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Dr. Leonel Fernández
President of GFDD

GFDD is celebrating twelve years of sustained and enthusiastic work for the betterment of the Dominican Republic and the world; twelve years of providing access to knowledge and best practices to citizens so that the country can find solutions to its major challenges and be at the forefront of professional expertise, innovation, entrepreneurship and appropriate public policy. All this time we have been working hard to bring together political, economic and civil society actors to contribute to sustainable social, democratic, economic and cultural development, and to the improvement of lives of thousands of people. In doing so, we have also elevated the public debate and promoted greater understanding of relevant issues within the most prevalent sectors of the Dominican Republic, as well as within some countries abroad.

Since we founded the non-profit organizations Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) and its sister organization in the Dominican Republic (Funglode), we have been engaging public, private, and multilateral entities as well as academia to raise awareness, promote professional and educational opportunities and foster cooperation and interaction with the wider international community, enhancing the role of the Dominican Republic and its diaspora in the global arena. Through our training sessions, forums and get-togethers, as well as national and international partnerships, we assisted in the formation of a new generation of citizens capable of bringing about the development of our society, working alongside countries in the Western Hemisphere and the rest of the world.

It is with great satisfaction that we present to you the projects, programs and results attained by GFDD over the course of 2014. We hope to inspire you to join us in our efforts to engage in a bright present and continue creating a prosperous future.



Natasha Despotovic
Executive Director of GFDD

After twelve years of working with a wide array of global partners and leaders in multilateral institutions, non profit organizations, think tanks, academia and other centers of knowledge and research, GFDD has built a reputation as a trusted independent center of study, design and implementation of programs and projects that contribute to the social, economic, democratic and cultural development of the Dominican Republic, the region, and the world.

It is with great satisfaction that we present the results of a memorable year in which, once more, we not only developed policies and brought expertise to all areas of society, but also provided practical skills and tools to empower and educate citizens all over the world.

In this volume we are honored to present some of the groundbreaking programs and products that we have pioneered. This year GFDD published the Spanish version of the book *Towards Sustainable Development and Green Economy in the Dominican Republic*, which promotes hands-on daily tips to green our everyday lives and businesses, while demonstrating international best practices and lessons learned on sustainability. The book was launched during a successful 4th edition of the Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival (DREFF), held in eleven cities, twenty two venues, and with a record attendance of 7,000.

We are thrilled to announce this year that more than 2,000 people in the Dominican Republic benefited from the ReCreate program through 85 workshops involving members of the community from all walks of life and empowering the most marginalized groups of Dominican society.

Among many other things, GFDD celebrated the launch of its new English and Spanish blog, the Global Roundtable Issues Blog, where GFDD staff and invited experts discuss current issues of global importance. In the year 2014, GFDD has also gained observer status with the United Nations agencies UNEP and UNCTAD.

Once again, we thank our partners, sponsors, collaborators and friends, as these achievements would not have been possible without their support and engagement, and we encourage them to continue working with us toward many more successful endeavors.

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

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

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

Mission

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

Vision

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

Areas of Interest

- Environment
- 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

Year 2014: GFDD in Numbers

Dominican Issues, Heritage and Outreach

5	Dominican Get-Togethers
9	Dominican Film Showcase
18,000	Monthly visits to Dominicanaonline.org
1,000	New subscribers to Dominicanaonline.org
2	Golf tournaments
	<i>Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience</i>
3	International awards
13	Official selections

Environment & Sustainable Development

	DREFF
7,000	Audience
11	Cities
+20	Screening venues
+80	Screenings
23	International guests
16	Feature films
8	Short films
5	GFDD Productions
+50	Schools in action
2	Environmental excursions
3	Photography exhibitions
6	Workshops
2	Clean ups
+100	Collaborators and volunteers
323	Students
23	Schools
6	Cities
9	Year Round Environmental Film Screenings
	EcoHuertos
16	Vegetable Gardens
18	Workshops
	ReCreate
+2,000	People reached in the DR
85	Workshops
60	Neighborhoods and communities across the country
	RDescubre
3	Educational expeditions to Pico Duarte
2	Educational Excursions
2	Clean ups
	Globo Verde Dominicano Award
1	Short Film Category Award
1	Public Service Announcement Award
1	Photography Award

