic development of the Dominican Republic and the Caribbean Region at large, from a nonpartisan platform, with an innovative vocation and international scope.

Dr. Fernández became Honorary President of both institutions when he took office as President of the Dominican Republic in 2004.

Mission

The mission of GFDD is to develop alliances with international partners to formulate and implement initiatives promoting sustainable socio-economic development and the strengthening of democracy in the Dominican Republic and Latin America. GFDD develops, builds and reinforces collaboration and exchange among institutions and the Dominican general public, the Dominican Diaspora and the rest of the Western Hemisphere.

Vision

Our vision is to support the rule of law and full sustainable socio-economic development in the Dominican Republic and Latin America and contribute to enabling the country and the region to face successfully the challenges of the XXI century.

Knowledge Transfer and Public Awareness Lecture Series



In close collaboration with its extensive list of strategic partners within academia, the private and public sectors and international organizations, GFDD/FUNGLODE organizes lectures, presentations and seminars, with the purpose of promoting the exchange of knowledge and expertise between professionals and institutions in the Dominican Republic and their counterparts in the U.S., Europe and Latin America. The program covers a wide range of topics relevant to economic, social and democratic development in the Hemisphere, and responds to the needs and interests of the Dominican community within the country and abroad. The activities are accomplished within the framework of memorandums of understanding and working agreements signed between GFDD/FUNGLODE and its partner institutions.

The main objectives of the project are: to prevent the duplication of efforts in different areas, in particular research within the sciences; to promote face-to-face networking between Dominican experts and their counterparts and colleagues in the U.S., Latin America, Canada and Europe; to increase the level of dialogue and discussion regarding relevant topics related to the political, social and economic development of the Continent; and to promote public awareness of issues relevant to the social, economic and democratic development of the Dominican Republic and the Region.

Economic and Social Development

The promotion of higher standards of living, full employment and improved conditions for socio-economic development is necessary in order to accelerate sustainable development and enhance competitiveness in the Dominican Republic.



Dr. Amsden



Hans Dannenberg, Natasha Despotovic, Donald E. Hawkins

International Development and Competitiveness

March 25, 2004

Asian Economic Development Model: Lessons for Latin America

Guest lecturer, Dr. Amsden, discussed the Asian economic model's impact over Latin American countries. Dr. Amsden stressed that Latin America must reinforce, modernize and strengthen the competitiveness of its production system in order to take advantage of Latin-Asian trade relations. A discussion with Dominican businessmen, economists and policy makers followed.

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Tourism Lecture

January 12, 2005

Tourism as a Sustainable Development Strategy: A Challenge for the Dominican Republic

Dr. Donald E. Hawkins, Professor of Tourism Policy at George Washington University, advocated for the use of tourism as an integral part of a national development strategy aimed at eradicating economic inequity. He discussed tourism's proven capacity to generate employment, referencing the creation of 2.4 million jobs in the Caribbean via the tourist industry alone. He recognized the Dominican Republic's achievements regarding the generation of employment in the industry. (According to the National Association of Hotels and Restaurants, some 47,055 direct jobs and almost 117,639 indirect jobs have been established through



Hildy Teegen with workshop participants

tourism.) Dr. Hawkins congratulated the Dominican Republic for its use of tourism as a mechanism for generating employment, yet emphasized the negative implications of tour operators' monopoly over the system, and the degradation of the environment presently linked to development in the tourist industry. The Georgetown Professor recommended establishing certain areas as protected areas, promoting environmental protection, while simultaneously attracting tourists through the creation of eco-tourism destinations.

Related Links

www.gwu.edu

http://nearyou.gwu.edu/tourism/faculty_list.html

Trade Negotiations Workshops

January 27, 28, 31 and February 1, 2005

Successful Negotiation Techniques

Hildy Teegen, Professor of Business in Latin America and the Caribbean at George Washington University, led a series of training courses on negotiation techniques. The courses equipped participants of diverse backgrounds (representatives from the public and private sector, free trade zones, local industrial associations, NGOs, and Diplomatic School students) with the skills necessary to identify and develop negotiation strategies—skills integral to discussing and enforcing international agreements and treaties with other partners. Members of the private, public and nonprofit community attended this workshop.

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Agriculture Videoconference

April 28, 2005

Global Dialogue: The Impact of Alliances in the Agricultural Sector: Combining Strengths to Improve Rice Production

The videoconference highlighted successful collaborations between the International Fund for Cooperation and Development of Taiwan (IFCD–Taiwan) and various organizations in Peru, Nicaragua, and Honduras, in the area of rice production, and the potential for similar success in the Dominican Republic. The presentation centered on the nations' success in actual rice production, as well as on the creation of agribusiness programs and investment opportunities. More than 90 Dominican representatives from both the private and public sectors attended the videoconference.

The conference was made possible via support from the Young Americas Business Trust (YABT), the Global Development Learning Network of the World Bank (GDLN), the International Fund for Cooperation and Development of Taiwan (IFCD–Taiwan) and the National Public Administration Institute of the Dominican Republic (INAP).

Related Links

www.myybiz.net

www.gdln.org

www.icdf.org.tw/English/index.asp

Corporate Social Responsibility Conference

May 24, 2005

Corporate Social Responsibility: Sustainable Development and Competivity Strategy

Representatives from Dominican civil society, the public and private sectors and international organizations joined together to devise a national social corporate



Andres Van der Horst, Elena Viyella, Rosa Rita Álvarez

responsibility strategy. The conference culminated in the creation of the Inter-Institutional Committee for the Promotion and Support of Corporate Social Responsibility. The committee is comprised of the following member institutions:

- Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD)
- Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo
- Alianza ONG
- Barna Business School
- Cámara Americana de Comercio de la República Dominicana
- Consejo Nacional de Competitividad (CNC)
- Constructora Norberto Odebrecht
- Fundación Brugal
- Fundación Cemex Dominicana
- Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo (INTEC)
- Mujeres en Desarrollo Dominicana (MUDE)
- Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo (PNUD)

The committee is responsible for ensuring that the programs and practices realized by the Dominican corporate sector are carried-out in a way that is socially responsible. The conference was organized in association with the CEMEX Foundation, Alianza ONG, the National Council for the Private Enterprise (CONEP),

the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) and the UN Development Programme (UNDP).

Related Links

www.alianzaong.org

www.barna.edu.do

www.cnc.gov.do

www.brugal.com.do/fundacion/art.htm

www.intec.edu.do

www.undp.org/spanish

Economic Development Lectures

April 5, 2006

Economic Growth and Public Policies: Success in the Dominican Republic

The lecture was given by Robert Wood, Senior Analyst and Director of the Latin American Country-Risk Department of the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). Wood highlighted the role of both the International Monetary Fund and the Fernández Administration in the Dominican Republic's recent period of economic recovery. Wood attributed achieved economic success to the implementation of a number of economic policies aimed at economic stabilization. He argued that the Dominican government's on-going work regarding the restructuring of the external debt will undoubtedly facilitate the Dominican Republic's full emergence into the global economy. He also emphasized the need for the Dominican government to continue to focus on alleviating unemployment, despite the recent rise in employment rates, stressing improved economic conditions for all sectors of society. Wood also discussed the potential implications of the Dominican Republic-Central American Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA) on Dominican economic recovery, stating that the agreement will force local companies to compete in a global market, and will eventually lead to an increase in imported goods and potentially the decline of the Dominican peso.



Alejandro Toledo

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Poverty and Democracy Lecture

October 12, 2006

Fight Against Poverty and Democratic Governance in Latin America

The conference confronted and explored central debates within government, academia, and development organizations pertaining to the eradication of poverty and the strengthening of democratic governance. Alejandro Toledo, former President of Peru, argued that effective pro-growth strategies must emphasize the eradication of poverty, stating that a strong correlation exists between socio-economic equity, a determinant of social stability, and a nation's capacity to attract foreign investment.

Planning Tools Workshop

October 18-19, 2006

Logical Framework Planning Tools

This workshop was the first initiative instigated by GFDD/FUNGLODE and the Consorcio Ambiental

Dominicano, after having signed an agreement of mutual understanding which established both parties shared commitment to developing projects and programs pertaining to environmental sustainability and corporate social responsibility. Workshop instruction was provided by Venezuelan consultant, Yanira Borges.

Education

Education empowers people, ruptures cycles of poverty and contributes to the sustainable development of a country.



Richard Nuccio, Ligia Amada Melo, Radhamés Mejía



Pedro Noguera

Civic Education Lecture

July 28, 2004

Role and Need for the Existence of Civic Education Organizations

Dr. Richard A. Nuccio, Director of the Center for Civic Education, shared his experience as director of a

civic education organization, and emphasized the role organizations like his play in today's world. The audience included authorities from the private and public education systems, as well as teachers, professors and stakeholders.

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www.civiced.org

Curriculum Design and Community Development Lecture

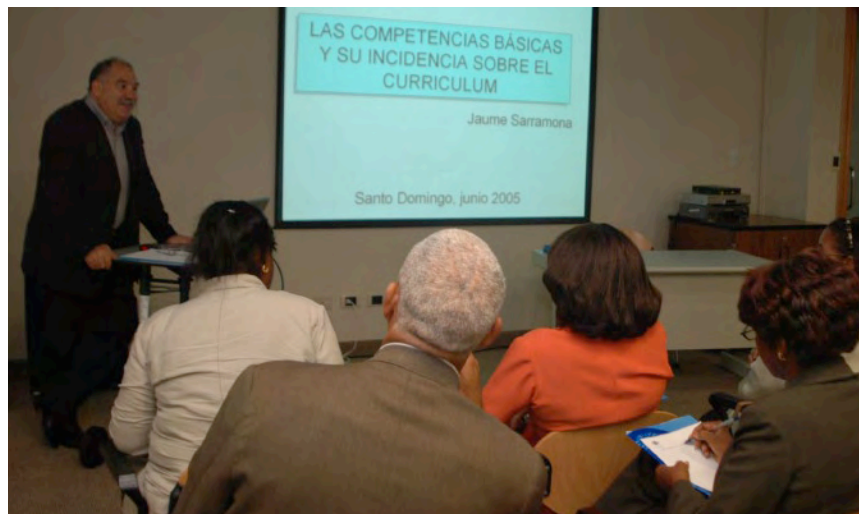
June 2, 2005

The Role of Education in Community Development: Teacher Training and Curriculum Design

Pedro Noguera, Professor of Urban Sociology and Director of the Metropolitan Center of Urban Education at New York University, provided teachers and policy members with a number of curriculum development guidelines aimed at encouraging student involvement in community development initiatives. Dr. Noguera's visit was representative of GFDD/FUNGLODE's greater mission to support professional development in the Dominican Republic and to promote discussion of community development at all levels of society.

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Jaume Sarramona



Asunción Sanz, Jaume Sarramona, Radhamés Mejía

Competencies Evaluation Workshop

June 6–9, 2005

Evaluation Based on Basic Competencies

Jaume Sarramona, Professor at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, led a four-day seminar on evaluation based on basic competencies, attended by officials from the basic and higher ministries of education. The seminar served as an introduction to basic-competency-based curricular development and

emphasized the use of real life examples over theoretical knowledge. Professor Sarramona's methodology is based on the evaluative guidelines developed by the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) which calls for regular testing at the national level. National results are then ranked according to an international ranking system. The seminar was offered to educators of all levels of instruction within both the public and private education systems, as well as to policy makers.

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Participants in Quality Education Training Program with their Certificates

Competencies Evaluation Lecture

June 8, 2005

Learning for the Challenges of Real Life

Jaume Sarramona, Professor at the Autonomous University, presented this lecture that exposed attendants to the challenges schools face with regard to breaking away from old paradigms and preparing citizens for the new millennium.

The lecture was organized in association with Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra (PUCMM), EDUCA, the Latin American School of Social Studies (FLASCO), the Poveda Center and Fundación Fe y Alegría.

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Quality in Basic Education Online Training Program

September–November, 2005

Quality in Education Online Course

GFDD/FUNGLODE, together with the Organization of American States (OAS), the Educational Portal of the Americas, the Institute of Advanced Studies for the Americas (INEAM), the Ministry of Education (SEE), and the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology (SEESCyT), provided grants to 279 teachers of basic education to participate in an online course on the total quality principle applied to education.

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Online Training

April 27, 2006

Completion of Online Training Course

More than 200 Dominican Teachers received Diplomas of Certification for their completion of the online training program: "Quality of Basic Education."

"Quality of Basic Education" is an online training class that offers educators of elementary and higher education and experts in teacher training an introduction to the philosophy of quality education. The course is entirely online and requires participants to spend at least 10 hours per week engaging in course work. It is designed to equip participants with the methodological tools necessary to improve basic educational services, and the ability to apply their new-found knowledge and cognitive skills to their institutional settings. The course also afforded participants with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the functions of the computer and internet usage.

Lecture

National Academic Technology Innovation Program
October 26, 2006

Presenter, Joe Wilson, advocated for the integration of technology within education, positing that educators need the right tools to effectively transmit information. He argued that the instructor's ability to convey new concepts effectively is critical to achieving societal change. The conference provided professionals in the field of education with information regarding innovative educational tools designed to enrich both teaching and learning.

2nd Classroom Today International Conference on Education

October 27–29, 2006

The conference exposed educators to new innovative technological tools designed to enrich both teaching and learning processes. The program was made possible with the support of New Horizons Corporate Group.

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International Meeting on Learning for Development

December 12, 2006

GFDD /FUNGLODE in collaboration with the National Institute of Public Administration (INAP), held the Fourth Board of Directors Meeting for the Global Development Learning Network (GDLN). The activity aimed to define policies and procedures that would strengthen training and long-distance learning programs offered by GDLN's member institutions.

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www.gdln.org

Journalism Training Workshop

February 21–25, 2005

Journalism and the Democratic Process

Colombian journalists, María Teresa Ronderos and Javier Darío Restrepo, led the workshop which stressed the role free media and effective journalism play in furthering democracy. 10 Dominican journalists, and 9 journalists from Argentina, Paraguay, Peru, Venezuela, and Nicaragua attended the workshop. The training program was made possible through cooperation with New Ibero-American Journalism (FNPI).

Related Links

www.nuevoperiodismo.org

Civil Society

Civil society is not a burden, but an opportunity.

First Conference on Corporate Social Responsibility in the Dominican Republic

May 24, 2005

The First Conference on Corporate Social Responsibility: Sustainable Development and Competitiveness Strategy gathered representatives from national and international institutions within the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, working in the area of corporate social responsibility and sustainable development. The con-

ference featured sessions delivered and moderated by various experts and panelists, including Mr. Antonio Vives, IADB expert in the field, as well as other representatives reporting on national and international CSR experiences. These experiences include work conducted by Constructora Norberto Odebrech, Verizon, Cemex Dominicana and the Association of Restaurants and Hotels in La Romana-Bayahibe, Dominican Republic.

