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For almost two decades Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) has been working to promote the sustainable social, democratic, economic and cultural development of the Dominican Republic, throughout the Western Hemisphere and the world. Our commitment to that mission is today as strong as the first day.

With its projects and programs, strategic global partnerships and focused vision, GFDD provides the right leadership to facilitate adequate responses that enable long-term prosperity for all, in a constantly changing world. In this endeavor, our close collaboration with international and regional organizations such as the Organization of American States and the United Nations has been vital.

In 2019 our work offered new perspectives on economic and social challenges facing Latin America, the Caribbean and the world. We had the privilege of successfully hosting the II Annual Global Forum Latin America and the Caribbean, which brought together some of the world's leading experts from think-tanks, academic institutions and international organizations as well as former Heads of State and former Ministers of Foreign Affairs. We also led dozens of other events and relevant discussions and roundtables on international development and democracy, allowing the timely exchange of information and knowledge on global trends and best practices.

Today as ever, our gratitude goes to all our individual supporters and institutional collaborators that make these events possible and fruitful.

The 2019 Year in Review provides an overview of our results and a platform to continue building joint efforts to promote sustainable social, economic and democratic development for all.

Dr. Leonel Fernández President of GFDD 

The year 2019 comes to an end and we couldn't be more grateful for having had the opportunity over the last twelve months to carry out relevant initiatives in areas critical to the socio-economic, cultural and democratic sustainable development of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Our II Annual Global Forum Latin America and the Caribbean, held in New York City, reinforced strategic collaborations among hemispheric policy makers and allowed timely knowledge exchange between senior representatives of regional organizations,

think-tanks and the academia. This high level event has become an essential gathering among the most distinguished policy makers and international experts to discuss the present and future of the Americas.

The seventh edition of the Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival (DREFF) promoted an encouraging message of commitment to the environment and a vision of a more harmonious planet under the care of everyone. A total of nine academic institutions, libraries, cultural and research centers in Santo Domingo, Santiago and Punta Cana, brought together hundreds of children and adults throughout the four days of the Festival, filled with great films and profound discussions about environmental challenges and the best practices to tackle them. DREFF also continued strengthening its strategic partnerships worldwide and hosted dozens of year-round screenings and panel discussions throughout the Dominican Republic as part of its mission to promote sustainable environmental practices.

During the 2019 sessions of the Global Roundtable series, GFDD sat down for interviews with regional leaders like Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian, Director of the Department of Social Inclusion of the Organization of American States (OAS); Luis Porto, Senior Strategic Advisor for the OAS; and Paulo Abrao, Executive Secretary for the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR/OAS).

Our InteRDom and Fellows Program facilitated substantial experiences for interns and researchers in the Dominican Republic, with great results for all involved. The Dominican Film Showcase held many special celebrations of Dominican culture and heritage through film. Also, the Dominican Get Togethers hosted several events gathering the Dominican diaspora in Washington, D.C. and New York City, just to name a few.

We at GFDD feel lucky and thankful because our work brings innovative approaches and solutions for the sustainable development of the Dominican Republic and all of the Americas. In 2020, we will continue to strengthen our efforts to promote sustainable social, economic and democratic development for all.

> Natasha Despotovic Executive Director of GFDD



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

collaboration and exchange with US-based institutions.

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

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

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

Mission

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

Vision

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

Areas of Interest

- Environment
- Sustainable economic and social development
- Education
- Communications
- Health
- Culture

- International relations
- Defense and security
- Knowledge management
- Information and communications technology
- Democracy
- Dominican studies
- Globalization and regional integration



SECOND Global Forum Latin American and the Caribbean:

With new additional partners, the II Annual Forum was held at the Union League Club in New York City, bringing together more than 40 renown international speakers, including heads of State, former ministers, high representatives from regional and multinational organizations and members of the world's most prestigious think-tanks. Almost 200 participants joined the discussion on the region's most pressing issues.



SEVEN Dominican Film Showcases (DFS):

This year GFDD held 7 special celebrations of Dominican culture and heritage by screening the best Dominican films all around the United States. Showings included *Hay un país en el mundo*, *Miriam miente*, *Misión Estrella*, and *Lo que siento por ti*, presented at Connecticut, New York, Washington, DC, Massachussets and Florida.



FOUR Panel Discussions in Washington, DC:

GFDD office in DC hosted 4 different panel discussions throughout the year, with international experts as speakers and dozens of participants. Topics included the information economy, the political-electoral future of Latin America and the Caribbean, brain drain: high-skill emigration in the region, and the situation of international refugees.



EIGHTEEN Year-Round Environmental Film Screenings: GFDD and DREFF hosted 18 screenings of environmental short films and documentaries at educational institutions and cultural centers around the Dominican Republic.



TWELFTH New York Model of the United Nations Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (NYMUNLAC): GFDD and UNA-DR brought more than 400 students from the region to New York City, to participate in the most important reflection and debate space on global issues for youth.



SEVENTH Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival (DREFF):

Hundreds of children and adults enjoyed environmental films as part of DREFF's seventh edition which screened 12 international productions at 9 venues in 3 cities around the country: Santo Domingo, Santiago and Punta Cana. This year's Guest of Honor was Victoria Sloan Jordan, producer of *Albatross*.

FOUR Global Roundtables (GRT):

During this year, GFDD interviewed 4 high level representatives of the Organization of American States (OAS), including the heads of the Department of Social Inclusion and of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

Celebrating Latin American Environmental Filmmaking: In partnership with the Washington, DC's Environmental Film Festival (DCEFF), GFDD and DREFF hosted the program "Glimpses on Latin America: Sustainability Challenges Affecting Daily Lives", held at the Carnegie Institution for Science. Screenings included short films from Mexico, Brazil and Dominican Republic.

Collaboration with the UN:

GFDD hosted 8 panel discussions and side events at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, in Salt Lake City, Utah, in Germany and in Geneva.

New and Upgraded, Mobile-Friendly GFDD website:

GFDD presented a new design and layout for its institutional website. The site (www.globalfoundationdd.org), has improved functionalities, is more user-friendly, has simplified navigation and a responsive layout for all platforms and devices, and it is 100 percent optimized for multimedia content.





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The main objective of the Forum is to promote a space for debate and offer a comprehensive platform for the exchange of ideas, discussion and analysis on the current role of Latin America and the Caribbean in the global arena, as well as its implications and challenges.

September 25

Opening Ceremony Initiates the II Global Forum Latin America and the Caribbean in New York City

September 26

Experts Tackle Socioeconomic Global Trends, Socio-Economic Perspectives for Latin America and Public Order and Security Issues in Democracies

September 27

Heads of State and World Leaders Debate the 2019 Super Election Cycle, Public-Private Partnerships and Democracy in the LAC Region

The II Global Forum Latin America and the Caribbean Gets Underway with a Packed Opening Ceremony

September 25, New York City

For the second consecutive year, the Global Forum Latin America and the Caribbean took place at the Union League Club of Manhattan in parallel to the Annual Ordinary Sessions of the United Nations General Assembly. The event was organized by GFDD, and its sister organization, Funglode in the Dominican Republic, as well as the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA). The event also had support from the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (CEPAL), World Leadership Alliance–Club de Madrid, Columbia University's Institute of Latin American Studies (ILAS) and the Central American Integration System (SICA, for its initials in Spanish).

The second Global Forum Latin America and the Caribbean, which took place between September 26 and September 27, brought together more than 40 international experts, among them heads of State, former ministers, high representatives from regional and international organizations and members of the world's most prestigious think-tanks. The leaders came together to discuss and develop proposals that contribute to the development of a region with equality.

The event was kicked off with a packed cocktail reception at the Union League Club in Manhattan which featured some of the Forum's most high-level guests and participants.

"The purpose of the event is to bring together thinkers, researchers and people that are important actors in the socioeconomic and democratic development of the Western Hemisphere to debate highly important topics, to search for solutions and share experiences," said Natasha Despotovic, executive director of GFDD, at the start of the reception.

Kevin Casas-Zamora highlighted that the forum takes place during a "very opportune" moment since it comes at the end of a decade that "was supposed to be Latin America's decade." Both leaders acknowledged the presence of representatives from the organizing and collaborating institutions as well as that of experts and friends that always support the institutions' initiatives.

Among the former heads of State included in the Forum's program were Felipe Calderón from Mexico; Laura Chinchilla from Costa Rica; Vinicio Cerezo from Guatemala and Danilo Turk from Slovenia. Humberto de la Calle, former Vice-president of Colombia participated as well. Other leaders included Kevin Casas-Zamora, the former second Vice-president of Costa Rica and the International IDEA General Secretary; Jorge Taiana, former Minister of Foreign Relations of Argentina and Jorge Castañeda, former Minister of Foreign Relations of Mexico.

The topics debated at the Forum were split into six panels: Socioeconomic Global Trends; Socioeconomic Perspectives for Latin America; Challenges of Public Order and Security in Contemporary Democracies; Latin America's 2019 Super Election Cycle; Public-private Partnerships for Development and Democracy in Latin America and the Caribbean: Current Challenges.

















Socioeconomic and Security Challenges for the World and Latin America Discussed in the First Day of the II Global Forum LAC

September 26, New York City

The first day of the II Global Forum Latin America and the Caribbean opened with remarks from the former president of the Dominican Republic and president of GFDD/Funglode, Dr. Leonel Fernández through a videoconference. In his speech addressing expert speakers and guests to the Global Forum, Dr. Fernández set the stage for the event, stating that "Latin America and the Caribbean have been and will continue to be the scene of great social and political struggles; crises and economic opportunities; innovations and unfinished tasks of the past. The pace of the 21st century has accelerated these challenges; global interconnection and interdependence have created more complexity while the rapidity of change has raised expectations."

Dr. Fernández also expressed gratitude for the participation of colleagues and friends at the Global Forum, particularly the former heads of State and ministers in attendance. "In addition to these great statesmen and leaders of international relevance, numerous researchers, academics, members of highly reputable think tanks and multilateral institutions will honor us with their valuable knowledge, analyses, and recommendations," he stated.

Dr. Fernández' announcement was followed with a dynamic panel of experts who discussed Socioeconomic Global Trends. The group was led by the former president of Mexico, Felipe Calderón, and the former president of Slovenia, Danilo Turk, alongside Ingo Pitterle, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Global Economic Monitoring Branch, Economic Analysis and Policy Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations (UN DESA); Raul Feliz, Director, R.A. Feliz & Asociados; Professor at Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE) and Rob Wood, Principal Economist, Manager, Country Risk Service, Latin America and the Caribbean, Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). Massimo Tommasoli, Permanent Observer for International IDEA to the United Nations served as the moderator.

The fear and uncertainty that a potential global recession provokes, years following expansion, dominated the debate in this panel. Topics discussed included the trade war between China and the United States as well as inequality; social development and Latin America's limited capacity to spur its own growth.

The second panel of the day featured a regionally focused discussion on socioeconomic topics. The debate was led by Daniel Titelman, director for the Economic Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC); Paolo Giordano, economist at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB); Otaviano Canuto, economist from the Center for Macroeconomics and Development; Gonzalo Paz, researcher from Georgetown University and Francisco Sánchez, former Under Secretary of Commerce of the United States.

The experts had a dialogue on the uncertainty and fear that a potential global recession could affect Latin America. Key topics included poverty reduction; the need for diversification of products; inequality and trade tensions between the United States and China.

The final debate of the day was on the topic of public order and security. Liliana Mesías García, Doctor in Government and Public Policy; and Paola González, Political Scientist, Co-authors of the IDB/ Inter-American Dialogue Report (2018): "Police Transformation in Latin America for 2030" presented before the public to start the debate. They were accompanied by a panel with Maria Haberfeld, Director, NYPD Police Studies Program; Coordinator, Law Enforcement Leadership On-Line Certificate and Professor of Police Science, Department of Law, Police Science and Criminal Justice Administration, John Jay College of Criminal Justice; and Karelia Villa Mar, Senior Specialist, State Modernization; Cluster Lead, Citizen Security and Justice, Interamerican Development Bank (IDB). The role of moderator was held by Roberto Obando Prestol, Programs Director, Chief of Party, Citizen Security and Justice, Pan-American Development Foundation (PADF).