Education, Professional Development & Scholarship

	InterDom
39	Students
10	Dominican organizations certified in internships management
	Fellows
6	Fellows
	GDAE
33	Dominican student participants in the program

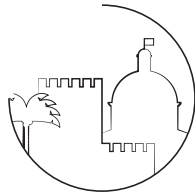
International Affairs

6	Collaborative activities with the OAS
11	Global Roundtables
12	High Level Panels and participations at the United Nations
1	Observer status with UNEP
1	Observer status with UNCTAD
4	Events organized with the UNA-DR

Publications

1	Book
1	Audio Book

Dominican Issues, Heritage and Outreach



Dominican get-togethers

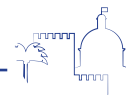


www.dominicangettogethers.org

Dominican Get-Togethers

The mission of Dominican Get-Togethers (DGT) is to promote understanding and appreciation of Dominican culture, values and heritage, and to create opportunities for discussions of contemporary issues relevant to Dominican society in the homeland and abroad. As we celebrate the fifth year of this program, it continues to be a delight for GFDD to reach out to the Dominican community living in the US and to all those interested in the Dominican culture, and bring them an array of interesting and pertinent themes and different ways to celebrate the richness and diversity of the Dominican Republic.





March 21

Rafael Solano and Johnny Ventura in New York

October 6

Barahoneros in New York Enjoyed *Descubre Barahona-Pedernales: Orgullo de mi Tierra*

October 23

Rafael Solano and Johnny Ventura in Miami

November 1

Dominican Diaspora in NY Rejoiced with *Descubre Puerto Plata: Orgullo de mi Tierra*

November 6

Annual Gala of the *Asociación de Veganos en USA*



Through the DGT we seek to reinforce the pride of being Dominican, to appreciate our roots and feel honor to belong to a country full of joy and rich with heritage.

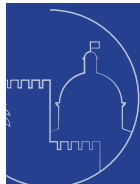


March 21 - New York, NY

DGT Hosts Internationally Renowned Dominican Musicians Rafael Solano and Johnny Ventura



The first DGT of 2014 was held in NY and celebrated the Dominican Republic's rich and distinct musical heritage showcasing the award winning musicians Rafael Solano and Johnny Ventura. Dominicans and non-Dominicans, including local dignitaries, partners, associates and music aficionados, filled the auditorium to celebrate the Dominican Republic's rich and distinct musical heritage showcasing musicians also known as *El Maestro* and *El Caballo Mayor* respectively. The charismatic pair took to the stage to recall the joys, challenges, and successes of their extensive careers spanning over five decades.



Marco Bastidas, a high school teacher in the Bronx, at the DGT in Upper Manhattan: "I see educational value in the fact that it shows an image of the Dominican Republic which goes beyond tourism... it is a vision of the country that is very conscious of its traditions, culture and musical heritage which is important to me as an educator."



October 6 - New York, NY

Barahoneros Enjoyed the Documentary *Descubre Barahona-Pedernales: Orgullo de mi tierra*

GFDD celebrated another successful DGT in New York City with the screening of the documentary *Descubre Barahona-Pedernales: Orgullo de mi tierra*, an event hosted by the *Asociación de Barahoneros en Nueva York* and held at the Isabella Home Center. The screening was attended by a large group of people, who had the opportunity to watch GFDD's institutional video as well as the documentary, produced by *Centro Cuesta Nacional (CCN)*, and learn about the religious beliefs, local folklore, cuisine and ecological diversity of Barahona and Pedernales. Guest speaker Mr. Virgilio Gautreaux Piñeyro talked about the richness, diversity and challenges of the province of Barahona.