The conference took place at FUNGLODE headquarters and was coordinated by GFDD/FUNGLODE, the CEMEX



Lilya Wagner

Foundation, Alianza ONG, the National Council for the Private Enterprise, the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) and the UN Development Programme (UNDP).

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www.cemexdominicana.com
www.alianzaong.org
www.iadb.org
www.undp.org
www.verizon.com

Fundraising Strategies Workshop

July 25, 2005

Principles and Components for a Fundraising Strategy

Dr. Lilya Wagner, President of Philanthropy at Counterpart International, taught a comprehensive one-day course on how to develop efficient fundraising programs to 40 Dominican NGO representatives. The course highlighted key components of successful fundraising program development and implementation, and included a series of practical group exercises that emphasized communication strategies. The class was presented by GFDD/FUNGLODE, in association with Counterpart International, Alianza ONG and the CEMEX Foundation.

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Corporate Social Responsibility Lecture

July 25, 2005

From Philanthropy to the Full Development of Corporate Social Responsibility: The American Case and Other Practices

The conference provided Dominican representatives from the public, private and nonprofit sectors with a comprehensive over-view of the evolution of philanthropy over the last 10 years, along with current philanthropic trends. The objective of the conference was to provide a platform for discussing ideas concerning philanthropy and corporate responsibility. The event was organized by GFDD/FUNGLODE in collaboration with Counterpart International, Alianza ONG and the CEMEX Foundation.

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Corporate Social Responsibility and Ethics

October 18, 2006

Corporate Social Responsibility and Ethics

Politologist, Yanira Borges, presented this lecture, directed towards managers and administrators, that stressed the importance of corporate responsibility.

Communication and Public Opinion

Neither democracy nor good governance is possible without free media.

Mapping the Media Project Lecture

June 5, 2006

Mapping the Media Project

Dr. Shelley McConnell, Senior Associate Director of the Americas Program at The Carter Center, presented a number of media maps designed to increase transparency in campaign finance reform and democracy building efforts, and explained their potential applications.

Using state-of-the-art Geographic Information Systems (GIS), she presented an interactive map demonstrating the location of the Dominican media, their broadcast potential, the ownership of each media outlet, and the demographic profile of the electoral constituencies that they reach. Mapping the Media Project highlights civil society's capacity to contribute to good governance and development within a knowledge-based society.

These media maps are free on the Internet as a public resource at: www.mediamap.info



Shelley McConnell, Rafael Molina Morillo, Miguel Angel Bastenier, Iban Campo

The lecture was organized by GFDD/FUNGLUDE, in association with the University of Calgary and the Canadian Foundation for the Americas (FOCAL).

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www.ucalgary.ca
www.focal.ca
www.oas.org

Culture

Access to new ideas, trends and perspectives makes for responsible and accountable citizens.

IX International Book Fair Santo Domingo 2006

April 24–May 7, 2006

The fair commenced on the evening of April 24, with the artistic performance, “Mezcla,” presented by the Teatro Nacional. The inaugural event was led by President Fernández, the First Lady, and Ministers and Diplomatic Representatives from Argentina. Renowned Dominican writer, Marcio Veloz Maggiolo, was also present at the event. The 2006 Fair commemorated his extensive literary achievements.

During the fair, GFDD/FUNGLODE set-up a stand to acquaint visitors with the organizations’ publications and PortalDominicanaonline.org.



FUNGLODE-GFDD pavilion at Book Fair

Defense and Security

True freedom and development cannot exist without security.

Hemispheric Security Panel Discussion

August 1, 2005

Hemispheric Security within Democratic Values

The panel discussion centered on issues of Dominican-Haitian border security and hemispheric security, as it relates to the trade of weapons and illegal narcotics. Panel discussants included: President Leonel Fernández; Juan Gabriel Valdés, Special UN Envoy to Haiti; Joseph Tulchin, Director of the Latin American Program at the Woodrow Wilson Center; and Raúl Benítez Manaut, Professor at the Autonomous University of Mexico.



Joseph Tulchin, President Leonel Fernández, Juan Gabriel Valdés

During the conference, President Fernández announced the creation of a new Dominican-Haitian border security system. Ambassador Valdés spoke optimistically of Haiti's still precarious security situation.

A large number of high-ranking civil and military officials, professors and historians attended this event which received wide media coverage.

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Security and Governance Seminar

August 2, 2005

Security and Governance in Latin America

The one-day workshop brought together high-ranking civil and military officers and scholars in order to discuss a public policy strategy related to hemispheric security. Workshop participants identified poverty, lack of access

to energy sources and organized crime as imminent threats to regional security. The seminar was organized by GFDD/FUNGLODE, in collaboration with the Latin American Program at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, the Dr. Guillermo Manuel Ungo Foundation and the Latin American School for Social Science (FLACSO).

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Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)

Economic and social progress goes hand-in-hand with technological advancement.

E-Government Lecture

July 28, 2004

E-Government as a Tool Toward Government Efficiency and Transparency

Representatives from several Latin American and Caribbean nations, the Inter-American Agency for

Cooperation and Development (IACD), the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Economic Commission for Latin America (CEPAL) discussed the use of electronic tools in different areas of government service, stressing how new technologies can contribute to transparency and accountability.



María Alejandra Sepúlveda



Domingo Tavárez, Martin Hilbert, Hernán Moreno

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www.oas.org

www.eclac.org

E-Government Seminar

July 29, 2004

Electronic Tools for Government Management

GFDD/FUNGLODE, in collaboration with the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD) and the Organization of American States (OAS), organized a program on Electronic Government in Santo Domingo. The IACD/OAS, led by Sheila Donovan, Director of Development Programs, and Miguel A. Porrúa, Coordinator of the Electronic Government Unit, moderated a panel discussion on the use of electronic tools in government management.

The panel was comprised of the following guest speakers: Abraham Sotelo, Director of the Electronic Government Unit for the Government of Mexico; María Alejandra Sepúlveda, Executive Director of the Reform and Modernization Program of the Government of Chile; Nigel Hickson, E-Commerce Consultant for the Ministry of Tourism, Telecommunications & E-Commerce of the Government of Bermuda; Martin Hilbert, Economist for the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (CEPAL); Hernán Moreno, Director of the Connectivity Agenda, Ministry of Communications, Colombia; and Domingo Tavárez, Director of Information and Technology at FUNGLODE.

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www.iacd.oas.org

Democracy

Full-fledged democracy is a worldwide aspiration.



Bernardo Vega, Frederic Emam-Zade, Flavio Dario Espinal



Howard J. Wiarda

Democracy in the U.S. Panel Discussion

September 30, 2004

Discussion of the First 2004 U.S. Presidential Debate

After viewing the first 2004 U.S. presidential debate, former Ambassador and Historian, Bernardo Vega, Political Science Specialist, Flavio Dario Espinal, and Inter-American Dialogue President, Peter Hakim (via videoconference), analyzed the candidates' responses and attitudes and discussed the implications their positions could have in the international arena, particularly the consequences their approaches could ensue. The program took place before a live audience and was broadcasted live to the Dominican Republic. The purpose of the program was to encourage dialogue concerning the U.S. presidential debates.

Related Link

www.thedialogue.org

Democracy in Latin America Seminar

May 3–4, 2005

Cultural Tradition and Politics in Latin America

Guest lecturer, Dr. Howard J. Wiarda, Director of International Affairs at the University of Georgia, discussed U.S. and Latin American positions regarding issues of globalization and democratization. The seminar was directed towards professionals and students in the field of international relations.

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Guillermo O'Donnell, Natasha Despotovic, Laurence Whitehead

Foreign Policy Lecture

May 5, 2005

Foreign Policy of President Bush's Second Term

Howard J. Wiarda, Director of International Studies at the University of Georgia, highlighted reasons why the Dominican Republic should take advantage of the United States' new found interest in Latin America.

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Democracy in Latin America Conference

May 13, 2005

Democracy in Latin America

Presenters, Guillermo O'Donnell, Helen Kellogg Professor of Political Science at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana; Laurence Whitehead, Senior Expert on

Political Science and Director of the Center for Mexican Studies, Nutley College, Oxford University; Jonathan Hartlyn, Political Science Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; and Rosario Espinal, Professor of Sociology and Director of the Latin American Studies Center at Temple University, Philadelphia, discussed recent theories and debates concerning the current status of democracy in Latin America, as well as their opinions regarding future changes. The conference was open to the public, and representative of GFDD/FUNGLODE's commitment to promoting discussion of critical issues relevant to the social, economic and political development of the Dominican Republic and the Region.

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Dominican Studies & Diaspora

Transborder communities are gaining importance in a globalized world.

Diaspora and Development Report Presentation

December 6, 2004

**Building New Strategic Alliances for Development:
Dominican Republic-New York**

President Leonel Fernández presented FUNGLODE's report, *Building New Strategic Alliances for Development: Dominican Republic-New York*. The report is the result of a 2 year project conducted by a FUNGLODE working group, comprised of professionals and community leaders from the Institute of Dominican Studies at City College of New York, the Institute of Dominican Studies at Columbia University, as well as other institutions. The report provides a social, economic and cultural profile of the Dominican Diaspora in the U.S., and includes information regarding the types of investments made by the Diaspora in the U.S. at large.

The Diaspora plays a significant role in the nation's economy, contributing around U.S. \$ 3 billion each year. President Fernández acknowledged the Diaspora's contribution to national development and spoke of increasing ties between the two communities.

Related Links

www.ccny.cuny.edu/dsi/index.html

Latinos in the U.S. Videoconference

March 29, 2005

**Creating Business Opportunities Between Hispanic
and Caribbean Population in the U.S. and their
Countries of Origin**

The panel discussion featured President Fernández, and experts from Argentina, Barbados, Ecuador, Peru, Dominican Republic and Washington D.C., the Young Americas Business Trust (YABT), the Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) of the Organization of American States (OAS), the World Bank's Global Development Learning Network (GDLN) and Columbia University's Earth Institute. During the discussion forum, President Fernández reaffirmed his commitment to work with the Dominican Diaspora in the U.S.

Related Links

www.myybiz.net

www.oas.org

www.gdln.org

www.earthinstitute.columbia.edu

Presentation to Dominican Business in New York City

May 23, 2006

New York City

Global Foundation for Democracy and Development, led by Executive Director Natasha Despotovic, hosted a cocktail for the Dominican business community in New York City. The event comprised part of a larger project to present GFDD to the Dominican Diaspora in the U.S., in an effort to reinforce ties between Dominicans in the Dominican Republic and the Dominican Diaspora in the U.S., and to identify spaces in which the Diaspora can play a larger role in the development of the Dominican Republic.

Presentation to Latino Media Representatives in New York

May 24, 2006

This informal media meeting in New York City was representative of GFDD/FUNGLODE's mission to network with media outlets that focus on the Dominican Diaspora and other Dominican related topics in New York City.



Semiramis de Miranda, Natasha Despotovic, Asunción Sanz and Yamile Eusebio with members of the Spanish speaking press in New York City

Environment

Fresh air is hard to come by.

Energy Seminar

November 3–4, 2004

**Energy Policies and the Environment:
International Experiences and Recommendations
for the Dominican Republic**

During the two-day seminar, panelists discussed different aspects of conventional and alternative sources of energy, their impact on the economy and the environment, as well as the type of infrastructure that would be required to implement alternative energy initiatives.

Panelists included: Max Puig, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources; Rafael Maradiaga, Vice-

President of the Dominican Petroleum Refinery; Sergio Trinidad (Brazil); Bjorn Nordby (Norway); Max Shauck, professor and chairman of the Baylor Institute for Air Sciences (U.S.); Grazia Zanin, Director of Research at the Baylor University Institute for Air Sciences (U.S.); and Leonel Umaña of BUN-CA (Costa Rica).

The event was made possible via collaboration with the Dominican Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, the Dominican Petroleum Refinery, the Tecno-Deah Consortium and Cemex Dominicana.

Related Links

www.baylor.edu.bias

www.bun-ca.org



Max Puig, Natasha Despotovic, Max Shauck, Grazia Zanin

Energy Seminar

May 9-10, 2005

Energy and Environment in the Dominican Republic

Max Shauck and Grazia Zanin, of Baylor University in Texas, discussed the advantages of constructing a Green Airport in the Dominican Republic. It will be the first of its kind, powered by a mix of renewable energies sources such as sun, wind, photovoltaic, biomass energy and bio-fuels, readily available on the island. The Green Airport will contribute to developing the Dominican Republic as an international base for high-visibility activities. It seeks to be an international center for excellence in pilot training, education and air-quality monitoring.

Related Links

www.baylor.edu

Note: More activities related to environmental preservation have taken place under the CIEMADeS and Coral Gardens programs.

Globalization and Regional Integration

Integration: A chain of opportunities occurring at macro and micro levels.

CAFTA Discussion Meeting

March 31, 2005

CAFTA

President Fernández, U.S. Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, Hans Hertell, and relevant stakeholders, diplomats and delegates from the private and public sector discussed the challenges and threats CAFTA presents for the Dominican Republic, along with the economic opportunity associated with the treaty.

Economic Development Lecture

April 1, 2005

The Dominican Republic in a Global Economy: New Challenges

Robert Wood, Director of Country Risk for Latin America for the Economist Intelligence Unit, presented an overview of the potential positive impacts of CAFTA in the Dominican Republic, such as increased foreign investment and competitiveness, the transfer of technology and know-how and improved training and capacity building. Wood emphasized the advantages that could be gained from developing close trade relations with the U.S.



President Leonel Fernández addresses the audience

Related Links

www.eiu.com

Caribbean Issues Conference

May 30–June 4, 2005

XIII Annual Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association (CSA): Caribbean Cooperation in the Age of Information Society

President Leonel Fernández delivered the inaugural speech at this conference which emphasized the advantages of Caribbean cooperation in an age of

technological advancement. Key themes discussed at the conference were: Economic Alternatives and Their Challenges for the Caribbean Region; Global Environmental Policy and Its Impact on the Caribbean Region; Cooperation and Sustainability in Education; Health in the Caribbean States; Ecological Networks in Urban Areas of the Caribbean; and Comparative Perspectives of the Economy and Society of Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.

Partners in Learning Program (PIL)

IN COLLABORATION WITH MICROSOFT
AND THE MINISTRY OF BASIC EDUCATION

Microsoft®



Partners in Learning is a Microsoft program that empowers students and teachers to realize their full potential through innovative methods of teaching and learning that promote the use of technology in the classroom. The program operates via an alliance between Microsoft, the Ministry of Basic Education and GFDD/FUNGLODE.