Panelists emphasized that security policies must be more effective but more democratic as well in the contemporary world. Efforts need to be taken to professionalize police forces and closer link them to the communities they protect, said the panelists.









"Trade is slowing, it slowed in 2018, it contracted in 2019 which is reflected in the decelerating growth of economies."

Paolo Giordano – Economist at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

Regional Experts and Former Heads of State Take on Democracy and Development

September 27, New York City

On the final day of the II Global Forum Latin America and the Caribbean, the opening panel addressed the region's main trends during the super election cycle in 2019.

The presentation was led by Daniel Zovatto, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, International IDEA and featured a panel with María Victoria Murillo, Director, Institute of Latin American Studies (ILAS), Professor of Political Sciences and International Affairs, Columbia University; Gerardo de Icaza, Director, Department of Electoral Cooperation and Observation, Secretariat for Strengthening Democracy, Organization of American States (OAS); Alejandra Sota, General Director, Integra Metas Estratégicas and Jorge Taiana, Former Minister of Foreign Relations of Argentina; General Director, Centro Internacional de Estudios Políticos (CIEP), Universidad Nacional de San Martín.

With just a few months left of the super election cycle, in which 15 of the 18 countries in the region will have held presidential elections in a period of just 36 months, the presentation and panel responded to the vital need to check Latin America's pulse. The twelve elections that have taken place were characterized as "elections of anger" where almost all electoral processes featured high levels of citizen discontent with politics and government. The anger is also the response to slow growth and corruption scandals, the panelists agreed.

In the second panel of the day experts focused on public-private partnerships for development, with an exhaustive analysis on the financial model and a vision about how we must adapt to new times, as well as a change on the focus so that it is not only infrastructure projects that benefit from PPPs. The panel, moderated by Ivan Rebolledo, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, TerraNova Strategic Partners, LLC, featured Martin Chrisney, Senior Director, International Development Assistance Services (IDAS) Institute; José Manuel Vassallo, Professor, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM) and Laura Abreu Malla, Specialist on Educational Policies and Multisectorial Initiatives. The presentation was led by Krishnan Sharma, Chief, Strategic Engagement Unit, Financing for Development Office, United Nations.

The experts agreed that PPPs have traditionally had more success with infrastructure projects, such as projects to grow electricity and roads, but have struggled to spur social development. More PPPs should be explored to invest in schools and health clinics, for instance.

In the final panel of the II Global Forum Latin America and the Caribbean, former heads of State and ministers took on current challenges for democracy in the region. Laura Chinchilla, former president of Costa Rica and vice-president of World Leadership Alliance-Club de Madrid; Kevin Casas Zamora, former second vice-president of Costa Rica and secretary general of International IDEA, and Humberto de la Calle, former vice-president of Colombia and former lead negotiator for the Colombian government for the peace talks with the FARC made up part of the panel.

It also featured Jorge Castañeda, former minister of Foreign Relations of Mexico and distinguished professor of Politics and Latin American and Caribbean studies at NYU; Jorge Taiana, former minister of Foreign Relations of Argentina and general director of Centro Internacional de Estudios Políticos (CIEP), Universidad Nacional de San Martín and María Eugenia Mosquera, Historian, Latin America and Geopolitics Specialist; President and Founder of cultural TV channel VALETV.

The speakers pointed out the "trade war" between China and the United States, the uncertainty and the volatility in the world and fear of a global economic recession as key threats to democracy in the region. They also made reference to dissatisfaction with democracy and institutional weakness that exists in Latin America and the Caribbean, while they wondered what could be done so that the next decade would be a "winning decade." The speakers also shared thoughts on "a new agenda for Latin America" that includes, alongside climate change, a way to address the "fourth industrial revolution," automatization, artificial intelligence and the impact of social media on democracy. They talked about the rise of inequality in the region and the political and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela as well.



"We are not facing a new cycle of law as suggested, but we are dealing with public discontent."

María Victoria Murillo - Institute of Latin American Studies (ILAS)





■ February 7

Economist and Writer Jonathan D'Oleo Launches Book *Clear Ideas: Definition and Execution in the Information-Based Economy*, Washington, DC

April 4

Experts Discuss Uncertain Political Future of Latin America and the Caribbean, Washington, DC

May 14

Presentation on High-Skill Emigration and Development in Washington, DC

June 20

Panel Discussion on the International Status of Refugees in Washington, DC



Preparing Your Mind for Action in an Information-Based Economy: GFDD Presents Jonathan D'Oleo's Most Recent Publication

February 7, Washington, DC

Writer and economist Jonathan D'Oleo launched his newest book *Ideas Claras: Definición y Ejecución en la Economía de la Información* (Clear Ideas: Definition and Execution in the Information based Economy) at the GFDD offices in Washington. Natasha Despotovic, GFDD's Executive Director, gave welcoming remarks and moderated the discussion. "As maps are used to navigate through different territories towards a

destination, it is very important that we use the right structure when conceiving and managing goals and projects. This structure must prioritize and correctly channel tasks", said D'Oleo in his presentation. In the new publication, D'Oleo proposes a guide to develop successful projects based on concepts and experiences from around the world. After the presentation, the audience was able to engage with the author in a lively and interesting conversation.

Political Analyst and DECO Director Highlights Challenges to Democracy in Latin America and the Caribbean

April 4, Washington, DC

A panel discussion entitled "Uncertain Future: What Lies Ahead in the Political-Electoral Panorama for Latin American and the Caribbean," was held at GFDD's Washington,



DC offices. The panel featured Gerardo De Icaza, Director of the Department of Electoral Cooperation and Observation (DECO) at the Secretariat for Strengthening Democracy of the Organization of American States (OAS) and Geovanny Vicente Romero, political analyst and founder of the Centro de Políticas Públicas, Desarrollo y Liderazgo (CPDL-RD). Natasha Despotovic, GFDD's Executive Director, gave the welcoming remarks, presented the speakers and moderated the discussion. During his presentation, De Icaza gave a summary of the situation in the region, where in less that 2 years almost all countries have had presidential elections. On the other hand, Vicente Romero argued that social media has transformed politics in the region. Panelists agreed on several region-wide political challenges including: fake news and disinformation, illicit money as source of campaign financing, corruption and unequal access for women.

Experts Discuss the "Brain Drain" from the Dominican Republic to the United States

May 14, Washington, DC

Anniete Cohn-Lois from Georgetown University, along with Mr. Manuel Orozco, Director of Migration, Remittances and Development of the Inter-American Dialogue as discussant, presented research findings using data from 18 Latin-American countries to determine whether the use of bribes to access public services and perception of government effectiveness have any impact on people's



willingness to stay or leave. María Victoria Abreu, GFDD International Affairs and Socioeconomic Development Program Manager, moderated the discussion. Cohn-Lois shared her findings with the audience, noting that "a highly skilled individual's willingness to leave his or her country is positively correlated with its government performance". Although the research analyses 18 countries, she used the Dominican Republic as a country of reference and said: "in the Dominican Republic, the higher the socioeconomic status, the more likely they are willing to leave". Following Cohn-Lois' presentation, Dr. Orozco congratulated her work and noted his methodological recommendations and academic inputs. Diplomats, representatives from international organizations and think tank students and academics participated in a lively Q&A session following the presentation.





Refugees: A Growing Global Political and Diplomatic Crisis

June 20, Washington, DC

A group of experts gathered at the GFDD Washington offices to discuss the challenges related to the growing number of international refugees. María Victoria Abreu, GFDD's International Affairs and Socioeconomic Development Program Manager, introduced the panelists: Lucy Santana, Dominican Lawyer, Expert on International Humanitarian Law, Refugee Law and Migration; Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian, Director of the Department of Social Inclusion at the Organization of American States

(OAS) and Sibylla Brodzinsky, Communications Officer at the UN Agency for Refugees (UNHCR) for the USA and the Caribbean. Brodzinsky was the first one to present, giving a global perspective of the refugees around the world and providing updated data and facts from the most recent UNHCR report, launched just one day earlier. "Every two seconds one person becomes a refugee", she said. Muñoz-Pogossian followed with a regional outlook, stressing the Venezuelan case, where more than 4 million people are now refugees. Finally, Santana presented the case of Dominican Republic, including its legislation and best practices. After the presentations, participants engaged in an interesting Q&A session with the panelists.





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In close association with the United Nations and other organizations, GFDD organizes regular interviews with ambassadors, think-tank experts and multilateral institutions representatives in an effort to spread news and understanding of global issues and the work of different international bodies.

June 6

Director of the Department of Social Inclusion for the Secretary General of the Organization of American States, Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian

■ July 24

Senior Advisor to the Strategic Counsel for Organizational Development and Management for Results at the Organization of American States, Luis Porto

November 27

Executive Secretary for the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States, Paulo Abrao

December 6

Assistant Secretary General of the Organization of American States, Nestor Méndez

Incorporating Latin America's Most Marginalized

June 6, Washington, DC

Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian – Director of the Department of Social Inclusion for the Secretary General of the Organization of American States.

In the first edition of the 2018 GFDD Global Roundtables,



GFDD invited Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian, Director of the Department of Social Inclusion at the OAS, to the organization's offices in DC for a discussion about how best to aid marginalized citizens and incorporate them into society and public life in Latin America. Muñoz-Pogossian was interviewed by Angie Martínez, GFDD contributor, who asked about many aspects of social inclusion, including health, education and housing. Director Muñoz-Pogossian, who holds a PhD in Political Science from Florida International University, mentioned the overall challenges of social inclusion in the context of the region's stark economic inequality. Among the 14 most unequal countries in the world, she noted, 6 are in Latin America. Muñoz-Pogossian devoted considerable attention to women's full social inclusion in Latin America, where she mentioned females earn just 71 percent of the salary earned by men for the same work and spend some 15 to 30 percent more time taking care of household duties than their male counterparts. She ended by offering a set of individual-level recommendations for women in leadership in male-dominated spaces.



Development and Democratic Challenges in the Americas

July 24, Washington, DC

Luis Porto – Senior Advisor to the Strategic Counsel for Organizational Development and Management for Results at the Organization of American States.

In a July edition of the 2019 GFDD Global Roundtables, diplomat and GFDD contributor Angie Martínez spoke with Luis Porto, Senior Advisor at the OAS and the former Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs in the Uruguayan government, about challenges that Latin America and the Caribbean face in terms of democracy and development. There are several great challenges for democracy in the region, including inequality and the inability of governments to respond to the needs of their citizens, stressed Porto. The Senior OAS Advisor stressed the need to implement more "checks and balances" in countries where there is great inequality between the rich and poor as well as weak governance. Martínez also asked the OAS Senior Advisor about the organization's ability to respond to the hemisphere's toughest problems. Porto commented that, while there are several mechanisms that the OAS possesses to support democracy and development in the region, it would be helpful to strengthen those tools so that countries are required to comply with OAS mandates. Porto finished the conversation with a discussion about his close relationship with former Uruguayan President, José Mujica, with whom the OAS Senior Advisor worked as Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs.



Executive Secretary for the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States, Paulo Abrao

November 27, Washington, DC

Paulo Abrao - Executive Secretary for the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States (IACHR/OAS).

Angie Martínez, GFDD contributor, asked what the IACHR's process looks like for an individual citizen who wants to file a human rights violation complain and Abrao responded "any citizen can present their allegation to IACHR" without the presence of a lawyer or NGO. Abrao went over the 3 mandates that guide the IACHR; the individual petition system, monitoring of the human rights situation in the Member States, and the attention devoted to priority thematic areas. Martínez also asked what the most serious cases in the region are today. Abrao highlighted that the gravest situations are when a systematic and generalized violation of human rights is established, which the region has experienced through dictatorships and armed conflicts in the past and presently. The conversation ended with a look ahead; there are still many challenges but more national institutions can start to incorporate and exercise the Inter-American standards to hopefully reduce violations.

"We are the most unequal hemisphere in the world. More rights, for more people is a guide for the promotion of equality in the hemisphere."