October 23 - Miami, FL

Solano and Ventura Take Over the Stage



The Miami Dade College hosted a lively music reunion with icons Rafael Solano and Johnny Ventura in an event organized with the support of the Dominican Students Association of MDC and the Dominican Consulate in Miami. During the evening, titled “From Composing to Interpreting Dominican Music,” the distinguished guests shared their experiences and anecdotes of their long career.



José Vicente, President of Miami Dade College, gave the welcoming speech, while Natasha Despotovic, executive director of GFDD, presented the institutional video of the Foundation, followed by the screening of a short film that recounted the history of the two artists. One of the surprises of the night was a video of renowned musician Emilio Estefan congratulating Solano and Ventura for their contribution to the Latin-American music.



November 1 - New York, NY

Dominican Diaspora Rejoices with Documentary *Descubre Puerto Plata: Orgullo de mi tierra*

An enthusiastic audience participated at this Dominican Get Together, held at the Symphony Space and organized in collaboration with the *Clúster Turístico del Destino Puerto Plata*, the Puertoplateños Association of the United States and *Centro Cuesta Nacional* (CCN).

Descubre Puerto Plata: Orgullo de mi Tierra shows the religious beliefs, folkloric expressions, cultural diversity, architecture, history, and gastronomic richness of Puerto Plata, also known as “*la novia del Atlántico*” (Atlantic’s bride).





November 6 - New York, NY

Annual Gala of the *Asociación de Veganos en USA*

GFDD partnered with the *Asociación de Veganos en USA* to celebrate its Annual Gala and commemorate its 4th anniversary. ASOVEUSA (by its Spanish acronym) is a nonprofit organization that brings together the Dominican community from the province of La Vega and represents them in the Dominican Republic and the United States. The activity took place at the Malcolm X Shabazz Center in New York City.

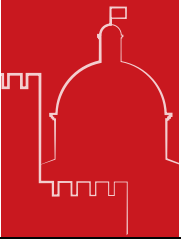
GFDD is part of the collaborating institutions that support the ASOVEUSA initiatives, since the inception of the Association. With over 100 members, ASOVEUSA took the opportunity to recognize outstanding Dominicans from the province of La Vega, both in the Dominican Republic and the United States.



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Would you like us to bring a DGT to your community? Do you have somebody in mind or something you would like to talk about that is meaningful for the Dominican diaspora and the lovers of Dominican culture?

Send your suggestions to
info@dominicangettogether.org



Dominican Film SHOWCASE



www.dominicanfilmshowcase.org

Dominican Film Showcase

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





February 28

La Montaña Showcased During Ibero-American Film Fest

May 21-23

Three-day DFS Program in Partnership with Symphony Space

June 2

Full House at the Screening of *Ana's Struggle*

June 23

La Montaña at a New York School in Manhattan

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November 24

The DFS closes in Washington, D.C. with Merengue and Bachata

With the Dominican Film Showcase GFDD/Funglode aims to present a sample of the best films produced recently in the DR, by Dominican filmmakers, about Dominican topics, with the intention of capturing a well-rounded view of the country.



February 28 - Washington, D.C.

Dominican Docudrama *La Montaña* Showcased During Ibero-American Film Fest

GFDD/Funglode was proud to support, through its Dominican Film Showcase Program, a special presentation of the docudrama *La Montaña*. The film screening, which was made possible in collaboration with the Dominican Embassy to the White House, took place at the Mexican Cultural Institute as part of the 2014 edition of the Ibero-American Film Showcase being held at various Embassies in the Washington, DC area. Directed by Tabaré Blanchard and produced by Funglode, the film depicts an extraordinary and inspirational story of human determination and achievement.



May 21-23 - New York, NY



Three-day DFS Program in Partnership with Symphony Space

GFDD and Funglode hosted a three-day DFS in partnership with Symphony Space, a performing arts center on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, New York. The opening night film on May 21 showcased an action drama entitled *Biodegradable*, followed by an inspiring documentary *La Montaña*. The DFS closed with

Dominican musical *Sol Caribe*. The screenings presented an opportunity to discuss the DR's civic values, traditions, and music which are fast becoming part of the cultural composition of the US and other countries where Dominican populations are present.