Highlights

- 16+ courses/
workshops since 2005
- 50+ participants in
each course/
workshops
- 2,700+ professors/
professionals trained
since 2004

website: www.globalfoundationdd.org/gfdd/cpo_projects4.asp

Digital Narrative Workshop

October 18–22, 2004 / April, 2005

Digital Narrative

Instructors, Paúl Goris and Milcíades Ramírez, trained twenty teachers in the elements necessary to create short narrative stories utilizing multi-media tools offered by Microsoft Movie Maker II included in Microsoft Windows XP.



Elsie Malavé, Domingo Tavárez, Alejandrina Guzmán, José Armando Tavárez

MOS Certification Workshop

November 22–December 3, 2004

Microsoft Office Components Basic Training

Manuel Huertas instructed the introductory training session on Microsoft Office components (Word, Excel, Power Point and Outlook). The course is one of a series designed for individuals interested in obtaining the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) international certification. Approximately 20 teachers from the Americas Technological Institute (ITLA) and the Ministry of Basic Education (SEE) participated in the program.

Launch of IT Academies

February 15, 2005

First IT Academy in the Dominican Republic

IT Academies strive to improve the quality of education in the Dominican Republic by equipping teachers and students with the technological tools necessary to enhance both teaching and learning.

Related Links

www.microsoft.com



Manuel Huertas with a student



Paúl Goris addresses the audience

Digital Libraries Seminar

February 16–17, 2005

Digital School Libraries

More than 100 experts related to various public school libraries in the Dominican Republic participated in the seminar instructed by Dr. Ada Myriam Felicié Soto of the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus; José Antonio Merlo Vega of the Germán Sánchez Ruipérez Foundation, Spain; and Dr. Javier Solorio Lagunas of the University of Colima, México. Seminar participants learned about basic components needed to create a Virtual Library.

Related Links

www.uprp.edu
www.fundaciongsr.es
www.ucol.mx

IT Training

March 30–April 3, 2005

IT Training

More than 400 teachers were awarded Microsoft scholarships for computer program training. The scholarships were offered to teachers who obtained computers at the II Compumaestro Festival in Santiago de Los Caballeros.

Related Links

www.microsoft.com



Teachers participating in workshop



Sócrates A. Silverio

Website Design Workshop

May 16–20, 2005

Design and Development of Educational Websites

The objective of the course was to train teachers and students in the programs necessary to develop websites (HTM, Javascript, and XML). The course trained participants in key elements used in educational websites. The course consisted of 15 hours of training with an accredited instructor and took place at FUNGLODE headquarters in Santo Domingo.

Related Links

www.microsoft.com



Workshop participants in the lab

the Alianza ONG and the Americas Technological Institute (ITLA).

Related Links

www.alianzaong.org

Office Tools Training

May 2005–November 2006

Intensive Basic Training on Office Tools

Six different groups of 20 participants from several Dominican NGOs received advanced training in the principal components of the Windows Operating System (Word, Excel, Power Point, Outlook and Internet Explorer). The purpose of the training sessions was to increase the technological capacity of the nonprofit sector. The course was organized in collaboration with

ASP.NET and C+-Workshop

June 6–17, 2005

Training on .NET (ASP.NET and C+) Development and Applications: Installing and Managing ISA Server 2004

During this workshop led by FUNDGLODE ICT and Educational Projects Coordinator, Paúl Goris,

Development and Server Personnel of the Ministry of Basic Education (SEE) received training in .NET (ASP, NET and C+) Development and Applications and Installing and Managing ISA Server 2004.

Macromedia Flash MX Workshop

June 20–24, 2005/July 4–8, 2005

Macromedia Flash MX

During the workshop, graphic designers, digital artists and architects were trained in the use of the Macromedia Flash MX program to develop animations on the Internet, as well as other interactive applications. Workshop participants learned how to manage video and sound tools in order to create the animations.

The purpose of the training program was to promote the development of educational software created by members of the educational community in the Dominican Republic. Software is designed to facilitate and improve the quality of teaching and learning in the classroom.

The program included presentations from diverse international educational institutions that have achieved measurable success in the development of similar programs. Presenters included Karenia Álvarez Alfonso and Osmely Fernández of the Cuban Ministry of Education, as well as Dominican pedagogic specialists.



Participants following instructions during workshop



Paúl Goris, Alejandrina Guzmán and Cristian Matías with workshop participants

Digital Development of Educational Contents Workshop

June 28, 2005

Digital Development of Educational Contents

The workshop, instructed by Karenia Álvarez Alfonso and Osmely Fernández of the Cuban Ministry of

Education, trained more than 100 elementary school teachers in the creation of educational materials in digital format.

Digital Blackboards in the Classroom Seminar

September 9, 2005

Digital Blackboards in the Classroom: Three Alternatives

The seminar, instructed by Rebecca Fiallo of Smart Board, Ernesto Campo and Pablo Cuello of E-Beam, and Guillermo Basilis of Microsoft, educated one hundred and fifty teachers and school directors from public and private schools on various ways to incorporate digital blackboards within classroom instruction.

Related Links

www.microsoft.com

Peer Coaching Training

October 31–November 4, 2005

Training on Peer Coaching

Thirty PIL coordinators from Costa Rica, Panama, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic learned how schools can implement a professional development model that can enhance standards-based instruction by assisting teachers in offering students engaging technology-based learning activities.



Paúl Goris addresses workshop participants



Angel Dubón instructing workshop participants

The second and last phase of the training took place April, 2006.



Oscar Cantillo

Certifications in Education Seminar

February 21, 2006

Importance of Certifications in Education

One hundred teachers attended the seminar instructed by Colombian expert, Oscar Cantillo, and Argentine expert, José Quevado. The program emphasized certifying teachers in the knowledge and use of technological tools. Particular importance was placed on the use of technological tools in curriculum design and implementation.

The event was organized in collaboration with Microsoft and the Dominican Ministry of Education.

Digital Libraries

February 28, 2006

Online Training in Digital Libraries Workshop

The second workshop on digital libraries stressed the importance of identifying, locating and evaluating information. Workshop participants learned how to correctly format bibliographic information. Forty professors and officials benefited from the free training program on digital libraries.

Lecture Series of the Americas

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES



The Lecture Series was established by the Organization's Permanent Council, as part of activities "... designed to provide the peoples of the Americas with the best options for solving the problems that beset them." The Lecture Series stems from a Summit of the Americas Mandate and consists of monthly hemispheric conferences. GFDD/FUNGLODE signed a memorandum of understanding to support and promote the OAS Lecture Series on the Americas Program by broadcasting via videoconference its lectures in order to publicize and disseminate relevant information about the program before and after events. The program format includes a panel of Dominican experts that discuss topics of concern and make relevant connections between discussed themes and Dominican reality.

Highlights

- Monthly hemispheric conferences
- Discussion transmitted live via television, radio and Internet
- 21 lectures
- 21 lectures presented at FUNGLODE's auditorium

website: www.globalfoundationdd.org/gfdd/cpo_projects5.asp



Bertha Santoscoy, Bernardo Vega, Frederic Emam-Zadé

I Lecture

January 25, 2005

Promise and Peril of Democracy

The conference included presentations by former U.S. President and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Jimmy Carter; Historian, Economist and former Ambassador, Bernardo Vega; OAS Country Representative, Bertha Santoscoy; and FUNGLODE General Director, Frederic Emam-Zadé.

II Lecture

February 8, 2005

The Americas: From Economic Integration to Full Cooperation

The conference featured presentations by Enrique Iglesias, President of the Inter-American Development

Bank (IADB); Moisés Pineda, IADB Country Representative, and Frederic Emam-Zadé, General Director of FUNGLODE.

Enrique Iglesias stressed the importance of trade agreements in realizing Inter-American cooperation. Iglesias provided an overview of the evolution of integration and cooperation mechanisms in the Americas, stating that expanded cooperation cannot succeed without a domestic agenda that addresses issues of poverty, income distribution, exclusion and unemployment.

Related Link

www.iadb.org

III Lecture

March 31, 2005

The International Criminal Court and the Fulfillment of International Justice

During the conference, presentations were given by Dr. Phillippe Kirsh, President of the International Criminal Court; César Pina Toribio, Executive Branch Legal Counsel; Marino Vinicio Castillo, Lawyer; and Servio Tulio Castaños, former President of Foundation for Justice and the Rule of Law (FINJUS).

Dr. Kirsh stressed the need to establish international tribunals to prosecute for grave rights abuses when national courts are unable to do so due to existing amnesty provisions or other reasons. He also discussed the obstacles faced by the International Criminal Court—predominantly its lack of jurisdiction over national courts.

Related Links

www.icc-cpi.int

www.finjus.org.do

IV Lecture

April 13, 2005

Integrated Americas: A View from the Caribbean

Lectures were presented by Poet and Nobel Prize Laureate, Derek Walcott, and Minister of Culture, José Rafael Lantigua.

V Lecture

May 19, 2005

Latin America: From Economic Crisis to Economic Development

John B. Taylor, former Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Treasury for International Relations and Professor of Economics at Stanford University, discussed the period

of economic growth being experienced in many parts of Latin America, linking this upward growth to democratic advancement and the implementation of defined fiscal policy. Taylor praised the role played by many Latin American central banks in helping their nations move beyond the period of economic crisis experienced in the 1990s.

Related Link

www.stanford.edu

VI Lecture

June 28, 2005

Journalism and Good Governance in Latin America and the Caribbean

Alejandro Miró Quesada, President of the Inter-American Press Society, spoke of the media's duty to denounce corruption and defend democracy. He stressed the need for journalists to be proactive societal actors and emphasized the media's critical role in disseminating information that contributes to furthering transparency.

Following the videoconference, Rafael Molina Morillo, Director of the Dominican newspaper, El Día, and Deputy Vice-President of the Inter-American Press Society; Miguel Franjul, Director of the Dominican newspaper, Listín Diario; and Iban Campo, Director of Communications at FUNGLODE, highlighted the importance of objective investigative reporting in eradicating political corruption and the need to invest in young journalists.

Related Links

www.listin.com.do

VII Lecture

July 15, 2005

Hemispheric Integration: An Overview of Challenges and Perspectives

The discussion forum featured presentations by José Miguel Insulza, Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS); Bertha Santoscoy, OAS Country Representative; and Alejandra Liriano, Minister of Foreign Affairs.



Bertha Santoscoy, Alejandra Liriano

VIII Lecture

September 13, 2005

Challenge Confronting Latin America and the Caribbean

Felipe González, former President of Spain, outlined key elements in regional development. He urged for improved infrastructure and income distribution, emphasizing the value of human capital. He spoke of the urgent need to move beyond ideological democracy to pragmatic governance.

Following the videoconference, Irene Klinger, Director of the OAS Department of Communications and External Relations, moderated a panel of experts that included: Mark Schneider, Senior Vice-President of the International Crisis Group; Richard Flecher, Principal Advisor from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB); and Nancy Zucker Boswell, Managing Director of Transparency International. The conference was attended by a wide group of representatives from the private and public sectors and civil society.

Related Links

www.oas.org
www.crisisgroup.org

www.iadb.org
www.transparency.org

IX Lecture

October 11, 2005

Health for Development

Dr. Alleyne, Special Representative of the UN on HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean, argued that health is a motivating factor for development, as well as an outcome of it. He maintained that the Americas will not be able to fulfill aspirations of human development, so long as gross inequalities in healthcare persist. Dr. Alleyne also discussed the strong correlation that exists between health and national security, citing unequal access to quality healthcare as a major cause of social unrest.

Related Links

www.paho.org



José Miguel Insulza, Jeffrey Sachs

X Lecture

December 8, 2005

China and Latin America and the Caribbean: A Promising Future

In his keynote speech at OAS headquarters in Washington, D.C., Cheng Siwei spoke enthusiastically of increased cooperation between China and Latin America and the Caribbean. He posited that the key to fortifying existing relations between these nations is through increased experience sharing and broader mutual investment. He articulated that he was confident that successful outcomes would ensue as collaborations between his nation and Latin America and the Caribbean increase.

Siwei's televised speech was followed by a panel discussion led by Rosa Ng, Executive Director of Flor para Todos and Director of the China Town Project in Santo Domingo, and Zhao Peixao, Director of Trade at the Trade Development Office of the People's Republic of China.

Related Links

www.oas.org
www.globalfoundationdd.org/frameset_projects.html
www.funlode.org/menu/noticias/2005/12/081205futuro.htm

XI Lecture

March 14, 2006

New Approaches to Economic Directions in Latin America

In his presentation, Economist Jeffery Sachs of Columbia University's Earth Institute discussed the obstacles preventing full development in Latin America and the Caribbean and compared the development experiences of the

Region with the development experiences of Asia, the U.S. and Canada. He argued that inequality generated by massive economic stagnation has deterred development capable of incorporating historically marginalized ethnic groups within dominant national economies. Sachs stressed the need for Latin American and Caribbean nations to invest in education, basic health care and food security. He also encouraged nations in the Region to shift from resource-based economies to technology-based economies.

Following the videoconference, audience members had the opportunity to discuss topics addressed in the lecture with panelists, Frederic Emam-Zadé, Director of FUNGLODE, and Historian, Economist and former Ambassador, Bernardo Vega.

Related Links

www.earthinstitute.columbia.edu
www.un.org/millenniumgoals

XII Lecture

March 31, 2006

The Democratic State in Latin America

The conference featured presentations by Fernando Henrique Cardoso, former President of Brazil; Bertha Santoscoy, OAS Country Representative; Ronald Dunlop, Brazilian Ambassador to the Dominican Republic; and Alejandro Vicini, Protocol Director of the Central Electoral Committee.

XIII Lecture

June 29, 2006

Judicial Power and Impunity

Presentations were given by Judge Baltazar Garzón and Assistant General Prosecutor, Guillermo Jiménez.

XIV Lecture

August 10, 2006

One Laptop Per Child

Nicholas Negroponte shared his vision to revolutionize education worldwide through the development of low-cost computers. He maintained that the digital divide between developed and developing countries could be lessened if each child had access to a laptop computer. Negroponte explained how his production of the \$100 laptop would improve the lives of children in the Americas and throughout the world, revolutionizing education and furthering economic development. According to Negroponte, his laptops are not only unique with regard to cost, they are also capable of creating wireless networks in remote regions.

Negroponte's presentation was followed by a discussion panel of local experts that included: Domingo Tavárez, Director of the Presidential Office of Communication and Information Technology (OPTIC); José Armando Tavárez, Director of the Technological Institute of the

Americas (ITLA); and José Alfredo Rizek of the Dominican Telecommunications Institute (INDOTEL). The panel was moderated by Paula Rodríguez, OAS representative in the Dominican Republic.