Luis Porto - Senior Advisor at the Organization of American States (OAS)

Assistant Secretary General Nestor Méndez of the OAS sits down with GFDD to discuss the founding elements of the OAS, its current resolution and its outlook for the future

December 6, Washington, DC

The Organization of American States' (OAS) Assistant Secretary General Nestor Méndez sat down with the



Global Foundation for Democracy and Development's (GFDD) contributor, Angie Martínez, for an interview in GFDD's Global Roundtable series. Méndez talked about the 4 pillars of the OAS: promoting democracy, human rights protection, development and multidimensional security, and emphasized the last 2 pillars. He also went over the recent proceedings at the 49th General Assembly in Medellín, Colombia that took place in June, focusing on the resolutions dealing with Nicaragua and Venezuela. The interview concluded with a focus on the future, and Méndez stressed that it is important to empower people of African descent, indigenous people and women.

Collaboration with the United Nations



FDD and Funglode are non-profit organizations with consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Department of Public Information (DPI), the Global Compact Office, the Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the World Summit of Information Society (WSIS) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCC).

April 5

Side Event for International Day of Sport for Development and Peace 2019, New York City

- April 8 CoNGO Board Meeting in Vienna, Austria
- April 25

NGOs and Advocacy Efforts to Combat Climate Change

May 2-4

UN Sustainable Development Goals Action Campaign, Bonn, Germany

- May 30 Meeting on "Communities, Local Leadership and Climate Change", New York City
- July 31
 "Building Support for Our Ocean" at the United Nations, New York City
- August 26 GFDD Co-Hosts Workshop on Inclusive and Resilient Infrastructure at the 68th UN Civil Society Conference in Utah
- August 27 Making a Difference: GFDD Leads Workshop on Climate Change at the 68th UN Civil Society Conference in Utah



GFDD and Permanent Mission of Uruguay Spotlight the Use of Sports to Achieve the SDGs

April 5, New York City

During the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace 2019 at the United Nations Headquarters, GFDD and the Permanent Mission of Uruguay held a panel discussion on "Sports: Advancing the Sustainable Development Goals." High-level representatives and leaders

to the United Nations spoke on the importance of sports and its ability to foster collaboration and development around the globe. Among the panelists were H.E. Jorge Chediek, UNOSSC Director and Envoy of the Secretary General on South-South Cooperation; Minister Beatriz Nuñez, Permanent Mission of Uruguay; Vincent Jechoux, Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations; Ms. Aissata M.B. Camara, Deputy Commissioner for Operations and Strategic Partnerships and Ms. Carolina Cruz de Martínez, Director of the Pedro Martínez Charity. During the discussion, keynote speaker, H.E. Chediek called for common awareness on the importance of promoting healthy lifestyles by promoting physical movement. GFDD expressed strong support for the calls of Chediek, and said that it will continue reviewing the existing trends in sports and SDGs in order to bring new stakeholders into the discussion next year.

GFDD Continues Role as Institutional Secretary at the Annual CoNGO Board Meeting

April 8, Vienna, Austria

The Confederation of NGOs (CoNGO), an organization in consultative relationship with the United Nations, held its annual Board Members Meeting at the Vienna International Centre and the Palffy Palace. GFDD was an active participant in the discussions, demonstrating the



strength of a partnership created with CoNGO in 2015. GFDD's New York office Director and CoNGO Secretary, Yamile Eusebio, represented the organization at the Board meeting. During the gatherings, the members of the Board discussed various points of interest, including CoNGO President Liberato Bautista's agenda as well as that of the vice-president, Cyril Ritche and the second vice-president, Martina Gredler. GFDD has been a CoNGO Board member since 2015, when it became the organization's Institutional Secretary.

Supporting Youth-led NGOs and Advocacy Efforts to Combat Climate Change at the Youth Impact Climate Action Event

April 25, New York City

The Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) partnered with the nongovernment organization "Committee on Sustainable Development" in a meeting at the Salvation Army



International Social Justice Commission Auditorium to discuss "Communities, Local Leadership and Climate Action." Ms. Margo LaZaro, President and Chair of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development NY delivered opening remarks and headed the event. Ms. Andrise Bass, Vice Chair of the CSD-NY presented an overview of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with the UN 77 Sustainable Development Goals, Youth Leadership for Climate Action and Community Projects for Advocacy. Mr. Dan Shepard, Information Officer at the UN, announced upcoming projects with the UN Secretary General on Climate Action. The goal of this initiative is to involve countries interested in implementing sound climate actions. Also, Mr. Vinicius Pinheiro, Special Representative to the UN and Director of the International Labor Organization Office for the United Nations, focused on employment and social protection, labor markets, social transition and the design of innovative policies that facilitate the transfer of technology for development from country to country.



Promoting the Sustainable Development Goals at the UN SDG Action Campaign

May 2-4, Bonn, Germany

In its capacity as a think-tank supporting the UN 2030 Development Agenda, GFDD participated in the UN SDG Action Campaign, a three-day event in Bonn, Germany. The event was attended by 1,500 participants from

around the globe, including former UN officials, among them Juan Samovia, former Director General of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), and Cristina Gallach, former UN Under Secretary General, now serving as the Spanish Government High Commissioner for the 2030 Agenda. The event is organized by the UN Secretary General as a special initiative aimed at promoting and scaling up the achievement of the SDGs by bringing together different stakeholders, ranging from UN agencies to think tanks. The SDG Global Festival of Action (2-4 May 2019 in Bonn, Germany) is a ground-breaking event powered by the UN SDG Action Campaign with the support of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the German Federal Foreign Office and partners. Taking place in Bonn every year, the Festival provides a dynamic and interactive space to showcase the latest innovations, tools and approaches to SDG advocacy and SDG action.

NY-Based NGOs and GFDD Meet to Discuss "Communities, Local Leadership and Climate Change"

May 30, New York City

In partnership with the NGO Committee



on Sustainable Development, GFDD participated in a meeting on "Communities, Local Leadership and Climate Action." The event, held at the Salvation Army International Social Justice Auditorium, was headed by Chair of CSD, Ms. Margo LaZaro. The Vice Chair of that organization, Ms. Andrise Bass, was also in attendance and opened up the discussion with an overview of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Ms. LaZaro thanked the support received from GFDD and briefly introduced the rest of the participants in the event, which included Dan Shepard, Information Officer at the UN; Mr. Vinicius Pinheiro, Special Representative to the UN and Director of the International Labor Organization Office for the United Nations and Ms. Christine Clarke, candidate for the 26th District/NJ State Assembly, among others. All participants shared their respective projects and initiatives with the goal of raising awareness about the importance of Climate Action solutions and community involvement in achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

"We must raise awareness on the importance of promoting healthy lifestyles by promoting physical movement."

H.E. Jorge Chediek - UNOSSC Director and Envoy of the Secretary General on South-South Cooperation



Permanent Missions of Trinidad and Tobago, Antigua and Barbuda and Banuatu Discuss Saving the Ocean with GFDD

July 31, New York City

GFDD, together with multiple stakeholders from all around the world, discussed several ideas to preserve the oceans at the special meeting "Building Support for Our Ocean." The event was co-sponsored by partner

organizations such as the Permanent Missions of Trinidad and Tobago, Antigua and Barbuda, and Vanuatu to the United Nations, as well as Replabuild, Peace Boat US and the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development. In attendance were Permanent Ambassadors to the UN from Trinidad and Tobago, Antigua and Barbuda and Kenya. The event focused on discussing how to build capacity to protect our oceans and seas and on sharing international best practices.

International Affairs and Socio-Economic Development

GFDD Co-Hosts Workshop on Inclusive and Resilient Infrastructure at the 68th UN Civil Society Conference in Utah

August 26, Salt Lake City, Utah

The 68th United Nations Civil Society Conference, "Building Inclusive and Sustainable Cities and Communities", took place August 26-28, 2019 at the Salt Palace Convention Centre in Salt Lake City, Utah. Ms. Yamile Eusebio,

GFDD's New York Office Director, represented the Foundation in these events. The workshop "Inclusive and Resilient Infrastructure" was led by the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY with the collaboration of GFDD, the General Assembly of Partners, Global Family, NGO Major Group Urban Cluster, and Habitat Civil Society Working Group. It discussed how achieving the UN Agenda 2030 requires connecting key sustainable development goals, a phenomenon that building inclusive and sustainable cities and communities well illustrates, especially through supporting inclusive and resilient infrastructure. In his presentation, Mr. César Fernández, Director of Funglode's Centre for Studies of Infrastructure and Urbanism, discussed five major public infrastructure challenges: investment, technology, sustainable development, social and territorial equity, and institutional development. "On the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, 5 of the 17 Goals refer directly to infrastructure. All of these goals imply the need to make a new approach in the way infrastructure is provided. Sustainable infrastructure promotes inclusive economic development. Civil Society has, now and in the future, a major role to achieve international goals."

Making a Difference: GFDD Leads Workshop on Climate Change at the 68th UN Civil Society Conference in Utah

August 27, Salt Lake City, Utah

As part of the 68th United Nations Civil Society Conference, "Building Inclusive and Sustainable Cities and Communities", which took place August 26-28, 2019

at the Salt Palace Convention Centre in Salt Lake City, Utah, Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) led the coordination of a workshop on Climate Change. The workshop, "Climate Change Impacts All Cities & Communities: Together We Can & Must Make a Difference" was hosted by GFDD with the collaboration of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY, Humanitarian Focus Foundation, Foundation for Post Conflict Development, Global Family, and NGO Major Group Urban Cluster. This interactive dialogue focused on providing adequate, safe and affordable inclusive and sustainable housing and basic services, enhancing inclusive and sustainable urbanization, strengthening the efforts to significantly reduce the mortality caused by climate change and providing universal access to green spaces that work for the greater good was moderated by Amanda J. Nesheiwat, UN Representative for the Foundation for Post Conflict Development and the Environmental Director. Nesheiwat shared that "being environmentally sustainable is not necessarily expensive; we have proven to reduce costs and generate job opportunities in Secaucus, New Jersey, thanks to this approach."

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Collaboration with the OAS



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



April 24

Launch of Ideas en Conflicto. Diálogo póstumo entre Juan Bosch y John Bartlow Martin, Washington, DC

■ June 26-28

Forty-ninth Regular Session of the General Assembly, Medellín, Colombia



Launching Ideas en Conflicto. Diálogo póstumo entre Juan Bosch y John Bartlow Martin at the OAS in Washington, DC

April 24, Washington, DC

Dr. Leonel Fernández presented his latest publication, *Ideas en Conflicto. Diálogo póstumo entre Juan Bosch y John Bartlow Martin*, at the Hall of the Americas of the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington, DC. The presentation included comments by two Dominican historians, Frank Moya Pons and Juan Daniel Balcácer, who noted the relevance of this book in analyzing not only the relationship between Bosch and Martin, but international relations in the hemisphere as a whole. Special guests included Secretary General of the OAS, Luis Almagro; José Tomás Pérez, Ambassador of the Dominican Republic to the United States of America; Gedeón Santos, Ambassador of the Dominican Republic to the OAS; and Michael Shifter, President of the Inter-American Dialogue. Natasha Despotovic, GFDD's

Executive Director, was in attendance alongside regional diplomats, representatives of prominent think tanks and international organizations based in Washington, DC, historians, academics and the Dominican diaspora. According to Fernández, this book can become key in understanding the relations between Dominican Republic and the United States in a period of particularly important political transition. He wrote this "posthumous dialogue" between Juan Bosch (former Dominican President overthrown in 1963) and John Bartlow Martin, former Ambassador of the United States in the Dominican Republic, with the intention of letting people know what really happened that caused Bosch to feel betrayed by the diplomat.

"By simply cooperating among ourselves, we can all create a system that brings us the necessary guarantees to live in peace and to preserve fundamental freedoms. Together we can all ensure justice for our people – justice that has to do with living with dignity and has to do with everyone's wellbeing, but justice that gets rid of impunity as well."