June 2 - Asunción, Paraguay

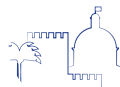


Full House at the Screening of the Film *Ana's Struggle*

The Aula Magna of UniNorte's Graduate School was the stage where a large audience enjoyed the screening of the film *Ana's struggle*, organized by GFDD/Funglode and the Embassy of the Dominican Republic in Paraguay, with the support of UniNorte.

Professor Dr. Alain Saint-Saenz, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Director of International Relations at UniNorte delivered the welcoming remarks. Saint-Saenz thanked GFDD/Funglode for allowing the university to be

the stage where a film that is "full of social messages and reflection on the reality of our Latin American countries" would be screened, and welcomed the presence of representatives of the house of higher learning, as well as students and senior delegates of the diplomatic corps accredited in Paraguay. The film captivated the audience and generated feelings of empathy toward the figure of the lead actress, and received a strong round of applause at the end of the screening.



June 23 - New York, NY

Successful Screening of *La Montaña* at a New York School in Manhattan

The main auditorium of the University Neighborhood Middle School (UNMS) in Manhattan was the setting for the special screening of the film *La Montaña*. Students, teachers and parents attended the event and enjoyed the screening. The docudrama, directed by Tabaré Blanchard and Iván Herrera, presents in parallel the interesting career of three young Dominicans from Nizao seeking to climb Pico Duarte, inspired by the news of the feat achieved by Karim Mella, Iván Gómez, and Federico Jovine at the other end of the world.





November 20 - Washington, D.C.

La Montaña Inaugurates the DFS With a Full House

Before a full house the DFS was inaugurated in Washington, D.C. with the presentation of the docudrama *La Montaña*, directed by Tabaré Blanchard and Iván Herrera. The Co-director of the film, Iván Herrera, traveled from the Dominican Republic to participate in a Q&A session with the audience, at a forum held after the film screening. The opening ceremony was conducted by Yamile Eusebio, director of the GFDD Office in New York, who thanked the public and highlighted that this docudrama "continues gaining the attention of many people and GFDD/Funglode is proud to present it in different scenarios".



November 20 - Washington, D.C.



Discussing the Benefits of the New Film Law in Dominican Republic

With the participation of renowned experts from the Dominican film industry, and in collaboration with the Dominican Republic Film Commission (DGCINE, by its Spanish initials), GFDD presented a panel titled "The Film Industry in the Dominican Republic as an Engine of Socio-economic Development", at the Foundation offices in Washington, D.C. Boni Guerrero Canto, Legal Manager of DGCINE; Laura Castellanos, Dominican

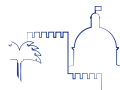
lawyer specializing in film industry and Co-Producer of *La Montaña*, and Dominican filmmakers Fernando Báez, Iván Herrera, and Ronni Castillo participated in the conference, which was part of the events celebrating the DFS in the nation's Capital. The experts discussed the contributions of the Law for the Promotion of Film Activity No. 108-10 and the development of the film industry in the country.



November 21 - Washington, D.C.

Dominican Diaspora in the Nation's Capital Enjoys the Film *Who's the Boss?* at the Dominican Film Showcase

Among contagious laughter and before an enthusiastic audience the film *Who's the Boss?*, by Dominican Director Ronni Castillo, was screened at the facilities of the Arts Museum of the Americas in Washington, D.C. The activity was part of the events that GFDD and its initiative DFS presented in the capital of the nation, since its inception in 2006.



November 22 - Washington, D.C.