Related Links:

www.laptop.org
www.optic.gob.do
www.indotel.org.do

XVI Lecture

October 3, 2006

Challenges to Open Society

In his keynote address, George Soros, Chairman of Soros Fund Management and Founder and Chairman of the Open Society Institute, discussed the conditions necessary for liberal democracy to prevail. He ascertained that personal freedoms such as freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of association, as well as critical thinking and government accountability, were requisites for the establishment of stable democracies.

XVII Lecture

November 20, 2006

Beyond Words and Paper: Why the Americas Must Act Against Corruption

Huguette Labelle, Chair of Transparency International, discussed Transparency International's role in ending corruption worldwide and the pressing need to do so. He spoke of his organization's work in bringing together relevant players from government, civil society, business and the media to promote transparency in elections, public administration, procurement and business.

Related Links

www.oas.org/lecture
www.transparency.org

Other OAS Events

In addition to promoting social and economic development in the Dominican Republic, GFDD/FUNGLODE also endorses OAS projects throughout the Hemisphere.

Lecture

March 6, 2006

OAS: Present and Future of the Hemisphere

OAS representatives Irene Kingler, Bertha Santoscoy, Elizabeth Spehar, Steven Griner and Roberto Alvarez discussed the new priorities of the OAS: Election Observing Missions and the Haitian Experience, Democratic Governance, and the Inter-American System for Human Rights Protection.

Following the presentations, Natasha Despotovic, GFDD Executive Director and FUNGLODE Vice President, moderated a discussion in which she highlighted the achievements attained via collaboration between GFDD/FUNGLODE and international organizations such as the OAS and the Ministries of Education, Higher Education, and Science and Technology in the Dominican Republic.

As a result of such on-going collaborations, GFDD/FUNGLODE has been directing several projects implemented by the OAS related to the training of in-service teachers and the utilization of technological tools in government management.



Mark Schneider, Roberto Álvarez, Elizabeth Spehar

XXIII Model General Assembly of the Organization of American States

March 5–10, 2006

More than 300 college students throughout the Western Hemisphere assembled in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic to simulate the OAS General Assembly Annual Meeting.

During the opening event at the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo (UASD), President Fernández and OAS Secretary General, José Miguel Insulza, shared their views concerning democratic values, human rights, social inequity and crime.

The Assembly exposed students to themes related to conflict resolution, peacekeeping, human rights, women and children's issues, economic and social development and the environment. Students represented the various governing bodies and member nations of the OAS and its five commissions (the General and Plenary Commission, the Legal Department,



Bertha Santoscoy, Roberto Reyna, Carlos Morales Troncoso, Leonel Fernández, Margarita Cedeño de Fernández, José Miguel Insulza, Ligia Amada Melo, Natasha Despotovic, Roberto Álvarez

the Commission on Economic and Social Issues, Education, Science and Culture, and the Budget and Administrative Commission).

OAS XXXVI General Assembly Forum

June 3, 2006

**Democratic Stability in the Americas:
The Institutional Role of the OAS**

The forum was organized by the Organization of American States (OAS), in association with the Canadian Government. It was held in Santo Domingo, June 3, 2006, within the framework of the Thirty-Sixth Regular Session of the OAS General Assembly. The forum



Alejandra Liriano, José Miguel Insulza



Luís Alberto Rodríguez, Linda Poole, Reinaldo Rodríguez

focused on regional OAS experiences and efforts to preserve and strengthen democratic institutions. It drew upon specific examples from the 2005 OAS General Assembly and featured presentations by José Miguel Insulza, OAS Secretary General, and Alejandra Liriano, Dominican Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Director of FUNGLODE's International Studies Center.

XXXVI General Assembly of the OAS. The event, held at FUNGLODE, was opened by Ambassador Albert Ramdin, Assistant Secretary General of the OAS, and was led by Luís Alberto Rodríguez, Director of the Summits Department, Reinaldo Rodríguez of the Permanent Council, and Linda Poole.

OAS XXXVI General Assembly Orientation Session

June 5, 2006

Orientation Session for Civil Society

The Summits Department of the Organization of American States (OAS) held an orientation session for the representatives of Civil Society participating in the

The United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic and UN Events



UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION
of the Dominican Republic



GFDD/FUNGLODE has been providing support to the UN and its different agencies in carrying-out their missions and achieving their goals. In 2004, GFDD/FUNGLODE was admitted to the United Nations System as an institution with Consultative Status, joining the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Department of Public Information (DPI), the Global Compact Office (UNGC), the Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS).

GFDD/FUNDGLODE also actively supports the United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic (UNA-DR). UNA-DR is a non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to supporting and promoting the work of the United Nations. The UNA-DR supports the mission of the UN by coordinating educational and cultural activities that seek to raise public awareness and motivate citizen participation.

website: www.unadr.org

Highlights

- 1,700 Dominican students have participated in the NYDRMVN conference since 2005
- 3,500+ Dominican students have participated in CILA since 2005
- Collaborating UN System Agencies: DPI/NGO, UNSCHR, WFUNA, UNESCO



Participants in the Latin American International Conference

The UNA-DR was founded in 2001 by Dr. Leonel Fernández, under the umbrella of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA). In 2002, an agreement was signed with the Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE), created by Dr. Leonel Fernández, upon which FUNGLODE became its main domestic partner, providing both operational and logistical support. In 2003, FUNGLODE's sister institution in the U.S., Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD), joined the alliance and has been providing significant support via its New York and Washington D.C. operations. In 2004, upon assuming his role as President of the Dominican Republic, Dr. Fernández became the Honorary President of the three allied institutions.

UNA-DR is the primary promoter of the work carried out by the United Nations in the Dominican Republic. The Association seeks to contribute to the creation of a well-informed citizenry that recognizes and honors the importance of intercultural dialogue, effective negotiations and peaceful conflict resolutions.

The goal of UNA-DR is to create and implement projects and initiatives that support the work of the United Nations and enhance the socio-economic development and cultural prosperity of the Dominican Republic via collaboration with educational institutions, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and the Dominican community at home and abroad.

UNA-DR works towards fulfilling the following objectives:

- To encourage the participation of Dominicans in UN activities and programs;
- To contribute to the development of the United Nations' agenda through awareness campaigns, workshops, seminars, conferences, discussion panels and publications;
- To develop programs and educational activities, such as the Model United Nations, that strengthen students' personal development by providing them with essential interpersonal skills and tools;
- To organize community outreach initiatives that promote notions of solidarity and profound understanding of social issues amongst youth;
- To implement programs that foster the successful insertion of youth within economic and political life, and create opportunities for professional and personal advancement;
- To facilitate exchange with national and international associations and institutions that share similar principles and objectives;
- To promote scientific research and the personal development of its members and those who participate in its programs.

Initiatives:

Model United Nations Conferences

The conferences simulate the work carried-out by the United Nations System and other multilateral regional and international organizations. During these events, high school and university students prepare speeches, negotiate with their allies and opponents, develop



Edwin Jackson, Alejandra Liriano, Pilar Sandoval, Natasha Despotovic, Alejandro Toledo, Rafael Albuquerque, Alejandrina Guzmán

strategies and resolve conflicts. All exercises strictly adhere to standard rules of procedure and diplomatic protocol.

Many educators consider the Model UN conferences to be one of the most important and innovative means of contributing to the personal and professional advancement of young people.

Television Program: "Global Youth: Leaders of the Future"

The UNA-DR has designed and produced the first-ever television program for young people on diplomacy, international relations and development, in an effort to reach out to younger audience members. The show is broadcasted every Sunday from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Antena Latina, Canal 7, and features the first-ever televised Model United Nations (MUNTV).

DPI/NGO Conference

September 8–10, 2004

The 57th Department of Public Information (DPI) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) Conference



Natasha Despotovic addresses audience

In support of the UN Millennium Development Goals, GFDD/FUNGLODE participated in the 57th Department of Public Information (DPI) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) Conference: Millennium Development Goals: Civil Society Takes Action, at UN Headquarters in New York City.

The purpose of the annual Conference was to: raise awareness among the general public of the UN Millennium Development Goals; evaluate the progress made with regard to achieving the goals; identify obstacles; and develop strategies for North/South collaboration.

GFDD/FUNGLODE, represented by Natasha Despotovich, John R. Gagain, Jr. and Francis Lorenzo, organized an Open Dialogue with representatives from several countries. Panelists discussed programs and initiatives being implemented to realize the goals.

During the Open Dialogue, Economist and Assistant to the UN Secretary General, Jeffrey Sachs, discussed the results of a study conducted by Columbia University's Earth Institute regarding the present status of the Millennium Development Goals.

Gagain, Director of FUNGLODE's Center for Global Studies, also presented the recently created Presidential Commission for the Development of the Millennium Goals and Sustainable Development (Comisión Presidencial sobre los Objetivos de Desarrollo del Milenio y el Desarrollo Sostenible, COPDES).

Related Links

www.unngodpiconference.org
www.earthinstitute.columbia.edu
www.un.org/millenniumgoals



View of the Model UN taking place at the United Nations headquarters in New York City

DPI/NGO Conference

September 7–9, 2005

United Nations 58th Annual DPI/NGO Conference:
Our Challenge: Voices for Peace, Partnerships and
Renewal

GFDD/FUNGLODE and the UNA-DR participated in
various sessions of the 58th Annual DPI/NGO
Conference.

Regional UN Model

November 4–6, 2004

Second United Nations North Region Model,
Santiago de los Caballeros

More than 800 national and international students,
teachers, parents and professionals attended this event,
at which they discussed many relevant topics related to
the UN member countries.

CILA (International Conference on the Americas) 2005

May 11–15, 2005

Over 1,200 high school students from the Dominican
Republic, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Argentina, Ecuador,
Haiti, Mexico, Canada, the U.S., France and other
countries assembled in Bávaro, Dominican Republic to
simulate meetings of UN agencies and other multilateral
institutions. Students represented a variety of agencies
and institutions, including the Pan American Health
Organization, the World Bank, the UN Committee on

Human Rights and the UN General Assembly, among others. UNA-DR also hosted more than 30 seminars and workshops on topics such as: UN Reform, Globalization and Sustainable Development, the Haitian Crisis, Public Policy for Social Inclusion, Cooperation between the E.U. and the Dominican Republic, Tourism and Ecotourism.

At the end of the four-day conference, students drafted proposals for action. Recommendations were presented to officials at the UN and its institutions with the objective of providing a young, innovative perspective on global concerns.

Related Links

www.paho.org
www.worldbank.org

CILA 2006

October 11–15, 2006

The Latin American International Conference, CILA 2006, attracted close to 1,500 students, between eleven and twenty-two years of age, from the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Cuba, Puerto Rico and Canada.

This second edition of CILA was dedicated to the development of entrepreneurial spirit and the creation of youth employment. Students simulated meetings of UN institutions, while adhering to UN procedures and protocol.

The following national and international guests participated in the conference: Laiden Fuster, Conference Secretary General; Pilar Sandoval, Executive Director of UNA-DR; Natasha Despotovic, GFDD Executive Director and FUNGLODE Vice-President; Juan Carlos Brandt, Chief of the UN Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations (DPI/NGO); Lelei LeLaulu, President and CEO of Counterpart International; Johanna Mendelson-Forman, Special Advisor to the Chief of the UN Stabilization

Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH); Irving Stolberg, President of the United Nations Association - U.S., Connecticut Chapter; and Katherine Acosta, UNA-RD Media Coordinator.

Related Links

www.unadr.org
www.un.org/dpi/ngosection
www.counterpart.org
www.un.org/Depts/dpko/missions/minustah
www.una-connecticut.org

New York-Dominican Republic Model United Nations 2005 and 2006

March 18–19, 2005

Approximately 350 students, parents and teachers from the Dominican Republic and New York participated in the celebration of the NYDMUN 2005 edition and the full-day discussion-session that followed at UN headquarters. The event was made possible via the support of Lehman College and the Dominican Studies Institute at the City College of New York.

May 24–28, 2006

NYDMUN 2006 assembled more than 600 students from high schools, colleges and universities in the United States, the Dominican Republic and other Latin American countries to debate current global issues, while adhering to UN protocol, at Pace University.

Related Links

www.lehman.cuny.edu
www.ccny.cuny.edu/dsi/index.html
www.unadr.org/nydmun2005
www.pace.edu

Discussing the UN-Panel Discussion

July 20, 2005

Analysis of the UN Secretary General's Report: A Broader Concept of Liberty

Niki Fabianic, UNDP Representative and Resident Coordinator of UN Agencies in the Dominican Republic; Ambassador Erasmo Lara, Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the UN; Ambassador Michel Cohen, Official in Charge of the UN-OAS Division; Cristina Aguiar, Director of the Diplomatic School of the Dominican Republic; and Pilar Sandoval, Executive Director of the UN Association of the Dominican Republic (UNA-DR), presented the conclusions of the UN Secretary General's Report: A Broader Concept of Liberty, to a large audience, comprised of delegates from academic and public institutions, embassies and international organizations.

Related Links

www.unadr.org
www.undp.org

DPI/NGO Orientation Program

February 22–23, 2006

GFDD/FUNGLODE participated in the United Nations Department of Public Information Non-Governmental Organization Section's annual Orientation Program. The purpose of the program was to help base organizations integrate themselves within the UN System. The orientation program introduced NGO representatives to various ways of accessing UN materials pertaining to NGOs and CSOs, and provided an opportunity for representatives to network with other representatives and UN officials.

The program included a series of lectures presented by top-ranking UN officers working with NGOs and Civil Society. UN speakers included Paul Hoeffel, Chief of

the NGO Section of the DPI; Raymond Sommereyns, Director of the Outreach Division of the DPI; Joan Kirby, Chair of the NGO/DPI Executive Committee; Ramu Damodaran, Chief of the Civil Society Service of the DPI; Jackie Shapiro, First Vice President of the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the UN (CONGO); Craig Mokhiber, Deputy to the Director for the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; Hanifa Mezoui, Chief of the NGO Section of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA); and Alejandra Pero, Programme Specialist for the Civil Society Organization Unit of the UNDP, among others.

Panel Discussion

April 13, 2006

Challenging Intellectual Property: Access to Knowledge Issues in Open Source and Medicine

The panel, comprised of Rishab Aiyer Ghosh, Senior Researcher at UNU-MERIT; Louis-Dominique Ouédraogo, retired UN Joint Inspection Unit Inspector; Tim Hubbard, Head of Human Genome Analysis at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, U.K.; Tadao Takahashi, Principal Investigator for the Project Foresight ICTs—2015 of the Center for Strategic Studies, Brazil; and Jean-Marc Coicaud, Head of the United Nations University in New York, extensively discussed the role of open source software and other collaborative models of knowledge production as development tools. Such models of knowledge production afford developing nations greater independence from more industrialized nations. Various policy and strategy models were also discussed.