Luis Almagro - Secretary General at the Organization of American States (OAS)

Innovation, Collaboration and Democracy: Main Topics at the OAS' 49th General Assembly

June 26-28, Medellín, Colombia

María Victoria Abreu, GFDD's International Affairs and Socioeconomic Development Program Manager, represented the institution at the forty-ninth regular session of the OAS' General Assembly, titled "Innovating to Strengthen Hemispheric Multilateralism." The main activity planned at the General Assembly for civil society is the "Dialogue of Heads of Delegation, the Secretary General, the Assistant Secretary General and Representatives of Civil Society Organizations, Workers, the Private Sector and Other Social Actors." More than 30 coalitions of civil society organizations had the opportunity to present their most important demands to the OAS, including worries about human rights and institutional weakness in the region. This activity aimed to provide civil society, social actors and workers an opportunity to interact with the Heads of Delegations of the OAS Member States, the Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General. In addition, as part of the



parallel activities of the OAS' General Assembly, GFDD also attended the Interamerican Forum on Political and Social Innovation, coordinated by the OAS' Civil Society Coalition for an Inter-American Laboratory on Political and Social Innovation.

Collaboration with UNA-DR



The Dominican United Nations Association (ANU-RD) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the work of the United Nations and strengthening its mission by coordinating educational and cultural activities to raise awareness and foster civic involvement.

■ January 24-27 Sixty-Sixth Session of Harvard Model United Nations, Boston, MA

April 21-25

New York Model United Nations Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean, New York City

October 31 XV edition of the International Conference of the Americas (CILA)



Supporting the Development of Young Model UN Participants

January 24-27, Boston, MA

UNA-DR and GFDD joined forces to support young people who participated in the Model UN Conference in Boston, the Harvard Model United Nations (HMUN). GFDD's Massachusetts Liasion Katy Polanco Berndt attended the event and was able to network and exchange ideas with faculty advisors from around the globe. Polanco Berndt convened with organizers to find additional ways to support youth interested in debate and international affairs. Over the course of four days, over 3,000 young high schoolers delegated and debated topics traditionally discussed by representatives of the UN Member States.



More than 400 Students Take Part in NYMUNLAC 2019

April 21-25, New York City

The New York Model United Nations Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (NYMUNLAC 2019) took place at the Convention Center of the Hotel Grand Hyatt in New York, featuring the participation of more than 400 students from the US, Mexico, Chile and Colombia. The event was held over four

days with support from the Dominican Association of the United Nations (ANU-RD) and GFDD/ Funglode and the Mexican Civil Association, GlobalMuners. For more than 10 years ANU-RD has worked with the conference in New York, held at the main headquarters of the United Nations, where representatives of the Member States to the multilateral organization periodically gather.

International Affairs and Socio-Economic Development

XV Edition of the International Conference of the Americas (CILA) held in Dominican Republic

October 31, Santo Domingo

The United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic (UNA-DR), the Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (Funglode) and its sister institution in the United States, Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD),



hosted the fifteenth edition of the Conferencia Internacional de las Americas (CILA 2019). CILA is a student event about global issues of major significance in Latin America and the Caribbean. The event was held at the Centro de Convenciones del Renaissance Santo Domingo Jaragua Hotel.

This year's inauguration was led by Dr. Leonel Fernández, president of GFDD/Funglode and UNA-DR; H.E. Riyad Mansour, Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations and president of the Group of 77; Edwin Jackson, executive director of UNA-DR; Yamile Eusebio, director of GFDD's New York office and director of Educational Activities at Funglode; Ligia Amada Melo, former minister of Superior Education; Rafael Valdivieso, general manager of UNA-DR, and Grisel Carbonell, secretary general of CILA 2019.

"We should belong in a space where our ideas are heard and where we are part of the youth that make a difference", announced Carbonell in her welcoming speech. Dr. Leonel Fernández shared a few motivational words with the audience and expressed that he is pleased to see the participation of young people in the simulations because "they do it with such quality, such content and rigor, that it transforms them into true professionals of diplomacy in the Dominican Republic."

More than 600 youth from all around the world worked together finding solutions to the most pressing global issues, as part of this diplomatic and cooperation event.

"If you want to be leaders and influence people, approach development issues, clean energy, hunger eradication, climate change. Secure your future, don't destroy it."

His Excellency Riyad Mansour – Ambassador and Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the UN and Chair of the G77 + China



Education, Professional Development & Scholarships



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

2019 InteRDom Hosts 10 Students in 2019

February 15 - 22 St. Francis College Visits Dominican Republic with InteRDom, Santo Domingo, DR

2019 InteRDom Takes Part in Career Fairs and International Conferences



InteRDom Welcomes 10 Participants and Continues to Promote Dominican Republic as an International Internship Destination

In 2019, the InteRDom Program continued its efforts of promoting the Dominican Republic as a high-quality international internship destination

and hosted a total of 10 students from the United States and Europe. This year's interns included: Gabriela García, Journalism and Communications student from New Rochelle College of New York, who did her internship at the Dominican Legal Observatory in Funglode; Milton Pareta, student of Sport Management at the University of Portland, who did his internship at the offices of Major League Baseball in Santo Domingo; Bryan Verdier, student from Richard Montgomery High School, who interned at the Juan Bosch Library in Funglode; Dennis Tejada, a law student from CUNY Law School, who interned at the Dominican Legal Observatory at Funglode; and Bonnie Pacheco, student of Languages at the University of Limoges-Belgium; who did her internship at the Francophonie department at Funglode.

InteRDom also coordinates internships at GFDD's offices in New York and Washington, D.C. During 2019, Bianca Getzel, student of Political Science and International Relations at the University of Manchester, and Ignacio Soriano, a Funglode collaborator, supported the United Nations Program at the New York office.

The 2019 Summer edition of the InteRDom Program closed on August 14th, 2019, with a celebration at Restaurant El Higuero in Santo Domingo, with the program's staff and participants. Three interns were part of this edition of the program: Camryn Colette, Environmental Science student from Shenandoah University, who did her internship at ANAMAR, hosted by Omar Shamir Reynoso; Jessica de los Santos, Biology student from William College, and Marlene Beltré, Criminal Justice student from CUNY John Jay College, who did theirs at MUDE, hosted by Wanda Polanco. All three young ladies received outstanding



reviews from their supervisors and enjoyed their experiences in the Dominican Republic.



St. Francis College Trip/InteRDom

February 15 - 22, Santo Domingo, DR

Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) and its sister organization in the Dominican Republic, Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (Funglode), as part of the InteRDom program, hosted representatives from St. Francis College in Brooklyn, New York during a five-day exchange in Santo Domingo. During their trip, the St. Francis

College representatives, who included the university's president, Dr. Miguel Martínez-Saenz, learn more about the country and its culture, and also shared experiences and promoted their college and its scholarship program to Dominican students and leaders in the Dominican education sector.

Accompanying the president of St. Francis College were Robert Oliva, Director of Admissions, as well as Monique Moore Pryor, the Chief of Staff. The coordinator of GFDD's InteRDom program, Manuel Medrano, coordinated the St. Francis College leaders' stay in Santo Domingo. The trip included visiting New Horizons School, St. George School and Instituto Tecnológico de las Américas (ITLA), and also meeting with the vice-ministers of higher education in the Dominican Republic.

Also part of this trip, on February 19, St. Francis College's President Martínez Saenz led a conference on *Creando el futuro un estudiante a la vez* (Creating the Future One Student at a Time) at the Funglode Auditorium in Santo Domingo.

"I was an intern at the MLB office in Santo Domingo from July 1 to August 22. It was the best 2 months ever, it is the most enriching experience abroad that I ever had"

Milton Pareta - Portland State University

InteRDom Takes Part in Career Fairs and International Conferences

2019

As part of its mission, to strengthen strategic partnerships, and to promote the program to potential participants, throughout the year InteRDom attended several Career Fairs, Networking Events, and International Students conferences in the United States.

In March, InteRDom was part of the United Nations Youth Internship Initiative Act, held at the UN Church Center in New York City. The group advocates for paid internships at the United Nations that are of high quality and accessible to qualified young people.

In May, Pace University held its Study Abroad-Orientation Day, where students were briefed about the diverse opportunities to interning abroad and learning new cultures and new experiences while they gain their degree.

The Third Annual Summit on Latinos at CUNY Lehman College was held on June in New York City, organized to drive a policy change for the Latinos who live in NYC. This month InteRDom also attended the Nursing Program at Mercy College, which aimed to provide a global platform to students interested in nursing and healthcare professional careers, and received information on available opportunities to work as a nurse in the Dominican Republic throughout the InteRDom program.

Cornell University Networking Event took place in July. In this event, Professor Liremberg explained to the students the benefits of studying and connecting abroad for their future careers, and InteRDom was there to present the program.







The Career Exploration Day at Monroe College was held on July. The students had the opportunity to explore different professions and learn about the new programs available to them in order to speed up their college careers. Monroe College also held a networking event called "Evening for Education", in October, and InteRDom was there as well.

In September, InteRDom was part of the Rocket Week at NYY, an annual Career Exploration event. Students had the opportunity to learn about different internships program abroad, including InteRDom, and also learned how their careers can benefit from having international job experience.

The Office of Careers at Columbia University held their annual Alumni/Student networking event on October, focusing on the importance for the student to connect with companies abroad and in the United States, to expand their knowledge. The reception provided an opportunity to share experiences and learn about potential job offers and internship positions in companies abroad, including the ones InteRDom provides.

At the end of the month, the Fall 2019 College Maze was held in Ridgewood, New Jersey, and presented available financial programs for low-income students and alternatives to finance education.

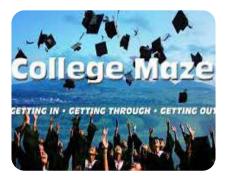
Finally, InteRDom was part of the CUNY Application Orientation Day, held at their Graduate School of Public Health. Nursing and medical students were present at the event and they were informed about the admission process and the opportunity to do an internship abroad through the CUNY Internship program and InteRDom.













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aunched in 2009, the program responds to the GFDD/Funglode desire to develop a community of scholars that contributes to the growing body of research on matters of international concern directly impacting the Dominican Republic. The Fellows Program seeks to develop scholarships on issues at the forefront of the United Nations' agenda in order to give voice to national and regional concerns and to offerviable solutions to domestic and global challenges.

February 1

GFDD Fellow Dr. Christina Davidson Presents Book on Evangelical Christianity in the DR During Interfaith Harmony Week, New York City

July 24

GFDD Fellow Jennifer Peirce Presented New Report on the Dominican New Prison Management Model, Santo Domingo

December 10

J. Peirce Presented Results of Research on Prison Reform in the Dominican Republic and the SDGs, John Jay College, New York

Fellows



Dr. Christina Davidson Explains Divergent Histories of Two Evangelical Christian Churches in the Dominican Republic

February 1, New York City

In front of a large audience and accompanied by GFDD/Funglode staff, Dr. Davidson presented the publication, *Analysis of Evangelical Christianity in the Dominican*

Republic, which provides a glance at two historical Protestant churches with great presence in the DR: the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Dominican Evangelical Church. The event took place within the framework of the UN World Interfaith Harmony Week.

To kick off the program, opening remarks were given by GFDD New York Office Director, Yamile Eusebio, who thanked attendees and congratulated Dr. Davidson on her successful research project. Following Eusebio's remarks, Dr. Davidson presented the main findings of her ten-month-long study. Dr. Davidson stressed that the history of the Evangelical Church in the Dominican Republic reflects the popular understanding of a unified identity among evangelical Christians, despite many differences among their beliefs and practices.

GFDD/Funglode had also invited Dr. John Thomas III, an expert and scholar on Afro-Peruvian civil society, to provide additional commentary and reflection on the research initiative. Dr. Thomas III, who holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Chicago, stated that "Dr. Davidson creates a persuasive case to show that the [Evangelical Church of the Dominican Republic] was far better supported financially than the [African Methodist Episcopal] Church." The scholar praised Dr. Davidson's scholarly contributions and was then followed by a dynamic Q&A session between the audience and the presenter.

"The Dominican New Prison Management Model is a remarkable achievement of building and implementing an entirely new vision and practice for how a country handles punishment, rehabilitation, and policy implementation."