Lago Enriquillo... A Prelude to Climate Change Premiered Exclusively at DFS

The Art Museum of the Americas was the venue for the screening of the Dominican film *Lago Enriquillo... A Prelude to Climate Change*, as part of the programming offered by the DFS. The documentary, directed by Fernando Báez, was selected to open the second night of the DFS, celebrated in the nation's Capital. The film is about the history and evolution of the largest lake in the Antilles, its flora, its fauna, and its legends. It presents a thorough investigation of the rising of the water level, with reviews and testimonials from professionals who have studied the lake for years and wonder how the flood has affected its people and how this phenomenon has caught the attention of the international scientific community, to be a window to the world that shows the consequences of climate change.

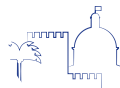


November 23 - Washington, D.C.

The Children, Absolute Stars at the DFS

The children were the absolute stars at the Dominican Film Showcase's screening of *3 al rescate*, the first Dominican animated film. The event took place at the Museum of the Americas before an enthusiastic children's audience. After the film, the children drew their favorite characters and shared their artistic work with their parents. At the end of the activity, the children received a bag containing a variety of gifts from GFDD.





November 24 - Washington, D.C.



The DFS Closes with Merengue and Bachata

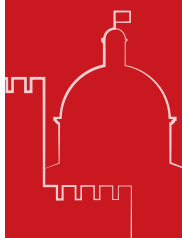
The event successfully ended with the presentation of the documentary film *Sol Caribe*, by filmmaker Félix Limardo. The diverse audience enjoyed a pleasant evening enlivened by the rhythms of Merengue, Bachata and Son. After five days in which the main objective of GFDD was to exhibit the best films that are being produced in the Dominican Republic and made by Dominican filmmakers on Dominican topics, the screening of *Sol Caribe* delighted the audience that was present in the packed auditorium of the Museum of the Americas of the Organization of American States (OAS).

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Would you like to screen in your community a sample of the best films produced recently in the Dominican Republic? Would you like to meet the best blockbuster Dominican directors?

Let us know and we will organize for you a DFS very soon!

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Portal Dominicanaonline.org

Dominicanaonline.org is the most comprehensive portal about the Dominican Republic; a living project without limits that continues growing and increasing daily, promoting the creation of an international virtual community and becoming a platform for educational and creative activities, with competitions, discussion forums, chats and blogs. The site addresses students, teachers, tourists, investors, travelers, children, academics, Dominicans abroad or simply a curious person that wants to know and understand this nation, its history, geography, economy, culture, and daily life.



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Highlights of the Year

- Dominicanonline **received an average of 18,000 visits** each month.
- The portal welcomed almost **1,000 new subscribers** this year.
- Dominican Republic, United States, Spain, Colombia, France, Brazil, Poland, Mexico, Germany, Venezuela, Argentina, Italy, Puerto Rico, India, and El Salvador are among the **countries that most often visit** Portal Dominicanaonline.org.
- **New interactive section**, The New Kitchen of Chef Tita. By combining classic Dominican recipes with new elements of the contemporary cuisine, Chef Tita gives a new shape to traditional plates while showing her passion, her creativity, and the desire to present the Dominican cuisine to the world.
- Dominicans in the Majors -Special website with information about Dominicans in Major League Baseball and the 2014-2105 season. Baseball is an essential part of life for Dominicans and this section is dedicated to Dominican players in the DR professional baseball and the Major League Baseball in the United States.
- **Updated information on the economy** from official sources is always available: Department of Economics at Dominicanaonline.org is constantly updated according to changes in the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic. A team of specialists in the economic sphere provides current and maximum interest information.
- **A very resourceful and up-to-date Citizen Information section**, where people can find vital data about public services, taxes, consumer protection services, civil registry, postal codes, and maps.

Scan to Watch!





Videos on Dominican Culture

Emely Grisanty and Her Passion for Theater
(Emely Grisanty y su pasión por el teatro)

Scan to Watch!