Francis Lorenzo, Arun Kashyap, Barbara Spam, Francisco Solís Robledo

Regional Consultation on Migration, Remittances and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

July 27–28, 2006

GFDD/FUNGLODE hosted the UNDP Regional Consultation on Migration, Remittances and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean. 75 representatives from 13 Latin American and Caribbean nations participated in the conference to discuss ways in which remittances can be utilized to fulfill development goals. The conclusions of the Regional Consultation were to be included in the UN Secretary General's

report to the High-Level Consultation on Migration, Remittances and Development, held in New York, September 14–16, 2006.

UN Secretary Visit to the Dominican Republic

August 4, 2006

The United Nations and Development: Priorities for the Millennium

The UN Secretary General, Kofi Annan, delivered his keynote address at FUNGLODE headquarters in Santo Domingo. He praised the efforts the Dominican Republic is making to achieve the Millennium Development



Kofi Annan, Leonel Fernández

Goals. During his visit to the Dominican Republic, he also met with President Fernández to discuss the goals in detail, which seek to reduce extreme poverty by half, halt the spread of HIV/AIDS and provide universal primary education by the target date of 2015. He referred to the nation as a "source of inspiration for the international community and an example to the developing world."

59th Annual DPI/ NGO Conference

September 21, 2006

Over 2,500 representatives of non-governmental organizations and civil society activists from more than 90 countries participated in the 59th Annual DPI/NGO Conference. The event was held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York and aimed to examine ways in which to strengthen collaborations between local communities and global institutions. The title of the conference was: "Unfinished Business: Effective Partnerships for Human Security and Sustainable Development." During the conference representatives pre-

sented accomplishments realized by their organizations through effective collaboration with other organizations. The purpose of the conference was to emphasize the need for further inter-organizational collaboration in order to realize the UN Millennium Development Goals.

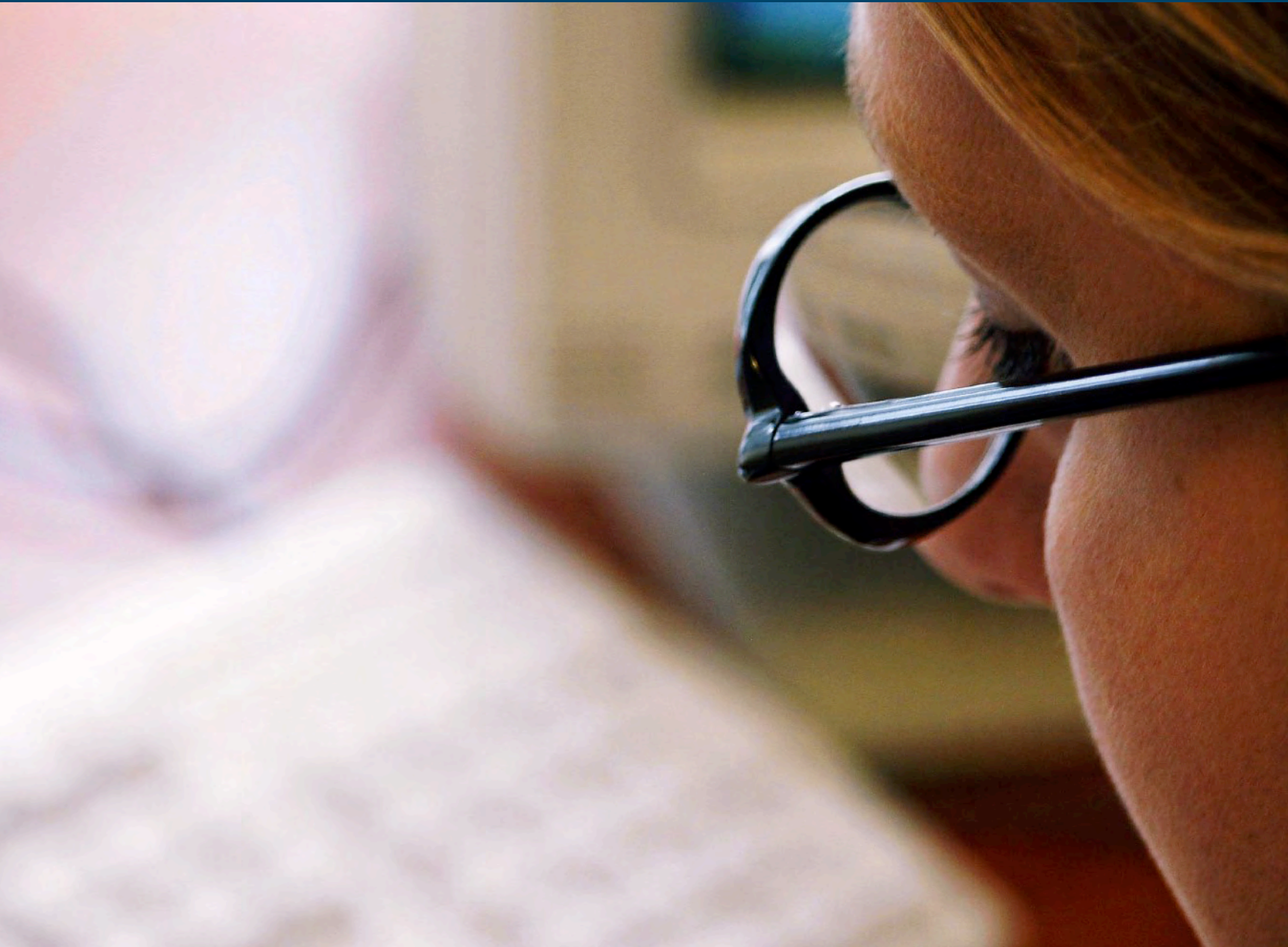
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www.globalfoundationdd.org/frameset_projects.html

Univirtual Global Dominicana



UNIVIRTUAL GLOBAL
DOMINICANA



GFDD/FUNGLODE and its partners are embarking on a project to develop and implement the first Virtual University in the Dominican Republic with a Dominican focus. The University will offer professional development and college-level courses in areas as diverse as: eCommerce, Communications and Media, Public Administration, International Law, Sustainable Development, International Relations, Geography, History, Political Science and Culture.

The University's instructional model will consist of the utilization of the following teaching tools: PDF's, Word and PowerPoint Documents, digital media such as streamed videos of lectures, audio contents and their transcriptions, lab demos, self-quizzes, online exams, chat sessions, e-mail and forum discussions. Such communication forums will allow for consistent student—
instructor interaction and immediate instructor feedback.

Univirtual Global Dominicana seeks to democratize access to higher education and improve the quality of academic instruction in the Dominican Republic.

The University's objectives are to: provide quality online professional development, undergraduate and graduate-level courses; allow greater numbers of people access to academic instruction; develop courses with both public and private institutions; reduce expenditures for both the student and the educational institution; provide students and instructors access to a network of digital libraries; and expand employment opportunities in the area of distance education.

website: www.globalfoundationdd.org/gfdd/cpo_projects9.asp



Semiramis de Miranda, Leonel Fernández, Joao Vianney, Rafael Pastor Vargas, Marcelo Meléndez

Distance Education Seminar

November 7–9, 2005

Regulation and Legislation of Distance Education: The Brazilian Experience

Professor Luciane Carneiro and Dr. Helio Chaves Filho, of the Brazilian Ministry of Education, led a three day seminar in which they discussed issues of quality control, legislation and ways to meet existing international standards in distance education.

The seminar provided Dominican experts in the field of education the opportunity to acquire valuable knowledge from the Brazilian experience—knowledge they hope to

implement in the development of GFDD/FUNGLODE's Virtual University.

The conference was made possible through support from the Dominican Ministry of Education, the Brazilian Ministry of Education and Odebrecht Dominican Republic.

Distance Education Seminar

February 13–17, 2006

International Week on Distance Education

The seminar explored how a Virtual University in the Dominican Republic would increase Dominican access

to higher education. Previous experiences from other countries (Spain, Chile, Brazil, Argentina) were also discussed, providing insights into the possible ways of developing such an institution.

Distance Education Seminar

March 13, 2006

Donation of Drweb Platform

The Metropolitan Technological University (UTEM Virtual) donated free access to the Distance Education

Drweb Platform to the Dominican Ministry of Basic Education. Thanks to this generous donation, all secondary education centers in the Dominican Republic receive free access to the platform.

Related Links

www.globalfoundationdd.org/frameset_noticias.html

www.utemvirtual.cl/cont_pag.php?contenido=11

Global Media Arts Institute (GMAI)



The Global Media Arts Institute (GMAI) was created and developed by GFDD/ FUNGLODE, with the purpose of offering innovative courses and professional development programs in audiovisual matters (in coordination with Univirtual Global Dominicana), with special emphasis on television and film production, both onsite and online.

GMAI was formally inaugurated during the 2006 Dominican Republic Global Film Festival at FUNGLODE headquarters in Santo Domingo.

The Institute is dedicated to providing up-in-coming professionals in the television and film industry with comprehensive instruction in the latest trends in audiovisual production, as part of its overall mission to expand the cinematographic industry of the Dominican Republic.

GMAI seeks to play a key role in the development of a highly qualified Dominican audiovisual industry that positively contributes to the economic development, competitiveness and modernization of the nation.

GMAI regularly offers introductory, intermediate and advanced courses in audiovisual production. The Institute also organizes cultural activities that further understanding of the audiovisual arts, such as film screenings, panel discussions and interviews with artists and technicians.

GMAI conducts collaborative work with prestigious international institutions and programs such as New York University's Opportunity Program, One Race Films, the Escuela Internacional de Cine y Televisión de Cuba (the International School of Television and Film) and the National Association of Latino Independent Producers (NALIP).

Highlights

- 10+ courses/ workshops since 2004
- 500 students trained since 2004
- 10+ international instructors

website: www.globalmediaarts.org



Documentary Series on Global Issues

With the purpose of increasing public awareness about current global issues such as hunger, nuclear weapons and peacekeeping missions, GFDD/FUNGLODE presented a documentary series, with the support of Americans for Informed Democracy.

“The Silent Killer”

March 24, 2006

GFDD/FUNGLODE, in collaboration with Americans for Informed Democracy (AID), presented *The Silent Killer*, a one-hour documentary on the on-going campaign against global hunger. The documentary showing was followed by a panel discussion with national and international experts, which included María Salas of the World Food Program (WFP) and Matilde Vásquez, Under-Secretary of Nutrition for the Ministry of Public Health and Social Services (SESPAS).

Both experts discussed the strategies the Fernández Administration is employing to address

hunger in the Dominican Republic. These strategies include the creation of the Hunger and Under Nutrition Atlas of the Dominican Republic, a program designed to reduce the number of people living under the minimum food-energy consumption level (2,100 calories/day), and the implementation of the School Food Program and the Vulnerable Groups Food Program. All three programs benefit low-income families, particularly elementary and middle school children.

Related Links

www.wfp.org

www.sespas.es

www.aidemocracy.org

“Last Best Chance”

March 31, 2006

The docudrama reveals the deadly threat posed by nuclear weapons. The film presentation was followed by a discussion with Jorge Núñez Alba, Coordinator of Eco-Peace Mexican Network and former Mexican



Jorge Núñez Alba, Pilar Sandoval



Madeline Castillo, Ayaka Suzuki, Pilar Sandoval

Minister of Energy, and Pilar Sandoval, Executive Director of the United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic (UNA-DR). Nuñez discussed the negative implications that the detonation of nuclear weapons would pose to the world. He argued that with globalization and economic integration come heightened security risks, pointing out the massive amounts of goods transported across borders daily. He referred specifically to the difficulty of monitoring the transportation of goods across the Mexican-American border and the inability of U.S. government officials to prevent Anthrax from entering the country.

Related Link

www.unadr.org

“The Peacekeepers”

April 7, 2006

GFDD/FUNGLODE, in collaboration with Americans for informed Democracy, presented “The Peacekeepers,” a ground-breaking documentary that exposes the challenges faced by the UN Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUC) between 2002 and 2004. The presentation was followed by a discussion panel led by Ayaka Suzuki, Senior Political Affairs/Planning Officer to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH).

Suzuki outlined the current political climate of the Congo, and discussed the challenges faced by the United Nations Security Council, in both defining the role of the Department of Peace Keeping Operations and convincing member states to initiate peace keeping strategies. She highlighted the role of the DPKO reports and the international press in exposing the international community to the massive human rights abuses being committed in the Republic of the Congo.

Related Links

www.un.org/Depts/dpko/missions/monuc

www.un.org/Depts/dpko/missions/minustah

Audiovisual Production Course

As a result of the Dominican Republic’s need for skilled audiovisual professionals, the Global Media Institute is developing an on-going introductory, as well as a more advanced program, on film and television production.

Introductory Course on Audiovisual Production: Film and Television

June 5–30, 2006

This was the first of a series of courses targeting young want-to-be audiovisual professionals. Students acquired knowledge of the technical and creative demands of cinematography through hands-on-study. They learned how to use composition, light and color to establish mood, manipulate emotions and portray stories. Students worked with storyboards, gels and filters to attain practical understanding of how onscreen images are created.

The course was sponsored by GFDD/FUNGLODE in collaboration with New York University's Opportunity Program and One Race Films.

Related Links

www.nyu.edu/op/admissions.htm
www.oneracefilms.com

Ceremony to Honor the Completion of the First Audiovisual Production Course

Santo Domingo, June 30, 2006

GFDD/FUNGLODE held a ceremony to commemorate the students that partook in this four week course. Omar de la Cruz, Manager of FUNGLODE's Audiovisual Department, served as the master of ceremony at this event. North American actor, Vin Diesel, presented certificates to the students that participated in the course. During the ceremony, Vin Diesel affirmed his interest in helping President Leonel Fernández to develop a film industry in the Dominican Republic.

Course instructors included renowned representatives of the film industry, such as: Juan Basanta, Dominican Television Producer; Arturo Rodríguez, Director of National Film Direction; Irving Vincent, Director of New York University's Opportunity Program's Multimedia Lab; and George Argento, Assistant Professor at New York University, all of whom were present at the ceremony.

The students concluded the ceremony by sharing their final projects with the audience. Student projects included commercials, short films and documentary videos.

The audiovisual production course was the first initiative of GFDD/FUNGLODE's newly created Global Media Arts Institute.