Jennifer Peirce - GFDD's Fellow

Peirce Presented New Report on the Dominican New Prison Management Model

July 24, Santo Domingo

During her research presentation at Funglode headquarters, GFDD Fellow Jennifer Peirce concluded that "the Dominican New Prison Management Model is a remarkable achievement of building and implementing an entirely new vision and practice for how a country handles punishment, rehabilitation, and policy implementation." The prison reform process in the Dominican Republic is the only one of its kind in Latin America and a wide international arena, noted Peirce in the introduction to



her study "More Humane Prisons as Part of More Just, Peaceful, and Inclusive Societies: Analyzing the Dominican Republic's Prison Reform Experience through the Lens of UN SDG 16." Yamile Eusebio, director of GFDD's New York office, offered introductory remarks and noted that "Peirce carried out her research in the Dominican Republic between 2017 and 2018 and traveled around the island to be able to present work that goes beyond analysis." According to the Fellow's conclusions, throughout 15 years of political changes and budgetary restrictions, the Dominican New Prison Management Model has adapted, integrated lessons and shared its experiences and tools with neighbor countries in Latin America. The model stands in contrast with other popular prison management "models" that emphasize order, technology and highly clinical risk evaluation and management Model, promoted in alliance with several local and international bodies. At time of this writing, there are 22 Centers for Correction and Rehabilitation in the country. The study is part of Peirce's research for her doctoral dissertation at John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York. College of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York (CUNY).





Jennifer Peirce Presented Results of Research on Prison Reform in the Dominican Republic and the SDGs

December 10, New York City

Jennifer Peirce, PhD Candidate in Criminal Justice at John Jay College of Criminal Justice/CUNY Graduate Center in New York City and 2017 GFDD/Funglode Research Fellow, presented her work on Prison Reform in the Dominican Republic and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The presentation, held at the 520.26 Haaren Hall of the Department of Sociology at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City, started with the welcoming remarks by Rosemary Barberet, PhD, Professor at the Sociology Department and Director of the International Criminal Justice Major John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Barberet congratulated Peirce's research work and thanked the audience for participating in the event. Yamile Eusebio, GFDD's Director of the New York Office, introduced the presenter and noted that this was a GFDD initiative under its Fellows Program which aims to support research on relevant topics for the Dominican Republic. Jennifer Peirce presented her work "Prison Reform in the Dominican Republic: An Analysis through the lens of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals". She talked about the benefits and the challenges of both existing prison models in the country (the new one and the traditional one). "This report has recounted the key elements of the Dominican prison reform experience and has identified key issues through the SDG 16 implementation plan, as articulated by the Pathfinders Report", she noted.

Education, Professional Development & Scholarship

Education



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

■ January 9

Plan LEA Kicks Off the 26th Edition of Geography Week 2019, Santo Domingo, DR

■ January 16

Conference on "Solid Waste Management: An Urgent Challenge" During Geography Week 2019, Santo Domingo, DR

March 11

12th Annual GFDD/Funglode Awards Honor Great Writers, Journalists and Photographers, Santo Domingo, DR

March 26

Richard Culatta and President Fernández Announce Partnership to Train Teachers, Santo Domingo, DR

June 23-26

2019 ISTE Conference on Educational Technology, Philadelphia, PA

October 15-17

GFDD/Funglode Present at the First Dominican Book Fair in Canada

Plan LEA Kicks Off the 26th Edition of Geography Week 2019

January 9, DR

The Funglode Auditorium in Santo Domingo was the site of the first event for the 26th Edition of Geography Week 2019 where Yvonne Arias, executive director of Grupo Jaragua, held a conference on "Plastic and Other Solid Wastes that Hurt the Environment and Biodiversity". For the 26th occasion, Plan LEA, the educational



initiative of the Listín Diario, is celebrating Geography Week. The celebration's main objective is to raise awareness amongst schools, families and entire communities about the importance of taking care of our environment through the elimination of plastics and solid waste in streets and coastal areas. Arias led the workshop entitled "Plastic and Other Solid Waste that Hurt the Environment and Biodiversity," which was directed towards professionals in the areas of social and natural sciences from various regions of the Dominican Republic's Ministry of Education (Minerd). The opening remarks were given by Catherine Florentino, a representative of Funglode, and Javiel Elena, from Minerd. Rosario Vásquez, head of Plan LEA, also spoke during the event, highlighting the importance of this educational initiative and the extraordinary impact it has had since its creation in 1993. At this first meeting, Arias shared some images from around the globe that showcased the grave environmental degradation that has resulted from plastic and solid waste pollution.



Conference on "Solid Waste Management: An Urgent Challenge" During Geography Week 2019

January 16, DR

On Wednesday, January 16, teachers from the 4th region (San Cristóbal), 5th region (San Pedro de Macorís), 12th region (Higüey)

and 10th region (Santo Domingo) of the Dominican Republic participated in a conference that took place as part of the 2019 Geography Week, entitled "Solid Waste Management: an Urgent Challenge!" The conference was led by María de León, Ecologist and Environmental Manager in the DR, who emphasized that "the proper management of solid waste is an urgent topic that we must solve as a country." She also mentioned that today's society faces new paradigms, such as climate change and global warming, overpopulation of cities and the overuse of finite natural resources, which bring with it a higher demand for goods and services and greater generation of waste. The meeting took place at FUNGLODE's headquarters where more than 125 teachers had the opportunity to exchange ideas and offer opinions on pollution in the Dominican Republic. The opening remarks were given by Catherine Florentino from Funglode and Javiel Elena, a representative from the Ministry of Education (Minerd). The educational presentation was introduced by Rosario Vásquez, head of Plan LEA. The meeting was supported by the Ministry of Education, Propagas, Funglode, the Dean of the Geography and History Department at the University of Central Michigan and Grupo Jaragua.

12th Annual GFDD/Funglode Awards Honor Great Writers, Journalists and Photographers

March 11, Santo Domingo, DR

The 12th edition of the GFDD/Funglode Awards was celebrated this year with the following categories: Journalism, Photography, Story, Essay, Novel and Poetry. The program received 246 entries in total: 126 stories; 3 novels; 25 poems; 13 for journalism and 8 essays. In the photography category there were 71 proposals: 35 in color; 24 in black and white and 12 in digital photography.

Winners were announced on March 11, in a ceremony held at Funglode's Art Gallery and led by former president of the Dominican Republic and president of the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development/Fundación Global Democracia y





Desarrollo (GFDD/Funglode), Dr. Leonel Fernández. Awards were presented by José Rafael Lantigua, Director of the Cultural Studies Center at Funglode; Funglode's Executive Director, Marco Herrera, and Catherine Florentino, the Cultural Studies Center's Executive Coordinator. Public notary, lawyer Cecilia García was also in attendance. In addition to receiving cash prizes, winners had their works published in the Editorial Funglode.

During the awarding celebration a special acknowledgment was given to journalist Mario Rivadulla, who has been a judge for the Journalism category during all twelve years of the contest. Director of the Listín Diario, Miguel Franjul, was also honored for the number of awards that his newspaper has



received (the most in the history of the awards ceremony), as well as for the "great social and human interest" of the publications produced by the Listín Diario. The event ended with a performance by the youth orchestra, Grupo de Cámara Infantil de la Escuela Elemental de Música Elila Mena, directed by Georgina Betancourt.

This initiative is a joint program of Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (Funglode) and its Cultural Studies Center, with the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD).

EDUCATION



GFDD/Funglode and ISTE Announce Plan for the Effective Integration of Technology in Learning

March 26, Washington, DC

GFDD/Funglode and the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) announced a plan to develop courses to certify teacher trainers in the effective integration of technology in learning. The announcement came during speeches from Dr. Leonel Fernández, President of GFDD/Funglode, and ISTE President Richard Culatta, the head of the Technology Eucation Office during the Barack Obama

Administration, who had traveled to the DR following an invitation from GFDD/Funglode. During his remarks delivered at Funglode's Auditorium in Santo Domingo, Fernández expressed how the alliance would mark an important difference in the country at a time when a knowledge revolution is taking place. In the conference entitled "Educating Digital Citizens: Trends that Connect the World," the ISTE president stressed how the courses designed by GFDD/Funglode and ISTE would guarantee effective training methods in learning technologies and offer more access to technical infrastructure.

2019 ISTE Conference on Educational Technology

June 23-26, Philadelphia, PA

GFDD sent its New York Office Director Yamile Eusebio, along with Josefina Pimentel, a collaborator of Funglode's Center for Education Studies in the Dominican Republic, to represent the organization at the 40th Annual ISTE Conference and Expo, held this year at Philadelphia's Pennsylvania Convention Center with more than 20,000 attendees from 81 countries and a program of over 1,900 sessions. Eusebio and Pimentel took part in a packed four-day agenda of events kicking off with a Sunday morning panel on "K-12 Guidelines for Artificial Intelligence." In addition, Eusebio and Pimentel had the opportunity to present the educational work that GFDD is currently carrying out in the United States with



an exhibit at the ISTE Latino Learning Station. GFDD's representation at ISTE 2019 follows on its participation in ISTE 2018 in Chicago, when the organization's delegation included its chairman and former Dominican Republic president Dr. Leonel Fernández as an ISTE special guest and panelist. After last year's conference, ISTE CEO Richard Culatta planned a September visit to GFDD's New York office to formulate a memorandum of understanding between the two organizations.

GFDD/Funglode Present at the First Dominican Book Fair in Canada

October 15-17, Canada

Collaborating with the Dominican Embassy in Canada, the Ministry of Culture of the Dominican Republic, and other institutions, Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) and its sister organization in the Dominican Republic, Funglode, participated in the first Dominican Book Fair in Montreal, showcasing a variety of their publications and promoting the Dominican culture in the Northern nation. The event, carried out at the facilities of Concordia University on October 15-17, 2019, coincided with the celebration in Canada of the Hispanic Heritage Month. During the inaugural reception, Minister Eduardo Selman highlighted



the diplomatic fraternity between the Dominican Republic and Canada and noted the presence in Canada of an important Dominican diaspora. Dominican participation included several seminars on Dominican literature and history with Canadian and Dominican authors, a book donation to the Concordia University library, screenings of Dominican films, gatherings with Dominican students in Montreal, and other artistic and cultural activities. *All Things Dominican* and *Dominican Republic: New Perspectives*, which show beautiful images of the country, where amongst the publications that GFDD/Funglode displayed and donated to the Concordia University as part of this event.

"The Funglode/GFDD awards competition, throughout its twelve past editions, has recognized and published the great work of dozens of men and women."

José Rafael Lantigua - Director of the Cultural Studies Center at Funglode



Environment & Sustainable Development





Since its creation in 2011, the Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival has provided Dominicans with a platform for knowledge and debate on environmental and sustainable development issues, along with its challenges and best practices, while celebrating the unique beauty and wealth that is the Dominican Republic's natural heritage. With a diverse selection of films and numerous panels, workshops, seminars, and community activities, DREFF promotes dialogue and the exchange of knowledge and experience, inspiring Dominicans to adopt actions that contribute to the appreciation, conservation, and sustainable use of their environmental resources.