Geo Rippley: The Richness of Dominican Culture
(Geo Ripley: La Riqueza de la Cultura Dominicana)



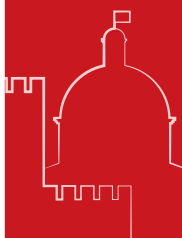
Larimar: From the Mine to the Jewelry Store
(Larimar: De la Mina a la Joyeria)



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Dominicanaonline is growing every day thanks to the contribution of writers and collaborators all around the world. If you would like to be part of this community, **just let us know!**

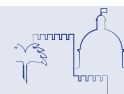
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Dominican Week in the US

Following its objective to promote better understanding and appreciation of Dominican culture, values and heritage in the Dominican Republic, US and worldwide, GFDD has participated very actively in The Dominican Week in the US for the last years. The Dominican Week, an initiative organized by the American Chamber of Commerce of the Dominican Republic (AMCHAMDR), aims to raise the image of the Dominican Republic in the United States, promoting relations and exchange between the two countries. This year GFDD teamed up with the Dominican Mission to the UN, the American Chamber of Commerce DR (AMCHAMDR), Dominicans on Wall Street (DOWS), and the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) to host 2 events.

It is always a joy to join forces with institutions dedicated to promote the Dominican Republic, its values, culture and people around the world.



May 8

Dominican Week in the US at the United Nations in NY

May 9

Dominican Week in the US at the New Jersey Institute of Technology



May 8 - New York, NY

Panel Discussion Focused on Evolving Investment Fund Landscape in DR Capital Markets

GFDD and Funglode teamed up with the Dominican Mission to the UN, the American Chamber of Commerce DR (AMCHAMDR), and Dominicans on Walls Street (DOWS) to celebrate the Dominican Week in the US 2014 at the United Nations. The focus of the event, which was held inside the United Nations Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, entailed a discussion surrounding "Focus on the Dominican Capital Markets: Taking a Closer Look at the Local Investment Fund Landscape." Over 150 guests attended the event that was designed to demonstrate how the Dominican Republic's capital markets are evolving, with aims of achieving high solvency in the banking sector, improving the institutional framework for the management of public debt, and continued steady growth in the value of private bonds and pension funds.

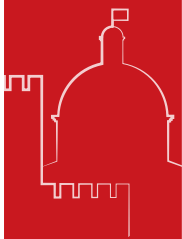


May 9 - Newark, NJ

Dominican Week in the US Concludes with Collaborative Innovation Panel at the New Jersey Institute of Technology

GFDD/Funglode joined the American Chamber of Commerce DR (AMCHAMDR) at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) to conclude The Dominican Week in the US with an event entitled "Collaborative Innovation and Its Impact on Business." The event signaled a continuation of the relationship between the Dominican Republic and NJIT, which has been collaborating with GFDD/Funglode as well as the Ministry of Education and other institutions in the country, to develop the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education criteria. The event brought together high-level businesspeople from both international and Dominican companies and higher education professionals to discuss ways to build upon this relationship and collaborate to generate ideas for innovative products and services.



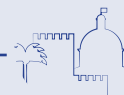


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Golf Tournaments

The tournaments are part of GFDD's initiatives to engage supporters while promoting fundraising efforts to continue research to design public policies and develop strategies to build capacity in the crucial areas of social, economic, democratic, and cultural sustainable development in the Dominican Republic and the Western Hemisphere.

A GFDD tradition to share time with partners and friends and promote fundraising in order to continue implementing a variety of projects geared toward the development of the Dominican Republic and Latin America.



July 14

Golf Tournament Brings Together GFDD Supporters in Miami

September 29

Over 100 golf players participated in the 5th GFDD Golf Tournament in New York



July 14 - Doral, FL

The 4th Golf Tournament Successfully Brings Together GFDD Supporters

Over seventy players participated in GFDD's 4th Golf Tournament in Miami, Florida, including leading figures from the philanthropic field, prominent sports figures, and others who, through the years, have supported the Foundation's programs. Ricardo Jacobo, GFDD longtime collaborator, highlighted the academic and cultural contribution provided by the institution and thanked the players and sponsors. Funds raised exceeded targets set for the tournament, the first one held in the city of Miami, Florida. Former President of the Dominican Republic and President of GFDD, Dr. Leonel Fernández and Executive Director Natasha Despotovic, presented the 2014 CUP to the winning team. Vice President of the Dominican Republic, Margarita Cedeño de Fernández, was also present at the awards ceremony.