Related Links

www.nyu.edu
www.nyu.edu/op/admissions.htm

Culture, Integration and Development

September 13, 2006

Columbian lawyer, Gonzalo Castellanos Valenzuela, gave a presentation on the role of culture in integration and development at FUNGLODE's auditorium, September 13, 2006. The presentation was sponsored by GFDD/FUNGLODE, in association with the Dominican Ministry of Culture.

Castellanos Valenzuela stressed the role culture can play in furthering national economies when adequately utilized. He stated that cinematography is both a cultural phenomenon and an economic sector. He referenced UNESCO's report on the capacity of television to disseminate information. According to the report, 850 million illiterate people across the globe have access to television, making television broadcasting a powerful means by which to provide exposure to distinct cultural practices and societal norms. Castellanos Valenzuela called for the inclusion of indigenous cultural dimensions within modern-day cinematography in order to acknowledge indigenous perspectives on issues of integration and national development.

According to Castellanos Valenzuela, culture has the capacity to link people of different communities and nations. In this sense, culture is the first step in spurring intercultural and international dialogs, providing a common ground for mutual understanding that transcends national, political and religious boundaries.

This lecture presentation is representational of GFDD/FUNGLODE's mission to organize forums that foster cultural exchange and intercultural dialogue.



Irving Vincent surrounded by instructors and participants

Related Links

www.globalfoundationdd.org
www.drglobalfilmfestival.org
www.nyu.edu
www.oneracefilms.com
www.globalfoundationdd.org/interdom
www.unesco.org

Film Techniques Workshop

September 29–30, 2006

Introduction to Film Techniques: Use of Camera, Composition and Light

Juan Basanta, Dominican film-maker, and Irving Vincent, Director of New York University's Opportunity Program's Multimedia Lab, taught a two-day workshop on the art of cinematography. Students were instructed on the use of various lenses, shutter speed and the iris effect.

Basanta is currently one of the most experienced cinematographers in the Dominican Republic. He's known for his work in films like: "La Fiesta del Chivo," "The Lost City" and "Yes."

The workshop was the result of a collaborative effort between GFDD/FUNGLODE's Global Media Arts Institute, New York University's Opportunity Program and One Race Films.

Related Links

www.nyu.edu/op/admissions.htm
www.oneracefilms.org

Global Media Arts Institute Presents "Scripts"

November 3–4, 2006

This workshop sponsored by GFDD/FUNGLODE's Global Media Arts Institute, in association with One Race Films and New York University's Opportunities Program, was instructed by respected screen-writer, Miguel Tejada Flores, well-known for his work in the areas of: mystery, drama and science-fiction. Tejada Flores schooled workshop participants in the following areas: the critical importance of the first 15 pages, how to create lead roles, writing to attract the actors you want, and how to pitch a movie.

Related Links

www.nyu.edu/op/admissions.htm
www.oneracefilms.org

Formal Inauguration of the Global Media Arts Institute

November 13, 2006

The Global Media Arts Institute was formally introduced during the 2006 Dominican Republic Global Film Festival at FUNGLODE headquarters in Santo Domingo. During the inauguration, Natasha Despotovic, GFDD Executive Director and FUNGLODE Vice President, acknowledged the efforts of both GFDD and FUNGLODE in promoting audiovisual training in the Dominican Republic.

The objective of the Institute is to offer courses in professional training to students with no prior experience, as well as to students with vast experience in the industry who desire to continue updating their knowledge. Through its various programs, the Institute has provided training to 150 individuals in the fields of television and film production.

Related Links

www.nyu.edu/op/admissions.htm
www.oneracefilms.org
www.mdc.edu



Participants working at their editing stations



Portal www.Dominicanaonline.org

www.dominicanaonline.org



DOMINICANA ON LINE
El Portal de la República Dominicana...



Dominicanaonline.org was created in 2005 by GFDD/FUNGLODE with the purpose of presenting the Dominican Republic to a national and international audience. The Portal is an on-going project that corresponds to the interests and informational needs of Dominicans in the Dominican Republic and abroad and seeks to positively contribute to the international visibility of the nation. It constitutes the first initiative to compile accurate and relevant information from and about the Dominican Republic in a single web site.

The detailed, comprehensive and interactive website contains relevant written and audiovisual material related to the geography, history, economy, education, culture and environment of the Dominican Republic. The Portal features articles on topics as diverse as: immigration, the Dominican system of governance, environmental law, music, art, dance and sports. Video clips pertaining to the historic and cultural centers of Santo Domingo, music, humpback whales and cigar manufacturing reflect areas of national cultural, environmental and economic importance.

The Portal is a constantly evolving project. New portal sections are created in response to national interests and matters of concern. Themes currently featured on the site include: Carnaval, Baseball, Children International Dominican Republic and Climate Change.

Dominicanaonline.org provides national and international users with relevant information concerning citizen services, accurate and up-to-date news stories, statistical data, interactive maps, directories and schedules of cultural activities. Moreover, the Portal provides users access to contests, discussion forums, chat rooms, blogs, e-cards, down-loadable calendars and music videos of Dominican artists.

Close collaboration with the Dominican government, NGOs and private sector institutions allows for timely access to pertinent and diverse texts and multimedia materials.

website: dominicanaonline.org

Highlights

- 251,000 unique visits since 2005
- New sections created monthly
- 40+ million hits since 2005
- 1,100+ references to dominicanaonline.org

International Center for
Environmental and Sustainable
Development Studies
(CIEMADeS)



GFDD/ FUNGLODE, in collaboration with the Universidad del Turabo in Puerto Rico and the Université Quisqueya in Haiti, created the International Center for Environmental and Sustainable Development Studies (CIEMADeS). The Center promotes collaboration among governmental, non-governmental and academic institutions, in an effort to: contribute to the improvement of the environment; promote the sustainable development of the Region through scientific research, conferences, professional and technical training; develop sustainable development programs; and promote environmental and social consciousness.

CIEMADeS' initiatives are collaborative in nature. Working groups comprised of representatives from governmental, non-governmental and academic institutions develop work plans that are then implemented by the Center.

CIEMADeS seeks to fulfill the following goals: (1) develop professional and technical training, (2) develop human resources and strategies to manage the growing volume of solid waste, (3) encourage the development of alternative energy sources, (4) preserve and improve air and water quality, (5) use information technology for environmental management, (6) increase citizen participation in environmental preservation, and (7) reduce the impact of economic development activities on the environment. Projects initiated by CIEMADeS are carried out in a way that is environmentally sustainable and is in adherence with international law pertinent to environmental management.

CIEMADeS facilitates the sharing of experiences and resources and coordinates activities among neighboring countries in order to confront common challenges and maximize the results of its efforts.



Rafael Almonte, Mario Leiva, Jaime Moreno

Memorandum of Understanding Signed

September 10, 2004

Natasha Despotovic, GFDD Executive Director and FUNGLODE Vice President, Dr. Dennis Alicea, Chancellor of the Universidad del Turabo, and Edgard Prévilon, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs at the Université Quisqueya in Haiti, signed a memorandum of understanding establishing their commitment to develop the International Center for Environmental and Sustainable Development (CIEMADeS).

The memorandum confirmed that the management of the center will be the responsibility of a Board of Directors comprised of members of the partner institutions. The Board of Directors will meet periodically to coordinate activities, seek funding sources for various projects and ensure that all activities benefit the participating countries.

During the signing, Dr. Jaime Moreno, Environmental Project Coordinator for FUNGLODE, spoke of the environmental challenges facing the Dominican

Republic—specifically the effect of erosion and waste disposal on marine ecosystems. Representatives from the Universidad de Turabo discussed the different environmental projects the university is involved in. Edgard Prévilon discussed the various academic programs offered by the University Quisqueya related to environmental studies.

Roberto Lorán, Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs at the Universidad del Turabo, Puerto Rico; Dr. Pierre Smith, Dean of the School of Engineers at the Center for Renewable Energy Research; and Dr. Mattheus Goosen, Vice-Chancellor of

Science and Technology at the Universidad de Turabo, were present at the signing.

Environmental Sustainable Development Conference

November 3–4, 2004

First International Conference on Environmental Sustainable Development: “Energy Policies and the Environment: International Experiences and Recommendations for the Dominican Republic”

Local and international experts gathered at FUNGLODE headquarters to participate in the conference: “Energy Policies and the Environment: International Experiences and Recommendations for the Dominican Republic.”

The purpose of the event was to share international experiences pertaining to energy policy and explore possible recommendations for the development and implementation of energy policy in the Dominican Republic.

Natasha Despotovic, GFDD Executive Director and FUNGLODE Vice President, acted as the moderator of the introductory panel that took place November 3, 2004. Panelists included: Max Puig, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources; Rafael Maradiaga, Vice-President of the Dominican Petroleum Refinery; Sergio Trindade of Brazil; Bjorn Nordby of Norway; Max Shauck and Grazia Zanin, Chairman and Director of Research, respectively, at the Baylor Institute for Air Science; and Leonel Umaña of BUN-CA, Costa Rica.



Frédéric Emam-Zadé addresses the audience

During the seminar, November 4, Jaime Moreno, Environmental Project Coordinator for FUNGLODE; Samuel Bandack of the Swiss company, BELATRONIC S.A; Doroteo Rodríguez of the Department of Electricity; and Frantz Flambert of Haiti, presented viable recommendations for energy policy development in the Dominican Republic.

During the conference, specialists discussed aspects of conventional and alternative energy sources, as well as their economic impacts, infrastructure requirements and environmental consequences.

The conference was organized by GFDD/FUNGLODE, the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, the Dominican Petroleum Refinery and the Tecno-Deah Consortium, and was sponsored by Cemex Dominicana.

Environmental Sustainable Development Conference

August 10–12, 2005

Second International Conference on Environmental Sustainable Development: “The Environment: Our Partner in Development”

This conference was organized by GFDD/FUNGLODE, the Universidad del Turabo of Puerto Rico and the Université Quisqueya of Haiti, with the support of Counterpart International and National Geographic. Presentations were given by internationally renowned experts and intellectuals in the areas of sustainable development, the environment and commerce. Presentations centered on topics such as: the UN Development Goals, the impact of environmental disasters on sustainable development, biodiversity, tourism, commerce and renewable energy.

The conference served as a catalyst for program development in key areas of environmental management and sustainable development and for the promotion of multi-sectoral and multi-national alliances. More than 200 international delegates from public, private and civil society sectors throughout the Caribbean, Central and South America, the Pacific, the United States and Europe attended this event.

Related Link

www.ciemades.suagm.edu

Climate Change Lecture

April 19, 2006



Michael MacCracken

Dominican Republic and Climate Change: Future Perspectives

The conference centered on the current challenges and future perspectives of climate change at global, regional and local levels and featured presentations by Michael MacCracken (Climate Institute), Joel Pérez Fernández (CATHALAC), and Niki Fabianic (UNDP, Dominican Republic).

Many local experts and national stakeholders attended the conference.

The program was presented by GFDD/FUNGLODE, in collaboration with the Dominican Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources and the United Nations Development Programme in Santo Domingo.

coastal marine ecosystems, tropical storms, biodiversity and hydro-resources.

Presenters included: Michael MacCracken of the Climate Institute; Moisés Alvarez of the National Climate Change Office of the Dominican Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources; Nostanling Díaz Ferreira of the Dominican Ministry of Agriculture; Edward Matos of the Dominican Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources; Sixto Inchaustegui, Program Officer for the United Nations Development Programme in Santo Domingo; Robert Ginsburg of the University of Miami; William Gutiérrez of the Dominican Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources; Joel Pérez Fernández of CATHALAC; Antonio Cocco Quezada, President of ACQ y Asociados; Héctor Rodríguez of the Dominican Institute of Hydro Resources (INDHRI); Christina Figueres, former Director of the Center for Sustainable Development in the Americas (CSDA); and Luís Rodrigo Chaparro of the National University of Colombia.

The program was organized by GFDD/FUNGLODE, in collaboration with the Dominican Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources and the United Nations Development Programme in Santo Domingo.

Climate Change Seminar

April 20, 2006

Climate Change: Impact in the Dominican Republic and the Caribbean

Representatives from the U.S., Costa Rica, Colombia, Panama and the Dominican Republic, along with national and international experts, gathered to discuss the impact of climate change on the Dominican Republic and the Caribbean Region. This seminar included a global approach to climate change and an analysis of national and international legal frameworks. It also featured in-depth analysis of the impacts of climate change on: agriculture, sustainable development,

Environment and DR-CAFTA Lecture and Seminar

October 4–5, 2006

The Environmental Aspects of Trade Treaties: DR-CAFTA

The profound changes in the production of goods brought about by international treaties and their impact on the environment was not contemplated in the many international treaties, until the North American Free Trade Agreement, more than ten years ago. In keeping with the times, the recently approved DR - Central American Free Trade Agreement includes an extensive

chapter regarding the environmental consequences and the new requirements that participating countries will have to comply with regarding processes of production. The enforcement of the agreement will hopefully bring economic opportunity and technological development to the Dominican Republic and Central America, but along with it, anticipated environmental degradation.

Guest lecturers included: Max Puig, Dominican Ministry of Environment and National Resources; John Pendergrass of the Environmental Law Institute; Claudia de Windt, Legal Officer for the Department of Sustainable Development with the Organization of American States; Salvador Nieto, Legal Specialist for the Central American Commission for the Environment and Development (CCAD).

The program was organized in association with the University of Turabo in Puerto Rico and the University Quisqueya in Haiti.



David Arias, Roberto Lorán

2nd International Annual Conference: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Sustainability

November 3–5, 2006

Gurabo, Puerto Rico

CIEMADeS organized this event to facilitate the exchange of strategies related to environmental sustainability and information regarding research and educational projects between member institutions. The international conference established international networking, favoring cooperation between governments, universities, international agencies and other organizations.

Coral Gardens Project in the Dominican Republic

IN COLLABORATION WITH COUNTERPART INTERNATIONAL



COUNTERPART



The Coral Gardens Project is a public-private initiative to conserve and restore coral reefs and marine habitats in the protected areas of Punta Cana, Bayahíbe, Samaná and Sosúa in the Dominican Republic.

The project is the product of a partnership between GFDD/FUNGLODE and Counterpart International. The project receives support from the Dominican Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, the Dominican Ministry of Tourism, the National Geographic Society, the Punta Cana Foundation, the Bayahíbe Hotels Association and the Ecological Foundation of Sosúa Bay, among other institutions.

The Coral Gardens Project works to promote the development of a multi-stakeholder network invested in developing and implementing projects concerning coral reef restoration and the conservation of protected marine areas in the Dominican Republic.