January 24

Dominican Institute of Environmental Rights Presents International Awards to Eco Schools, Green Key and Blue Flag, Organization, DR

- January 24 Plastic and Solid Waste Pollution Among the Topics Discussed at Funglode, DR
- March 15 DREFF Hosts Networking Breakfast with GFN Members in Washington, DC
- March 17 Short Film Program at DCEFF, Washington, DC
- March 19 Panel Discussion on Sargassum, Washington, DC
- March 29 Cacú: un cambio por la vida in Santo Domingo, DR
- April 25 May 5 International Book Fair of Santo Domingo, DR
- May 15 Creative Recycling Workshop at the International Book Fair of Santo Domingo, DR
- June 7 Revolution at UNIBE, Santo Domingo, DR
- October 17 DREFF at Faces of Hunger 2019 Festival, United States
- November 4 DREFF Co-Hosts Screenings at GCF172, Punta Cana, DR
- November 12-15 Seventh Edition of DREFF, Dominican Republic

Dominican Institute of Environmental Rights Presents International Awards to Eco Schools, Green Key and Blue Flag Organization

January 24, DR

The Dominican Institute of Environmental Rights (IDARD) recently held a special ceremony at Funglode's



headquarters in Santo Domingo to distribute awards from international organizations to local entities in the Dominican Republic. The international organizations Eco Escuelas, Llave Verde and Bandera Azul 2018/2019 handed out awards to 76 local organizations and institutions for the efforts they have carried out in support of the environment and sustainability. Opening remarks were delivered by Yamile Eusebio, Director of Funglode's Educational Activities Program and Director of the New York Office of GFDD, who highlighted the importance of environmental issues for both GFDD and Funglode. The Director of the GFDD New York Office also thanked IDARD for including GFDD/ Funglode as participants in such initiatives. Ydalia Acevedo, Vice Minister of Coastal and Marine Resources at the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources, explained the importance of the award-winning programs, which preserve the environment and contribute substantially to the wellbeing of the Dominican Republic. José Amado Rodríguez, Director of the Ministry of Education's Environmental Education Department, spoke and stressed that environmental education is an important aspect of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals.



Plastic and Solid Waste Pollution Among the Topics Discussed at Funglode

January 24, DR

As part of the ongoing events for the 2019 version of Geography Week, Listín Diario's Plan LEA held a conference entitled "Plastic and Other Solid Wastes Are Harming the Environment and Biodiversity" at the auditorium of the

Global Foundation for Democracy and Development's (GFDD) sister organization in the Dominican Republic, the Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (Funglode). The workshop took place on Wednesday, January 23 and featured the participation of Grupo Jaragua's Executive Director, Yvonne Arias, as well as teachers from the 10th, 14th and 18th regions of the Dominican Republic. More than 100 teachers had the opportunity to exchange ideas and share opinions about changes implemented at their schools to reduce plastic and solid waste. Yamile Eusebio, Director of Funglode's Educational Activities Program and Director of the New York Office of GFDD, highlighted that "Funglode is very committed to supporting Plan LEA as well as the Listín Diario in their efforts to raise awareness about environmental issues through initiatives such as the pre-Geography Week discussions." Plan LEA Director Rosario Vásquez, opened the workshop, which focused on solid waste pollution. The meeting was supported by the Ministry of Education, Propagas, Funglode, the Dean of the Geography and History Department at the University of Central Michigan and Grupo Jaragua.

DREFF Brings Together GFN Members During DCEFF

March 15, Washington, DC

The Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival (DREFF) brought together friends and members from the Green Film Network (GFN) for a meeting at the GFDD Washington offices. The networking meeting was a side event of the 2019 Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital (DCEFF) and was attended by filmmakers, producers, media experts, film curators and representatives from environmental film festivals. In attendance was Natasha Despotovic, DREFF's Director and GFDD's Executive Director, who gave opening remarks and facilitated the conversation. Over a breakfast discussion, the participants shared experiences and anecdotes with one another about their work in the environmental filmmaking industry.





"For us, the Film Festival is an integrative event, a big party. It gives us the opportunity to share with very talented people that also care for the environment. Our students learn how to develop new content by witnessing the passion and knowledge of film creators. DREFF offers current topics beautifully transformed into films, which help us create awareness in our academic community. The Film Festival showed us how film producers are evolving by creating not only informative and educational content but also a deeper look into humanity. We are sincerely grateful for being part of this initiative."

Sardis Medrano - UNIBE

Glimpses from Latin America in Washington, DC

March 17, Washington, DC

In front of a full house at the Carnegie Institution for Science, DREFF presented a series of short films under a program entitled "Glimpses from Latin America: Sustainability Challenges Affecting Daily Lives", during DCEFF. The program featured three short films from three different countries in Latin America and the Caribbean including *Alimento* from the Dominican Republic, *Mar Incendiado* from Mexico and *Refugiados do Desenvolvimiento*



from Brazil. Chris Head, DCEFF's Executive Director, gave the welcoming remarks at the event while María Victoria Abreu, GFDD's International Affairs and Socioeconomic Development Program Manager and DREFF's Programming Director, presented the films and thanked DCEFF for another great opportunity to co-host a program as part of their prestigious environmental film festival. Following the screenings, Eleonora Isunza, director of Mexico's Cinema Planeta and coproducer of *Mar Incendiado* shared her experience promoting sustainable development through film as did Mijaíl Peralta, Dominican filmmaker and co-director of *Alimento*.



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Sargassum: Both an Environmental Economic Opportunity and a Challenge

March 19, Washington, DC

At the GFDD Washington offices, DREFF held a lively panel discussion entitled "Sargassum: An Environmental Threat?" with scientists and experts on the ocean plant. María Victoria Abreu, GFDD's International Affairs and Socioeconomic Development Program Manager and DREFF's Programming Director, gave the welcoming remarks, introduced the international experts and moderated

the discussion. The Panelists included Dr. Donald R. Johnson, Senior Research Scientist from the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory; Dr. Chuanmin Hu, Ph.D. from the University of South Florida (USF) College of Marine Science; Manolo Despradel, General Manager, Algeanova (Dominican Republic); Michael Keine, also from Algeanova; Dr. David Freestone, Executive Secretary of the Sargasso Sea Commission and Mark J. Spalding, President of The Ocean Foundation. The panelists shared some reflections and experiences with sargassum, explaining that there are both economic concerns and environmental benefits associated with the seaweed. Following the presentation was an interesting Q&A conversation with the audience. The event was part of the 2019 official program of DCEFF.

Packed Audience at the Funglode Auditorium Enjoys Dominican Documentary Cacú: un cambio por la vida

March 29, Santo Domingo

The feature Dominican documentary *Cacú: un cambio por la vida (Cacú: A Change for Life)* was screened at the Funglode headquarters in Santo Domingo in front of more than 60 guests including, biologists, conservation photographers and



students as well as representatives from the private sector and environmental government agencies. Before the film played, an introduction was delivered by Reydi Moreta, head of social networking and promotion at GFDD/Funglode, who presented two special guests, the documentary's director Guatemalan/Dominican photojournalist Marvin del Cid and marine biologist Omar Shamir Reynoso. The 79-minute documentary features the revealing story of five fishermen from the underprivileged community of Manresa, situated in the southwest section of Santo Domingo, who transitioned from being sea turtle nest predators to full-fledged conservationists. Following the screening was a Q&A panel discussion featuring del Cid and Reynoso, who spoke on the making of the documentary and the importance of working to conserve the world's turtle population.

Thousands Enjoy Films Screenings and Book Talks at the International Book Fair of Santo Domingo

April 25 – May 5, Santo Domingo

At the GFDD stand at the International Book Fair of Santo Domingo, DREFF and GFDD's Portal DominicanaOnline.org presented a diverse program, including the screening of several short films like *El Cambio, Peter Plástico, Bienvenido a la Tierra*, and Globo Verde Dominicano Award winners, like 7



Gramos and *Ciclos*. Dominican economist and international coach, Ricardo Tirado, also presented his new book, 'From Scratch. Creando desde la Nada'. GFDD offered a workshop on how to navigate the organization's DominicanaOnline.org portal and another on recycling activities with the program ReCrearte. Throughout the week, enthusiastic visitors of all ages visited the GFDD stand to observe the screenings, publication launches, workshops and other activities.



50 Visitors at the International Book Fair Learn About Creative Recycling

May 15, Santo Domingo, DR

GFDD representative Lucía Marte spent time with more than 50 visitors at the International Book Fair of Santo Domingo, an international festival for learning and reading. The workshop, held in coordination with Funglode, the Ministry of Culture and the Book Fair's administrative team, began with a discussion on global warming and the

need to recycle. The participants learned about the 3Rs, the basic principles for sustainable waste management (reduce, reuse, recycle). The workshop included lessons on how to create notebooks for daily use out of recycled paper. The workshop was held at the GFDD/Funglode stand at the International Book Fair.

Environment Week Closes Out with the Documentary Revolution

June 7, Santo Domingo



A screening of the film Revolution was held together with the Ibero-American University (UNIBE) to close its annual Environment Week. Revolution (2012) is an awardwinning Canadian documentary directed by the late documentalist Rob Stewart following his hit debut Sharkwater. The activity was led by Dr. Loraine Amell, Dean of

International and Institutional Affairs at UNIBE, and Reydi Moreta of DREFF/GFDD, and drew an attendance of 55 students from the university and St. Michael's School, as well as other members of the university community. After the screening, Sardis Medrano, an expert in biodiversity and forest ecology and a professor at UNIBE, led a discussion with the students on the topics of ocean degradation and environmental crisis that appeared in the documentary.

In Collaboration with DREFF, Alimento Screened at Colleges and Universities Through the Faces for Hunger 2019 Festival

October 17, Washington, DC

Thanks to the support of the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development the (GFDD) and



Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival (DREFF), the Dominican short film Alimento was selected to be screened at the Faces for Hunger 2019 film festival, an initiative of the Palms for Life Fund. The festival took place at universities and colleges throughout the United States where institutions and student groups gathered to watch films and hold debates on issues related to food security, guality and waste. The film was directed by Mijaíl Peralta and Wendy P. Espinal and was filmed in the Dominican Republic in 2016. Alimento (Food) had its US premiere at the Washington, DC Environmental Film Festival in 2019 as part of the GFDD/DREFF initiative, "Glimpses from Latin America: Sustainability Challenges Affecting Daily Lives", which took place on March 17, 2019 at the Carnegie Institution for Science.

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DREFF Co-Hosts Special Screenings at GCFI72 in Punta Cana

November 4 – Punta Cana DR

The Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival (DREFF), a GFDD initiative, with the Grupo Puntacana Foundation, and the Gulf and Caribbean

Fisheries Institute (GCFI) hosted two special screenings of environmental documentaries as part of the 72nd Annual conference of the Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute (GCFI). The Dominican documentary *Cacú: un cambio por la vida*, directed by Marvin del Cid, was screened on Monday, November 4, and Albatross, by Chris Jordan, was presented to the participants of GCFI72 on Friday, November 8, 2019. The GCFI72 was held from Monday, November 4, 2019 to Friday, November 8, 2019 in Puntacana, Dominican Republic, under the theme of "Scaling up public-private government partnerships for sustainable fisheries and innovative science".

DREFF's Seventh Edition Fosters Enthusiasm, Knowledge and Environmental Consciousness

November 12–15, Santo Domingo, DR

Under the theme "Passion for our planet", the seventh edition of the Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival (DREFF) ended with an encouraging message to the Dominican youth: a message of commitment to the environment and a vision of a more harmonious planet under the care of everyone. A total of nine academic institutions of the Dominican Republic assembled hundreds of students of all ages, along with their professors and educational leaders, throughout the four days of the Festival filled with great films and profound discussions about environmental challenges and the best practices to tackle them. Universities, schools, libraries, cultural and research centers in Santo Domingo, Santiago and Punta Cana were the main setting of an excellent exhibit which showcased the rising interest of younger generations to conserve the environment and nature.

"We began in 2011 with the vision to bring this platform of consciousness and debate to every corner of the country. Times have changed since then. Now it is not about convincing people that we need to change our habits, public policy or ways of thinking," explains the Director of DREFF, Natasha Despotovic. "Now we all know that change is in motion and we see it every day with the movements of millions of young people around the world asking for commitment and a new way of life. We have seen it these past few days in our Dominican youth."

A total of 12 movies from six countries -Colombia, Argentina, Belgium, the United States, Mexico and the Dominican Republic- where shown during DREFF 2019 to hundreds of Dominicans of all ages. DREFF, which features a large network of national and international partners, has reached more than 35,000 spectators over the years and continues to expand its impact throughout the Dominican Republic. This edition had Victoria Sloan Jordan, Albatross' producer, and Marvin del Cid, Dominican/Guatemala photojournalist and cinematographer as special guests. Both engaged in several events with the audiences, including workshops on the use of technology in environmental filmmaking and discussions on the impact of poetry and art in environmental films.

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Group FDD reaches out to the Dominican community and to all those interested in the Dominican culture as a part of its mission to promote the understanding and appreciation of the Dominican culture, values and heritage. Annual events such as Passport D.C. and other activities aim to bring together members of the Dominican community that live in the U.S., particularly Washington, D.C. and New York. GFDD uses these initiatives to create a space for reflection, discussion and sharing of topics relevant to the Dominican community in the U.S. and in the homeland.

February 3

Meeting of Dominican Organizations in the United States at the 4th DORENEX Roundtable in Yonkers, New York City

February 25

Independence Month Celebration with the Embassy of the Dominican Republic in Washington, DC

May 4

Passport DC: Around the World Embassy Tour in Washington, DC

May 5

Meet and Greet with Dominican Artisans, Washington, DC

June 28

CUNY Dominican Studies Institute Brings the Study of the History of Dominican Music to the United States, Florida

July 12

Tribute to Filmmaker Fernando Báez, New York City

September 20

The Taste of DR in Washington, DC

Finding Opportunities for Cooperation and Partnership at the 4th DORENEX Roundtable

February 3, New York City

US-Based Dominican organizations in New York City met in the Yonkers neighborhood during the 4th



DORENEX Roundtable for the Coordinating Council for Dominicans Living Abroad (DORENEX). The meeting was intended to bring Dominican organizations together to find opportunities for cooperation and partnership. More than 20 institutions attended and each one had the chance to share some presentations about their respective programs. GFDD was represented at the event by its New York Office Director, Yamile Eusebio, who handed out some institutional brochures and briefly introduced GFDD as well as its various programs, including the Dominican Film Showcase, Dominican Get-Togethers and Model United Nations, among others.



Celebrating Dominican Independence Month with Sancocho and Rum

February 25, Washington, DC

GFDD and the Dominican Republic's Embassy in Washington, D.C. hosted a special celebration of the Dominican independence month with a free sancochada and happy hour at Los Hermanos Restaurant, located in the Columbia Heights neighborhood of the US capital city.

Maria Victoria Abreu, GFDD's International Affairs Program Manager, and Gretchen Pockels, DR's Embassy Cultural Attaché, gave the welcoming remarks. Dozens enjoyed a warm bowl of sancocho and Dominican rum while dancing to Caribbean rhythms. A trivia of Dominican topics was also in the agenda, with winners getting surprise souvenirs from the island.

GFDD Joins the DR Embassy in Promoting Dominican Culture

May 4, Washington, DC

As part of the 2019 Around the World Embassy Tour celebrated annually in Washington, D.C., GFDD joined forces with the Dominican Republic Embassy in the United States to promote Dominican culture and heritage. Visitors enjoyed merengue dance performances, rum tasting, handmade arts and crafts from local artisans and much more. GFDD also promoted its online portal, DominicanaOnline.org, and gave away copies of its *All Things Dominican* publication.



GFDD Brings Together Dominican Artisans to Share Experience

May 7, Washington, DC

A meet-and-greet with a group of Dominican artisans was held at the GFDD Washington offices. The meeting followed an Arts & Crafts Bazaar also organized by GFDD as part of the Around the World Embassy Tour taking place the first week in May in Washington, DC. Artisans who work



with woods, amber and other natural materials to make handmade arts and crafts gathered to share experiences. The craftsmen and women also chatted with GFDD staff and the Cultural Attaché from the Dominican Embassy, Gretchen Pockels, about how to include information about Dominican artisan work on GFDD's portal DominicanaOnline.org.

"Dominican Get-Togethers are the perfect excuse for the diaspora to come together and have fun while sharing its culture and traditions. These gatherings are an important part of GFDD's institutional mission."

Natasha Despotovic - GFDD Executive Director



Arts & Crafts Bazaar in Celebration of Mother's Day

May 10, Washington, DC

In collaboration with Manos Dominicanas, ProArtesanía RD, Cooperativa Nacional de Productos y Servicios Múltiples de Artesanos (COOPPNARTED) and the Federación Dominicana de Artesanos y Organismos Afines (FEDARTE), GFDD hosted an arts and crafts bazaar at the DR Embassy in Washington, D.C. in commemoration of Mothers' Day. Visitors were able to shop handmade

products, including artisanal work on precious woods, larimar and amber, as well as natural materials. "This experience – to be able to present and sell our work in the capital of the United States, is priceless to us. We are very happy to be here!", said one of the craftsmen. The event was part of the Around the World Embassy Tour held in Washington, DC during the first week of May.

CUNY Dominican Studies Institute Brings the Study of the History of Dominican Music to the United States

June 28, Florida

Funglode/GFDD in Florida, under the leadership of José J. Záiter, and Latinos United in Action Center, Inc., led



by Dr. Amada Vargas, hosted a discussion group on the history of Dominican Music in the United States, a project run by the City University of New York Dominican Studies Institute (CUNY DSI). This project is financed by the prestigious National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) based in Washington, D.C. The History of Dominican Music in the United States is an ambitious digital project on Dominican music history that contributes to bringing visibility to long-lost but important chapters in the historical narrative of the humanistic and cultural legacy of the US. CUNY DSI received a 3-year NEH grant to develop an interactive tool delivering an audiovisual narration of the participation and contribution of Dominican music in the United States from 1915 to the present. Dr. Ramona Hernández, director of CUNY DSI, professor of sociology at City College and acting director of the project, noted that "this is a collective effort to bring together young researchers from CUNY DSI with an elite group of academics who are experts on Dominican music." CUNY DSI is the first university research institute dedicated to the study of people of Dominican descent, particularly those living in the United States.



Remembering Fernando Báez, Renowned Dominican Filmmaker

July 12, New York City

GFDD New York offered an intimate evening of commemoration of the late filmmaker Dominican Fernando Báez Mella, including a chat with his family members and a screening of his nature documentary *Imagen Nacional: Montañas, Ríos y Saltos.* After the playing of a 20-minute video

biography of Báez, Yamile Eusebio, GFDD's New York Director invited María Cordero de Báez and Arturo Báez—the late director's wife and son, respectively—to share stories of his professional and family life with the audience. The event was held at CODOCUL, the Dominican Commission of Culture in the United States and drew various distinguished guests such as ambassador Juan Ávila, of the Dominican Republic Permanent Mission to the United Nations; Armando Guareno, founder/ director of the Dominican Film Festival and close family friends of the late filmmaker; and Rudy Fuertes, member of the GFDD Board of Directors. Báez Mella directed 13 films, among them the Dominican Republic's 2017 Oscar contribution *Flor de Azúcar* and an array of documentaries on nature and conservation, particularly in the Dominican Republic.

Celebrating the Dominican Culture in Boston

August 21, Boston

In August, GFDD joined the 34th celebration of the Dominican Cultural Week and Festival, Boston 2019. This traditional event in Massachusetts included a full calendar of activities such as beauty pageants, a health fair, a culture day, a parade/festival, a women's day and a sports day. It is a week-long cultural event



that brings together the Dominican diaspora with Bostonians and other Latino communities in the area. By exhibiting traditional carnival masks and a vast selection of Dominican handmade decorative pieces, GFDD enhanced this annual initiative. This exhibit was also a special collaboration with Mr. Isaias Amaro, renowned Dominican artist with many national and international recognitions for his work organizing carnival parades and elaborating costumes and masks for the Dominican carnival as well as for many other Caribbean and South American countries. Attendees had the opportunity to learn more about GFDD's programs. GFDD and Mr. Amaro are working together in offering recycling art workshops to children in the Boston area to teach them how to make traditional Dominican carnival masks and other folkloric items, with the aim to promote the Dominican cultural heritage and national pride.



Washington, DC Gets a "Taste of DR"

September 20, Washington, DC

The Washington, DC Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs (MOLA) joined forced with GFDD for the celebration of a Dominican culture initiative, "Taste of DR." The event, held at the Columbia Heights Civic Plaza in the nation's capital, featured a variety of elements that represent the Dominican Republic, from its gastronomy to its popular barber shops, arts and crafts, and music. As part of this event, GFDD organized a photo exhibit showcasing beautiful images of the Dominican Republic, selected from its publication *All Things Dominican*. Hundreds of Washingtonians enjoyed Dominican food and drinks, dancing and cultural demonstrations in a very festive environment.



www.dominicanaonline.org



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

June

Informational Event Held on Media and Gastronomy, Santo Domingo, DR

- July Young People from Duvergé Discuss Social Media, Culture and Tourism
- August DominicanaOnline.org participated in the late-night museum summer

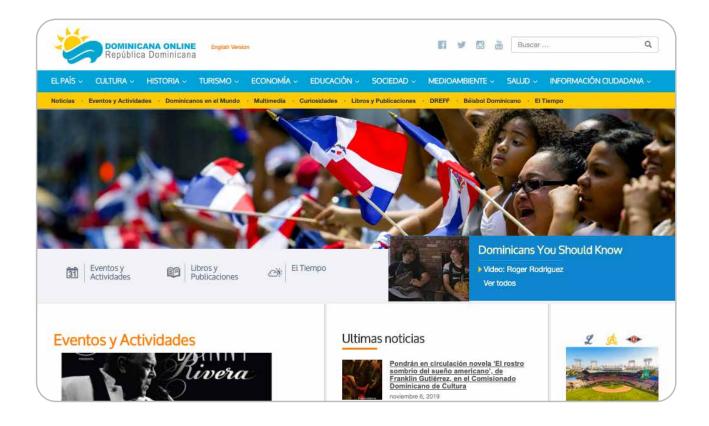
DominicanaOnline.org, Culture, Tourism and Education on the Internet During the Second Half of 2019

Like every year, DominicanaOnline.org has dedicated itself to provide the most fresh and updated information about Dominican Republic culture, tourism, education and all other relevant areas of life. During the second quarter of 2019, DominicanaOnline.org strengthened the institutional bonds with the collaborating organizations in order to provide higher quality content.

In June it was part of the first summit on communication and gastronomy: The narrative multiplatform of gastronomy and tourism.

The activity counted on the support of the Academia Dominicana de Gastronomia (Dominican Academy of Gastronomy) and ASONAHORES.







In July, DominicanaOnline.org invited young people from the Duvergé community for a small discussion about the importance of social media in cultural and tourism promotion. In August it was part of the summer edition of long night of museums in the Fortaleza Ozama.

The main objective of DominicanaOnline.org is to inform citizens and international guests who are visiting the country, through the most relevant and engaging documentation, about Dominican history and culture, its economy, geography, customs and traditions, as well as practical information.





www.dominicanfilmshowcase.org



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

- **February 28** *Hay un país en el mundo* in Torrington, Connecticut
- April 2 Hay un país en el mundo in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts
- April 6 Hay un país en el mundo in Salem, Massachusetts
- April 5-16 Havana Film Festival in New York City
- July 10 *Misión Estrella* in Washington, D.C
- September 6-8 Dominican Film Showcase Florida

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Celebrating the 175th Anniversary of Dominican Independence with Screening of *Hay un país en el mundo* in Torrington, Connecticut

February 28, Torrington, Connecticut

The feature Dominican documentary *Hay un país en el mundo* (There is a Country in the World) was presented in Torrington, Connecticut as part of GFDD's cultural program in the United States and to celebrate the 175th anniversary of Dominican indepen-

dence on February 27. The event was co-hosted by the Latin Women's Association, with the support of Dr. Ruth González, from Vargas Law Firm. Ms. Yamile Eusebio Paulino, Director of the GFDD New York office, moderated the event. In her welcoming remarks, Ms. Eusebio thanked the sponsors and organizers of the event, especially community activist Maria González and Dolores Ramírez and Dominican Bank BHD-León for its support for the documentary and screenings. The event was held at the Warner Theater's Nancy Marine Studio before a packed audience interested in learning more about Dominican culture through the visual journey provided by the documentary. At the end of the showing Ms. Eusebio led a fun trivia session with the audience. Winners Marlene Rodas and Ana Cepeda responded correctly to the trivia questions presented and received copies of *Lo Dominicano/ All Things Dominican*.