Highlights

- 25+ workshops since 2005
- 4 coral regeneration sites
- 5–10 fold biomass increase every year for each frame

website: www.globalfoundationdd.org/gfdd/cpo_projects2.asp

The project seeks to fulfill the following objectives:

- Reestablish healthy populations of corals in the marine protected areas of Punta Cana, Bayahíbe, Samana and Sosúa Bay;
- Mitigate the impacts of land-based pollution, tourism, and over-fishing on coral reefs in protected areas through the development and implementation of educational and technical training programs associated with environmental conservation, reef ecology and coral regeneration;
- Build a network of conservationists throughout the Dominican Republic trained in low-tech methods of coral reef restoration and the effective monitoring of such initiatives;
- Directly contribute to the socio-economic development of coastal settlements through the implementation and expansion of sustainable tourism initiatives.

Related Link

http://www.globalfoundationdd.org/gfdd/cpo_projects2.asp

Coral Reefs Lecture

January 11, 2005

Coral Reef Ecosystems and Their Importance to the Environment and the Sustainable Development of the Country

Dr. Bowden Kirby stressed the competitive edge the Dominican Republic could acquire with a systematic restoration of its coral reef system. According to Kirby, actions taken towards reef restoration could translate into measurable gains with regard to greater volumes of



Lelei LeLaulu, Natasha Despotovic, Jaime Moreno, Austin Bowden-Kerby

sand in coastal areas, improved fishing opportunities and increased tourism.

The purpose of the project is to stop the deforestation of coral reefs and mangroves, restore fisheries and alleviate the effects of coastal erosion.

Coral Reefs Project Implementation

Coral Gardens Project

Experts from GFDD/FUNGLODE and Counterpart International completed the first phase of the Coral Gardens Project, an initiative to conserve and restore threatened coral reefs and fisheries in the Dominican Republic. A team of experts, consisting of Austin Bowden-Kirby, Christine Hicks and Jaime Moreno, conducted an analysis of the reef systems in the areas of Sosúa, Samaná, Bayahíbe and Punta Cana. The team's analysis of coral health in these areas yielded concerning results. Over-fishing in these areas has caused ecological imbalances. Marine invertebrates

that would typically feed off other small fish and mollusks have been devastating entire reef systems. Furthermore, the pollution and waste that spill into the ocean from rivers are significantly impacting algae growth, in turn “drowning” coral polyps. Despite the reef systems’ current poor condition, the team is optimistic that through intense maritime management, restoration can be achieved over time.

The team happily confirmed the healthy development and reproduction of the indigenous coral that will be inserted in the reef once it reaches the right stage of maturity. The team has also been training local young men and women as Coral Gardeners and Coral Garden Guides, in an effort to develop awareness and encourage the involvement of local communities in the project.



Restoration of indigenous coral, *Acropora cervicornis*

Cooperative Programs with the Young Americas Business Trust (YABT)



The purpose of this alliance, which includes the United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic, is to create programs in the Dominican Republic directed towards young entrepreneurs and focused on promoting economic growth, social equity, job creation and poverty alleviation. As part of this agreement GFDD/FUNGLODE and YABT have been collaborating to coordinate several multinational dialogues in Santo Domingo, focusing on key issues related to entrepreneurship in the country.



Roy Thomasson, Natasha Despotovic, Manuel Crespo

Entrepreneurship

November 8, 2004

Presentation of Young Americas Business Trust in Dominican Republic

Dr. Roy Thomasson, Chief Executive Director of YABT, presented YABT's objectives and on-going work to important stakeholders and authorities in public education.

YABT is dedicated to creating a new generation of business leaders. Since its establishment in 1999, it has provided training and resources to young entrepreneurs. YABT connects young entrepreneurs with organizations and projects devoted to economic and social development throughout the Hemisphere. YABT's goal is to encourage the establishment of business incubators and facilitate the creation of business alliances among organizations throughout the Region.

YABT receives economic support from the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the U.S. Small Business Administration and many U.S. and Latin American universities and foundations.

International Videoconference Workshop

March 29, 2005

Creating Trade Opportunities Overseas

Individuals from throughout Latin America and the Caribbean participated in the workshop.



Roy Thomasson, Manuel Crespo, Pilar Sandoval

Discussion of the Inputs and Recommendations of the IV Summit of the Americas, Part 2

July 25, 2005

A group of 180 young Dominicans participated in an international videoconference with youth from six other countries throughout the Region. This event allowed participant sites to showcase the work carried-out in preparation for the Summit and to present some of the recommendations made by young people in these countries.

Business Labs Workshop

June 5–9, 2006

The workshop focused on teaching entrepreneurial skills to young people who now have the capacity to teach others young entrepreneurs the basics of starting their own businesses.

First National Contest for Young Entrepreneurs

October 14, 2006

GFDD/FUNGLODE, UNA-DR, the Ministry of Youth of the Dominican Republic and the Corporation for Industrial Promotion launched the first National Contest for Young Entrepreneurs (CONJE 2006).

CONJE 2006 was aimed at people with entrepreneurial spirit between the ages of 18-35. The main objective of CONJE 2006 was to promote entrepreneurialism by awarding winners with the financial resources necessary to develop their projects.

First National Young Entrepreneurs Contest Award Ceremony

December 14, 2006

In collaboration with the United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic (UNA-DR), the Dominican Ministry for Youth and the Corporation for Industrial Promotion (CFI), GFDD/FUNGLODE held the award ceremony for the First National Young Entrepreneurs Contest (CONJE 2006) at FUNGLODE's auditorium in Santo Domingo. The contest required contestants to develop business initiatives that were new and innovative. The purpose of the contest was to encourage innovation and determination among Dominican youth. Winners were awarded capital to invest in the development of their projects.

InteRDom

INTERNSHIPS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



InterDom, established in 2005, has gradually become the leading internship and academic study program in the Dominican Republic. It offers students the opportunity to gain professional experience by interning with Dominican organizations related to their field of study.

InterDom provides academics, professionals and college students a platform for exchange and collaboration, significantly contributing to the development of the nation's employment sector and the advancement of academic research. InterDom provides spaces for personal and professional growth, internationalization and multi-cultural understanding.

The program consists of 60% professional experience with a private, public or non-governmental organization and 40% academic study at the Universidad Ibero-Americana (UNIBE). InterDom's academic package includes seminars specializing in themes relevant to the Region such as: DR-CAFTA, Latin American Business, Tourism in the Caribbean and Caribbean Art, among others. InterDom interns can also enroll in an intensive Spanish language course and have the option to obtain the DELE (Diploma of Spanish Language).

InterDom interns experience complete cultural immersion. Via extensive excursions and social activities, students interact with key societal actors, integrate themselves within local culture and experience the nation's natural beauty and vast artistic wealth.

InterDom strives to actively contribute to the modernization of the Dominican labor sector. In close collaboration with its institutional partners, InterDom develops and enhances internship programs that stimulate development and increase economic competitiveness.

Highlights

- 24+ collaborating universities
- 30+ students have conducted internships since 2006
- 22+ Dominican public/private and nonprofit host organizations
- Cultural activities

website: www.globalfoundationdd.org/interdom

Objectives

- To organize internship programs that contribute both to the professional development of the intern and the institutional development of the host organization;
- To offer students academic programs that correspond with their interests and allow for in-depth understanding of Caribbean reality;
- To organize meetings between international interns, professionals, professors and Dominican students to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experiences;
- To provide interns with services that guarantee safe, pleasant and rewarding stays;
- To positively impact the Dominican labor force by providing competent and enthusiastic interns;
- To heighten understanding, within the employment sector, of the valuable role interns can play in providing new perspectives and increasing productivity levels;
- To develop an internship program model that responds to the growing needs of employers in the Dominican Republic;
- To facilitate the development, diversification and dissemination of research projects and academic publications;
- To positively contribute to the Dominican Republic's visibility abroad.



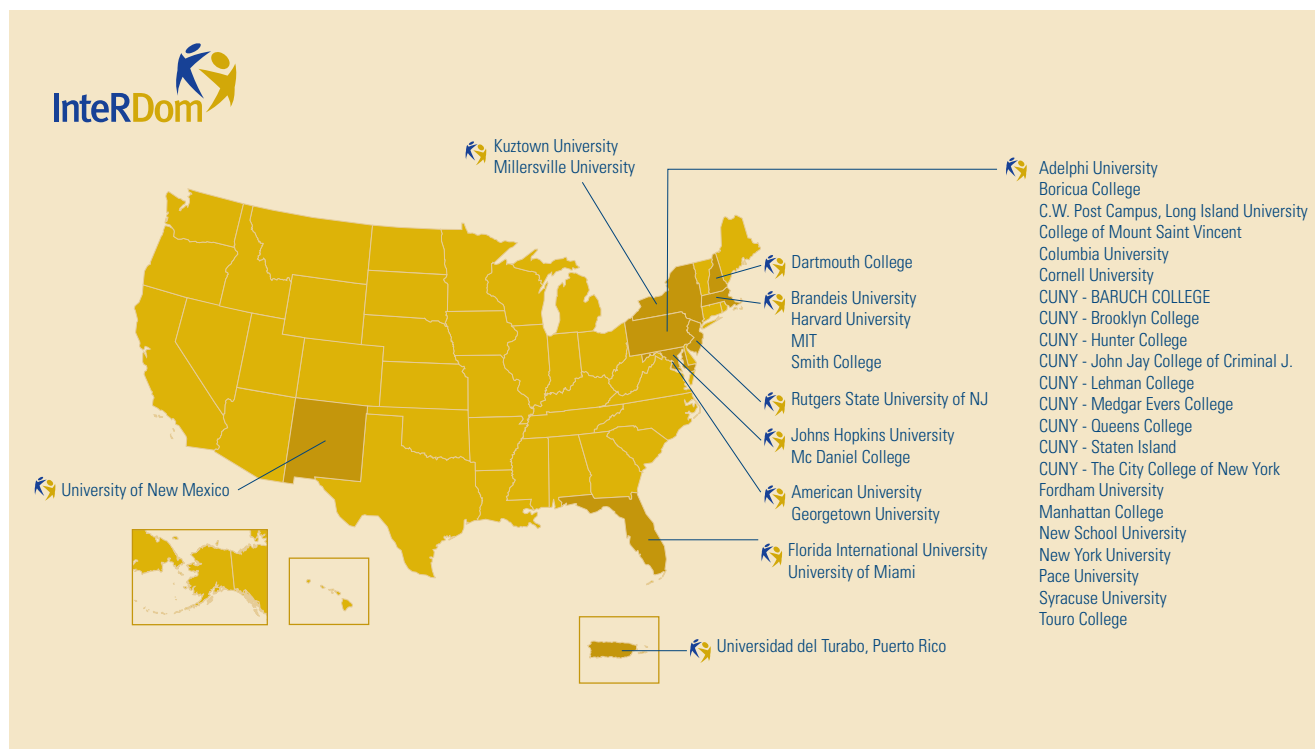
Natasha Despotovic, Alicia Alonzo

Internship Opportunities

InterDom offers internship opportunities throughout the year in combination with academic study programs. Internship opportunities range between 8 and 48 weeks in length.

Internship opportunities are offered in areas as diverse as:

- Art
- Business
- Education
- Engineering
- Environmental Protection
- Development
- Film and Audiovisual Arts
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Human Resources
- International Relations
- Marketing
- Health Care
- Journalism
- Technology and Communications



Participating Universities

Baruch College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Dartmouth College, Brandeis University, Boston College, Johns Hopkins University, Paris II, Fordham University, Florida University, Brooklyn College, George University, Queens College, Brown University, Pace University, Yale University, Washington Lee University

InterDom has established partnerships with numerous universities on the East Coast of the United States and plans to expand its network of participating academic institutions to include universities throughout the United States, Latin America and Europe.

InterDom is representative of GFDD/FUNGLODE's commitment to fostering collaboration across nations and encouraging research and academic exchange in the Caribbean.

Launch of InterDom

March 8, 2006

GFDD/FUNGLODE held an inaugural event to commemorate the launch of InterDom: Internships in Dominican Republic at FUNGLODE's auditorium in Santo Domingo.

GFDD Executive Director and FUNGLODE Vice President, Natasha Despotovic, formally presented the program to a wide audience of educational experts, NGO representatives and distinguished entrepreneurs.



Josef Miller and Holly Owens



Interns visiting with the Mirabal family

First Student Arrival

May–June, 2006

Eleven InterDom students began their course work at the Ibero-American University (UNIBE) and their internships with the following partnering institutions: Sans Souci Ports, the Center for Exportation and Investment for the Dominican Republic (CEI-RD), the American Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM), the Technological Institute of Santo Domingo (INTEC) and the Centro Cultural León.

InterDom Students Honored by Ibero-American University

August 11, 2006

The first group of InterDom students completed their eight-week internships and were honored in a ceremony at the Ibero-American University (UNIBE). Students had the opportunity to complement their internships by taking courses in Spanish, Caribbean Culture, History and Commercial Law.

The Dominican businesses and organizations within the program benefited from the interns, whose expertise and bilingual skills aided them in developing fascinating short-term projects.

InterDom strives to increase levels of competitiveness and create exchange conditions beneficial to both Dominican and foreign students.



Students at Centro León



Interns exploring the Dominican Republic

Dominican Republic Global Film Festival



*“Temas Globales,
Historias Personales”*

*“Global Issues,
Personal Stories”*



The Dominican Republic Global Film Festival (DRGFF) brings together renowned local and international film professionals, talented artists, international leaders and a broad variety of audiences with the purpose of cultivating the appreciation of the art of cinema in the Dominican Republic, stimulating and enriching local film culture and developing a thriving filmmakers' community. The Festival seeks to promote the motion picture industry in the Dominican Republic and contribute to national economic growth. It aspires to be a catalyst for social, cultural and economic development.

DRGFF plays a leading role in nurturing and enriching film culture in the Dominican Republic by bringing the best of international narrative and documentary film to wide audiences. Under its motto "*Global Issues, Personal Stories*," the Festival raises awareness and deepens understanding of global challenges and uses film as a modern platform for the discussion of political, social and economic issues. It supports capacity building, provides networking opportunities for Dominican professionals and fosters the development of a strong and sustainable national film industry, ultimately contributing to the economic development and competitiveness of the Dominican Republic.

Highlights

- 300+ Dominican film professionals attended DRGFF 2006
- 10,000+ audience members in 2006
- 900,000+ website hits



USAD Library

Objectives

- To exhibit films that both entertain and increase understanding of issues that shape people's lives;
- To enrich the film culture of the Dominican Republic;
- To exhibit a wide variety of films to which audiences in the Dominican Republic would not otherwise have access;
- To exhibit films that "click" with youth and expand the film culture of the younger generation;
- To bring people of diverse backgrounds and social classes together through the experience of seeing film and reflecting upon it;
- To bring modern film culture to schools in the Dominican Republic;
- To use film in schools to raise awareness of global issues, propose solutions to relevant social problems and promote individual opportunity;
- To provide workshops and masters classes to Dominican professionals in the industry;
- To provide networking opportunities for local and international film professionals and aspiring artists;
- To promote the advantageous conditions the Dominican Republic offers to the international filmmaking community;
- To support the national film industry and promote economic growth and competitiveness;
- To raise the visibility of the Dominican Republic with the international press.

DRGFF was created by Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) and Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE), institutions that organize it on a yearly basis, in collaboration with the United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic (UNA-DR) and a large number of national stakeholders.

DR Global Film Festival – 2006

Santo Domingo, Santiago and Puerto Plata,
Dominican Republic

November 8–12, 2006

The Festival featured an impressive selection of dramatic and documentary films by internationally acclaimed filmmakers. The films premiered at the Festival include: *La Ciudad Perdida* (*The Lost City*), *El Violin* (*The Violin*), *Volver* (*To Return*), *Babel*, *Crónicas de Una Fuga* (*Chronicle of An Escape*), *Maquilápolis*, *Mad Hot Ballroom*, *Bamako*, *The Republic of Baseball*, *Los Refugee All Stars de Sierra Leone* (*The Refugee All Stars of Sierra Leone*), *Secuestro Express* (*Kidnap Express*), *Water*, and *El Laberinto del Fauno* (*Pan's Labyrinth*).

Approximately 80 national and international professionals and 150 volunteers participated in the 2006 Festival.

DRGFF organized a number of social and educational activities that created opportunities for networking, learning and sharing of ideas. After the gala opening night, multiple daily screenings, workshops and discussion panels with directors, actors, filmmakers and industry leaders were held.



Felipe Alou, President Leonel Fernández, Wilson Castillo, Yomaira Reynoso



2006 DRGFF in Numbers

- 3 cities
- 6 venues
- 18 international films
- 60 international filmmakers
- 300 industry professionals
- 10,000 audience members
- 900,000 web site hits

Four of the films premiered at the Dominican Republic Global Film Festival were recognized for their achievements at the 79th Annual Academy Awards Ceremony in Los Angeles.

Guillermo Navarro received the Oscar for best Cinematography for his film *Pan's Labyrinth*. *Pan's Labyrinth* won Oscars in the categories of Art Direction and Makeup. The film also received nominations for Best Foreign Language Film, Best Music Score and Best Original Screenplay.

The documentary, *An Inconvenient Truth*, was awarded an Oscar for Best Documentary Feature and Best Song. It was also nominated for the category of Film Editing.

Babel received nominations in the following categories: Directing, Best Picture and Best Original Screenplay, and won the Oscar for Best Musical Score. Actress, Adriana Barraza, of *Babel*, was nominated for Best Actress in a Supporting Role. Similarly, her co-star, Rinko Kikuchi, was nominated for Best Actor in a Supporting Role.



Luis Llosa, Carlos Morales Troncoso, Nicole Guillemet, Emilio Estefan, Natasha Despotovic, Eddy Martínez



Lola Dueñas, Joaquín Machado, Esther García

Forest Whitaker won the Oscar for Best Actor in a Leading Role for his portrayal of Idi Amin in *The Last King of Scotland*. Penélope Cruz was nominated for Best Actress in a Leading Role in the film, *Volver*. Deepa Mehta's film, *Water*, received a nomination for Best Foreign Language Film.

NALIP Launch

November 9, 2006

Creation of the NALIP/DR Chapter

During the First DR Global Film Festival, Executive Director, Kathryn Galan, and Filmmaker and Board of Directors Chair, Bienvenida Matías, of the National Association of Independent Latino Producers (NALIP), gave a presentation regarding the scholarship, collaboration and co-production opportunities available to up-in-coming Dominican professionals in the industry with U.S. Spanish and English-speaking Latino filmmakers. Galan and Matías provided attendants with an overview of NALIP's Signature Programs (the Latino Writers Lab, the Latino Producers Academy and the Latino Media Market) – courses with leading industry professionals in the areas of screenwriting, advanced



Emilio Estefan, Alfonso Fanjul, Andy García, Carlos Morales Troncoso, Luis Manuel Bonetti

production techniques and marketing. During the presentation, the NALIP representatives also formally announced that NALIP would provide training and support to film-makers in the Dominican Republic.

Related Link

www.nalip.org



Sandra Condito, Kathry, Galán, Jonathan Jakubowicz, Sammy Sosa and wife, Domingo Dauhajre



Adriana Barraza

DRGFF in Names

Andy García (director) Daniella García (actress)
 Nestor Carbonell (actor) Enrique Murciano (actor)
 Joseph Drago (co-producer) Juan Fernández (actor)
 Francisco Vargas Quevedo (director) Lola Dueñas
 (actress) Esther García (producer) Gustavo Rodríguez
 (distributor) Joaquín Machado (camera) Adriana
 Barraza (actress) Israel Caetano (director) Sergio de
 la Torre (co-director) Yomaira Reynoso (cast) Wilson
 Castillo (cast) Teresa Joran (cast) Magda Abdi Gonji
 (co-producer) Daniel Manatt (director) Robert Ruck
 (associate director) Sharon Edwards (associate
 producer) Zachary Cuching Niles (director) Jonathan
 Jakubowicz (director) Sandra Condito (co-producer)
 Guillermo Navarro (cinematographer)

Virtual Educa & Virtual Educa Caribe



Virtual Educa Caribe is an innovative initiative that provides spaces for knowledge exchange and the development of projects that integrate the use of new technologies in higher-education and professional training.

Virtual Educa Caribe is the Regional Chapter of the Ibero-American Program Virtual Educa, a program that forms part of the Ibero-American Summit. Virtual Educa promotes educational development in seven areas that respond to main regional challenges:

- Training for the Labor Market
- Higher Education and Technology
- Cooperation and Innovation in Educational Systems
- Information Center
- Virtual Educa Observatory
- Conferences, Seminars and Meetings
- Other Complementary Areas

The purpose of Virtual Educa Caribe is to gather representatives from the public, private and non-profit sectors from Ibero-America in order to share success stories and exchange proven results concerning improvement of labor force capacity. Virtual Educa also promotes the creation of national and international networks and alliances that share and replicate satisfactory training models that utilize new technological tools.

The Inter-American Forum on New Technologies comprises part of a broader effort by GFDD/FUNGLODE to explore, develop and adapt successful and innovative approaches that incorporate the use of technology in education, training and the development of human capacity.

Highlights

- 25+ workshops since 2005
- 4 sites of coral plantations
- 5–10 fold biomass increase every year for each frame
- Re-establishing breeding population of staghorn coral

website: www.globalfoundationdd.org/gfdd/cpo_projects2.asp

Applying Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) to Education: Strategic Partnerships between Civil Society and the Public and Private Sectors

GFDD/FUNGLODE actively participated in the Virtual Educa 2005 meeting in Mexico City. Virtual Educa is a manifestation of the Inter-American Community of Nations on Training and Social Development. Virtual Educa is supported by the Inter-American Secretariat for Development (SECIB), the Organization of American States (OAS), UNESCO and other well-known Inter-American institutions. The meeting provided a forum for leading international specialists, academics and NGO representatives to present new developments in the fields of technology and education.

Related Links

www.microsoft.com

www.microsoft.com/Education/PartnersinLearning.mspx

www.virtualeduca.org

www.oas.org

www.unesco.org



Paúl Goris, Ana Teresa Ralston, Ligia Amada Melo, David Naranjo, Natasha Despotovic

Virtual Educa 2005

June 21–24, 2005

6th Annual Conference of Virtual Educa

GFDD/FUNGLODE had an active presence at Virtual Educa in Mexico City, a forum in which new developments and experiences in the fields of technology and education are presented by leading international specialists, academics and NGO representatives.

Virtual Educa Caribe

April 25, 2006

Inter-American Forum on New Technologies

The launching of Virtual Educa Caribe, headquartered in Santo Domingo, comprised part of the two-day forum held at FUNGLODE's auditorium. Virtual Educa Caribe, the regional chapter of Virtual Educa, is dedicated to training, innovation, corporate social responsibility and sustainable development. It represents an innovative initiative in education, professional training, and continuing education. Furthermore, it provides a space for the exchange of experiences, and for the development of projects that incorporate the use of technology in curriculum design and implementation.

As part of the forum, guest speakers highlighted corporate initiatives being implemented in Latin America and Spain that utilize technology for the purpose of economic expansion. The Inter-American Forum on New Technologies encompassed part of a broader effort by GFDD/FUNGLODE to explore, develop and adapt successful and innovative approaches that encompass the use of technology in education, training and the development of human capacity.

The Inter-American Forum on New Technologies was the result of a collaborative effort by GFDD/FUNGLODE, the Dominican Institute of Telecommunications (INDOTEL), the National Committee on Competitiveness (CNC), the Presidential Office for Information and



Virtual Educa Caribe 2006

Communication Technology (SEESCYT), the Ministry of Education (SEE), Las Americas Technological Institute (ITLA), Alianza ONG, EDUCA, the Microsoft Corporation, Fundación Sur Futuro, the Open University for Adults (UAPA), the National Committee on Information and Knowledge Society (CNSIC), the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo (UASD) and the United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic (UNADR).

Universities (UDAL); and the Organization of Inter-American Universities (OUI).

Related Links

www.oei.es
www.ilce.edu.mx
www.campus-oei.org
www.fod.ac.cr

IberFuturo Foundation

June 20, 2006

Launch of IberFuturo Foundation

The inaugural ceremony of IberFuturo took place at the Palacio de Congresos y de la Música in Bilbao, Spain. IberFuturo is an initiative of Virtual Educa and GFDD/FUNGLODE. IberFuturo Foundation was developed as an instrument to manage and implement projects of innovation and cooperation. IberFuturo Foundation will be based in Madrid and will have offices in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Dr. Leonel Fernández, President of the Dominican Republic and Honorary President of GFDD/FUNGLODE, will serve as the Foundation's President.

The Foundation receives the input and support of several multilateral organizations such as: the General Secretariat for Ibero-American Cooperation (SEGIB); the Organization for Ibero-American States for Education, Science, and Culture (OEI); the Latin American Institute for Educational Communication (ILCE); Fundación Omar Dengo; Fundación Cisneros; the Union of Latin American and Caribbean

Agreements Signed



City University of New York (CUNY)

June 27, 2004

New York

Main purpose: to establish educational exchange, joint studies and research in areas of mutual interest, scholarships, internships, training courses and other forms of agreed cooperation.

Young Americas Business Trust (YABT)

November 8, 2004

Santo Domingo

Main purpose: to collaborate in proposing that public and private sector institutions create programs in the Dominican Republic involving young entrepreneurs, thus promoting economic growth, social equity, job creation and the alleviation of poverty.

Universidad del Turabo, Puerto Rico and Université Quisqueya, Haiti

November 16, 2004

Santo Domingo

Main purpose: to establish a cooperative relationship for the development of the International Center for Environmental and Sustainable Development Studies (CIEMADES).

Counterpart International

January 11, 2005

Santo Domingo

Main purpose: to develop projects involving environmental protection, tourism, training programs and community development.

OAS in the Dominican Republic

January 25, 2005

Santo Domingo

Main purpose: to support and promote the OAS Lecture Series on the Americas.

Colombian Foundation for New Inter-American Journalism (Fundación Nuevo Periodismo Ibero-Americano, FNPI)

February, 24, 2005

Santo Domingo

Main purpose: to coordinate an annual international workshop on journalism in the Dominican Republic and to support Dominican journalists in other activities organized by FNPI in Colombia and in other Latin American countries.

Caribbean Traveling Network Dominicana (CTN)

March 2, 2005

Santo Domingo

Main purpose: to make CTN the permanent transmitter of GFDD/FUNGLODE's events and activities. The transmissions are scheduled through Channel 30 of National Telecable and are transmitted Mondays from

9:00 – 10:00 pm, with a replay on Thursdays from 11:00 – 12:00 pm. The program is also broadcasted via Direct TV to viewers in Miami and Puerto Rico.

University of Illinois, in Chicago

March 3, 2005

Chicago, Illinois

Main purpose: to train Dominican professionals and implement other educational initiatives.

The World Bank's Global Development Learning Network (GDLN) – Institute for Public Administration (INAP)

March 28, 2005

Santo Domingo

Main purpose: to support poverty reduction initiatives and the economic and social development of developing countries through the exchange of knowledge and experiences, utilizing new Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs).

United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic (UNA-DR) – Organization of American States (OAS)

September 13, 2005

Santo Domingo

Main purpose: for universities and colleges to simulate the XXIII Model of the OAS General Assembly, for the first time in the Dominican Republic, March 2006.

Inter-Institutional Committee for the Promotion and Support of Social Corporate Responsibility

January 24, 2006

Santo Domingo

Main purpose: to coordinate, support and strengthen a national social corporate responsibility strategy. This Committee will make sure that different programs, projects and actions to increase social responsibility practices are implemented by the Dominican corporate sector, with adequate public policy support.

The thirteen organizations that signed the agreement were:

- Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE)
- Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD)
- Alianza ONG
- Barna Business School
- Cámara Americana de Comercio de la República Dominicana
- Consejo Nacional de Competitividad (CNC)
- Consejo Nacional de la Empresa Privada (CONEP)
- Constructora Norberto Odebrecht
- Fundación Brugal
- Fundación Cemex Dominicana
- Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo (INTEC)
- Mujeres en Desarrollo Dominicana (MUDE)
- Programa de Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo (PNUD)

Virtual Educa

February 17, 2006

Santo Domingo

Main purpose: to expand the existing agreement of collaboration signed in November 2002 and work together in different projects of mutual interest in the fields of technology and education, and in particular, in the projects resulting from the Strategic Plan for New Technologies for Spain and Latin America, in response to local and regional educational technology needs.

FOCAL

March 16, 2006

Santo Domingo

Main purpose: for the Canadian Foundation for the Americas and GFDD/FUNGLODE to provide each other with technical support and assistance in professional training and research projects. The objective of the agreement is to improve political, social and economic relations between the organizations.

Dominican Week in U.S.A.

July 31, 2006

GFDD/FUNGLODE signed an agreement of understanding with the Organizing Committee for the "Dominican Week in USA and Puerto Rico." The agreement established that these institutions would work together in various activities for the Dominican community abroad.

CAD

GFDD/FUNGLODE and the Consorcio Ambiental Dominicano signed an agreement of understanding which officially established the commitment of both organizations to develop projects and programs on environmental and corporate social responsibility issues.

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