Documentary and Art Exhibit Celebrate Dominican Culture and Heritage

April 4, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts

A celebration of Dominican culture that included a special screening of the documentary *Hay un país en el mundo* and an art exhibit was held at



the Connolly Branch of the Boston Public Library in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts. The celebration was co-hosted by the Boston City Councilmember Matt O'Malley, with the support of many community leaders representing the Dominican diaspora in Massachusetts. The space used for the screening was decorated with artwork by a Dominican folklorist Isaias Amaro, who generously prepared an exhibit of pictures, paintings, carnival masks and *güira*, a traditional Dominican percussive instrument used in *merengue* and *cumbia*. Ms. Katy Polanco Berndt, GFDD's Massachusetts Liaison, moderated the event. The spectators laughed throughout the documentary and expressed much pride and satisfaction for the invitation to view such a well-done film.





Dominican Community Expresses Pride After Screening of Hay un país en el mundo

April 6, Salem, Massachusetts

GFDD and its Dominican Film Showcase continued raising understanding and appreciation of Dominican culture with another screening of the Dominican documentary *Hay un país en el mundo*. The local Dominican diaspora in Salem, Massachusetts gathered at the Salem Academy Charter School thanks to the help of GFDD and several community organizations including Welcome Immigrant Network (WIN), Latino Leadership Coalition and Salem Still Making History. In addition to enjoying the film, attendees had the opportunity to enjoy a vast selection of traditional Dominican dishes made by the members of Areito Café, a project of the WIN organization. The tastings included *habichuela con dulce, arepas de maíz, mangú con queso frito y salami, casabe, majarete,* as well as *morir sonando,* a very traditional Dominican drink.

Two Dominican Films Screened at the Havana Film Festival

April 5-16, New York City

Thanks to the support of GFDD, the Havana Film Festival New York (HFFNY), the biggest festival for Latin American film in New York City, featured the New York premier of the award-winning *Miriam Miente* (*Miriam Lies*) directed by Natalia Cabral and Oriol Estrada



and *La Concejal (The Councilwoman)* directed by Ana Katz, Marta Bautís, Blanca Rosa Blanco and Olivia Luengas. On April 12 *Miriam Miente* was screened and on April 11 and 13 there were screenings of the documentary *La Concejal*. GFDD New York Director, Yamile Eusebio was present at the screenings to highlight the support of GFDD and the Dominican Republic's General Directorate of Film (DGCine, for its acronym in Spanish). On this particular occasion, DGCine helped ensure the attendance of codirectors of *Miriam Miente*, Cabral and Estrada, who engaged in an interactive panel discussion with the audience following the film screenings. This was the fourth year that GFDD has supported the presentation of Dominican films at HFFNY.

Misión Estrella in Washington, D.C.: Honoring the Memory of a Great Dominican Filmmaker

July 10, Washington, DC

Honoring the memory of Dominican filmmaker and photographer Fernando Báez Mella, GFDD, with the collaboration of the Embassy of the Dominican Republic to the United States, hosted a special screening of his last film *Misión Estrella* at the GALA Hispanic Theater. The event featured one of Báez Mella's son, Arturo Báez Cordero, as a special guest. Natasha Despotovic, GFDD's Executive Director, gave the welcoming remarks noting the relevance of Fernando Báez Mella's work both in elevating the Dominican Republic's filmmaking industry and in promoting



environmental consciousness and appreciation of the country's beauty and natural resources with his productions. Before and after the film, the audience was able to enjoy brief videos with the honoree's life milestones and most relevant achievements, as well as a series of testimonials from actors that worked with him in *Misión Estrella*. After the screening, Despotovic and Báez Cordero engaged in a Q&A session with the audience. Members of the Dominican diaspora, and representatives of international organizations and of the Dominican Embassy in D.C., were amongst the present in the event.









Full House at the Dominican Film Showcase in Miami, Orlando and Fort Lauderdale

September 6-8, Miami, Orlando and Fort Lauderdale

In collaboration with several organizations including the City of Miami Dade, Latinos United, the General Consulate of Spain in Miami, the Dominican Republic Film Commission, among others, GFDD hosted the Dominican Film Showcase in Florida. The showcase included special screenings of the Dominican film Lo que siento por ti, directed by Raul Camilo, and Colours, by Luis Cepeda. Screenings took place at the Manuel Artime Center & Theatre of Miami, the Auditorium Central Christian University of Orlando, and the Savor Cinema of Fort Lauderdale. Renown Dominican journalist Eliseo "Ellis" Pérez was recognized during this Dominican Film Showcase, as well as the Spanish Consul in Miami, Creis Estrada. GFDD President, Dr. Leonel Fernández was in attendance at the Dominican Film Showcase, this year dedicated to Spain.





The GFDD golf tournaments are attended by leading figures from the philanthropic field, prominent sports figures, and others who through the years have supported GFDD's programs. They are an opportunity to share time with partners and friends as well as to engage supporters, build community and promote fundraising efforts.

- March 11
 13th Golf Tournament, Miami
- September 23 14th Golf Tournament, New York City

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GolfTournament Helps Support Sustainable Development in the LAC Region

March 11, Miami

GFDD celebrated its 13th Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament at the Crandon Golf Key Biscayne course in Miami, Florida. The special event aims to raise funds for GFDD's high-impact programs and projects in the Dominican Republic and abroad. More than 120 golfers participated in the tournament, which featured the participation of Hall of Fame Dominican baseball player, Juan Marichal, and the President of GFDD/Funglode, Dr. Leonel Fernández. Following the golf competition was a cocktail reception and awards ceremony, which honored the tournament winners with medals presented by Marichal and Dr. Fernández.



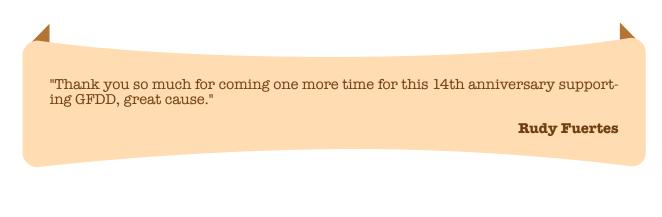
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Fundraising, Good Times at the 14th GFDD Golf Tournament

September 23, Glen Head, NY

GFDD hosted the 14th GFDD Golf Tournament at Glen Head Country Club in Glen Head, New York. The event, organized annually to support fundraising for GFDD's programs, was kicked off with a ceremonial punt from baseball Hall of Famer Juan Marichal. Throughout a beautiful day at the Glen Head Country Club, 98 passionate golfers competed for the winning title in pairs. Participants enjoyed a selection of special Dominican foods and beverages at a cocktail reception following the tournament. Before GFDD's executive director Natasha Despotovic handed out awards to the winning contestants, participants enjoyed GFDD's institutional video and highlights from the day of golf.







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Publications



E ach year GFDD publishes books on topics relevant to the Dominican Republic and the world. Through its publications, GFDD brings new perspectives and innovative approaches and solutions to pressing issues and challenges of contemporary society in the Dominican Republic and the Americas, contributing to sustainable social, democratic, economic and cultural development. Books are available on the GFDD website, Amazon and iTunes.

February 1

GFDD Fellow Dr. Christina Davidson Presents Book on Evangelical Christianity in the DR During Interfaith Harmony Week, New York City

July 24

Jennifer Peirce Highlights Research Findings on Dominican New Prison Management Model

August 5

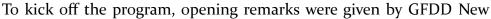
New Website for GFDD, Washington, DC

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Dr. Christina Davidson Explains Divergent Histories of Two Evangelical Christian Churches in the Dominican Republic

February 1, New York City

In front of a large audience and accompanied by GFDD/Funglode staff, Dr. Davidson presented the publication, *Analysis of Evangelical Christianity in the Dominican Republic,* which provides a glance at two historical protestant churches with great presence in the DR: the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Dominican Evangelical Church. The event took place within the framework of the UN World Interfaith Harmony Week.



York Office Director, Yamile Eusebio, who thanked attendees and congratulated Dr. Davidson on her successful research project. Following Eusebio's remarks, Dr. Davidson presented the main findings of her ten-month-long study. Dr. Davidson stressed that the history of the Evangelical Church in the Dominican Republic reflects the popular understanding of a unified identity among evangelical Christians, despite many differences among their beliefs and practices.

GFDD/Funglode had also invited Dr. John Thomas III, an expert and scholar on Afro-Peruvian civil society, to provide additional commentary and reflection on the research initiative. Dr. Thomas III, who holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Chicago, stated that "Dr. Davidson creates a persuasive case to show that the [Evangelical Church of the Dominican Republic] was far better supported financially than the [African Methodist Episcopal] Church." The scholar praised Dr. Davidson's scholarly contributions and was then followed by a dynamic Q&A session between the audience and the presenter.







GFDD Fellow Jennifer Peirce Launches New Report on the Dominican New Prison Management Model

July 24, Santo Domingo

During her research presentation at Funglode headquarters, GFDD Fellow Jennifer Peirce concluded that "the Dominican New Prison Management Model is a remarkable achievement of building and implementing an entirely new vision and

practice for how a country handles punishment, rehabilitation, and policy implementation." The prison reform process in the Dominican Republic is the only one of its kind in Latin America and a wide international arena, noted Peirce in the introduction to her study "More Humane Prisons as Part of More Just, Peaceful, and Inclusive Societies: Analyzing the Dominican Republic's Prison Reform Experience through the Lens of UN SDG 16."

Yamile Eusebio, director of GFDD's New York office, offered introductory remarks and noted that "Peirce carried out her research in the Dominican Republic between 2017 and 2018 and traveled around the island to be able to present work that goes beyond analysis."

According to the Fellow's conclusions, throughout 15 years of political changes and budgetary restrictions, the Dominican New Prison Management Model has adapted, integrated lessons and shared its experiences and tools with neighbor countries in Latin America. The model stands in contrast with other popular prison management "models" that emphasize order, technology and highly clinical risk evaluation and management. She highlights that in 2003 the Dominican government created the New Prison Management Model, promoted in alliance with several local and international bodies. At time of writing, there are 22 Centers for Correction and Rehabilitation in the country.

The study, carried out through the GFDD/Funglode Fellows program between 2017 and 2018, is part of Peirce's research for her doctoral dissertation at John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York. College of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York. (CUNY).

GFDD Launches New Mobile and User-Friendly Website

August 5, Washington, DC

In 2019, GFDD presented a new design and layout for its institutional website. The site (www.globalfoundationdd.org), has improved functionalities, is more user-friendly, has simplified navigation and a responsive layout for all platforms and devices, and it is 100 percent optimized for multimedia content.

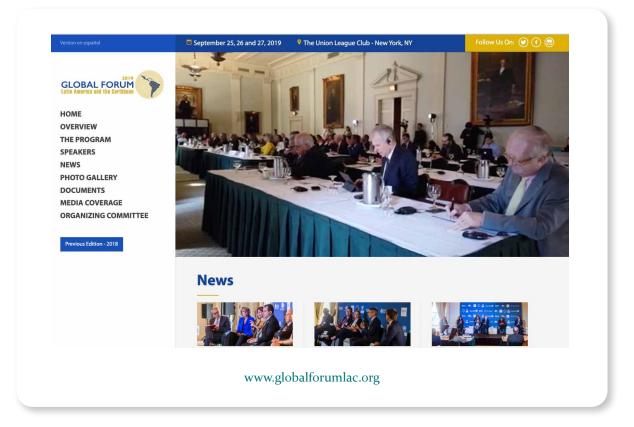


GFDD's institutional website displays relevant information and news about the organization's programs and initiatives, photo galleries and videos, access to the Foundation's research and publications, upcoming events, collaborating institutions, links to the Newsletters, and opportunities to donate.



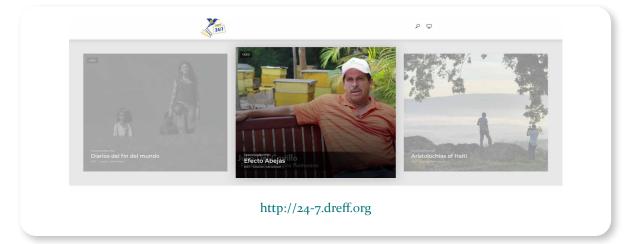
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