Winners

1st Place Net (62, scorecard playoff on #7): Andrés Marranzini and Domingo Bermúdez

2nd Place Net (62 score): Luis Carbuccion and Milvio Coiscou

3rd Place Net (63 score): Chris McNeal and Dave Ayyar

4th Place Net (64 score): Rafael Pérez and César Castro

5th Place Net (65 score): Al Rahm and Alexander Ojea

1st Place Gross (63, scorecard playoff on #7): Manoj Bhatti and Steve Myrick

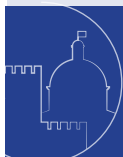
Closest to the pin #2: Veronika Lancaster

Closest to the pin #8: Ferdinando Lamarche

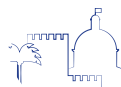
Closest to the pin #12: Michael Beharry

Closest to the pin #14: Miguel A. Álvarez

Longest Drive #6: Chris Mc Neal



Natasha Despotovic, executive director: "We are grateful for the unconditional endorsement our supporters have always given us, and we urge them to continue supporting the various initiatives developed by GFDD."



September 29 - New York, NY

Over 100 Golf Players Participated in the 5th GFDD Golf Tournament Held in New York

More than 100 golf players participated in the 5th Golf Tournament at Fresh Meadow Country Club in Long Island, New York, on September 29th. The tournament, which took place in a relaxed atmosphere and was graced with perfect weather for playing golf, is part of GFDD's initiatives to share time with partners and friends and, at the same time, promote fundraising to continue its efforts to implement a variety of projects geared toward the development of the Dominican Republic and Latin America. The kickoff of the tournament was conducted by Dominican world-famous former baseball player Juan Marichal. Golf players and GFDD friends enjoyed a full day of activities that included not only the tournament but a gala dinner that was attended by the former President of the Dominican Republic and President of GFDD and Funglode, Leonel Fernández. Rodolfo Torres, GFDD board's member, organized the successful event.



Winners

1st Place Gross Division: Dorian Vargas and Carlos Rodríguez

1st Net Place: Mario Hidalgo and Julio Cohen

2nd Net Place: Ricardo Bonnet and Alex Rodríguez

3rd Net Place: Javier Gómez and Gabriel Esteves

4th Net Place: Glen Sasone and Ralph Bonabi

5th Net Place: Johny Rodríguez and RJ Coco

Longest / Strongest Drive: Matt Derupo

Hole 4: René de la Cruz

Hole 7: Andrés Marranzini

Hole 11: Dess Coombes

Hole 13: Richard Romanoff

Hole 15: Rafael Díaz

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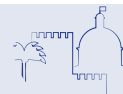
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GFDD's *Short Productions*

In 2012 GFDD embarked on a new project –to produce its own short documentary films. Since then, the Multimedia Department has produced seven films, including the prize-winning *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience*, which in 2014 won three prestigious international awards, following its successful screening -as official selection- in thirteen international festivals. GFDD short productions seek to highlight and raise awareness of important local environmental and socio-economic issues, and to educate audiences on the different and unique cultural aspects of the country, as well as to serve as an example for young filmmakers on how to address this incipient field in the Dominican Republic.

Our vision is to create documentary films of social, environmental and cultural content that promote sustainable development in the Dominican Republic and around the world.



April

- Premier of *Larimar: From the Mine to the Jewelry*

Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience Awards

- **February 27**

Best Documentary at the 2014 Green Lens Environmental Film Festival

- **June 8**

2nd Place Fan Coral Award at the Reef Renaissance Film Festival

- **December 18**

Best Documentary at the Miami Short Film Festival



April

Larimar: From the Mine to the Jewelry

GFDD's multimedia team moved to Barahona, the only place in the Dominican Republic and the world where the semi-precious larimar stone is found. The film follows step-by-step process of preparing the larimar, from the mine to becoming a beautiful piece of jewelry that is exported to all corners of the world.



Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience Awards

February 27 - DeKalb, IL

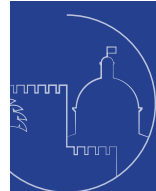
Best Documentary at the 2014 Green Lens Environmental Film Festival

June 8 - St. Thomas, Virgin Island

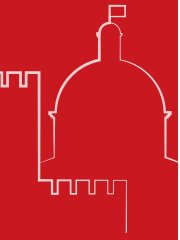
2nd Place Fan Coral Award at the Reef Renaissance Film Festival

December 18 - Miami, FL

Best Documentary at the Miami Short Film Festival



Paul Cater Deaton, Show Coordinator, Reef Renaissance Film Festival- "I, personally, found *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience* fascinating. It was equally interesting to our keynote speaker, Virgin Islands Senate President, Shawn-Michael Malone. He and I plan to discuss GFDD's ReCreate program at length in the hopes of encouraging a similar initiative here."

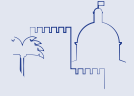


Conferences, Meetings and Panel Discussions

During 2014, GFDD organized and proactively participated in workshops, conferences and high-level meetings and discussion panels, strengthening its mission to contribute to the advancement of global collaboration and exchange, sharing valuable expertise, best practices, and lessons learned to build strong national and international networks in the Western Hemisphere and the world.

Through these events GFDD builds strong national and international networks in the Western Hemisphere and the world.

February 21 GFDD Collaborates on The Duarte Honors Celebration



May 3 Promoting Dominican Culture during the Cultural Tourism Passport DC

September 28 Executive Director of GFDD Participates in Conference about the Role of Executive Women in a World of Executive Men

February 21 - Bronx, NY

GFDD Collaborates on The Duarte Honors Celebration

Hands on New York & Dominicanos Unidos de New York (DUNY), in collaboration with Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD), hosted its second annual celebration of "The Duarte Honors" within the proud framework of 170 years

of Dominican independence. The special occasion, which took place at the V Centenario in the Bronx, honored several high-profile personalities who have excelled for their valuable contributions to communities in New York and beyond.

May 3 - Washington, D.C.

Promoting Dominican Culture during the Passport DC

GFDD/Funglode participated in the Cultural Tourism Passport DC program, in partnership with the Embassy of the Dominican Republic to the White House. The Program saw some fifty embassies open their doors to over five thousand visitors -- swelling to well over double last years' numbers, to mark a global celebration for what is a cosmopolitan city. Visitors to the DR Embassy also experienced the culinary delights, music, art and dance of the DR. GFDD staff had the opportunity to talk about the many different programs the organization offers and the impact in the community, assisting in promoting the development of the country. During the event, GFDD congratulated five lucky winners of its raffle, who were the recipients of a framed poster of a stunning aerial view of the Dominican landscape, taken from GFDD's photo-book *New Perspectives: Dominican Republic*.



September 29 - New York, NY

Executive Director of GFDD Participates in Conference about the Role of Executive Women in a World of Executive Men

Natasha Despotovic, Executive Director of GFDD, took part in this conference celebrated at the Pabellón de Cine Juan Fernández, at the 8th edition of the Dominican Book Fair. During the event, Despotovic underlined that "men and women have different strengths, perspectives and roles that complement each other" and explained that the need of women to go to work is a fact in our modern society, and men need to share more household responsibilities by being more involved in kids' education, for example. "New paradigms are been changed and this is one of them", concluded GFDD's Executive Director. On the other hand, Clara Benedicto, Director of the General Cooperation and International Relations of the National and Autonomous University of Santo Domingo in Dominican Republic, briefly described the evolution of executive women in the work place and stated that education is very important because it is a way to reach equality.



Environment & Sustainable Development



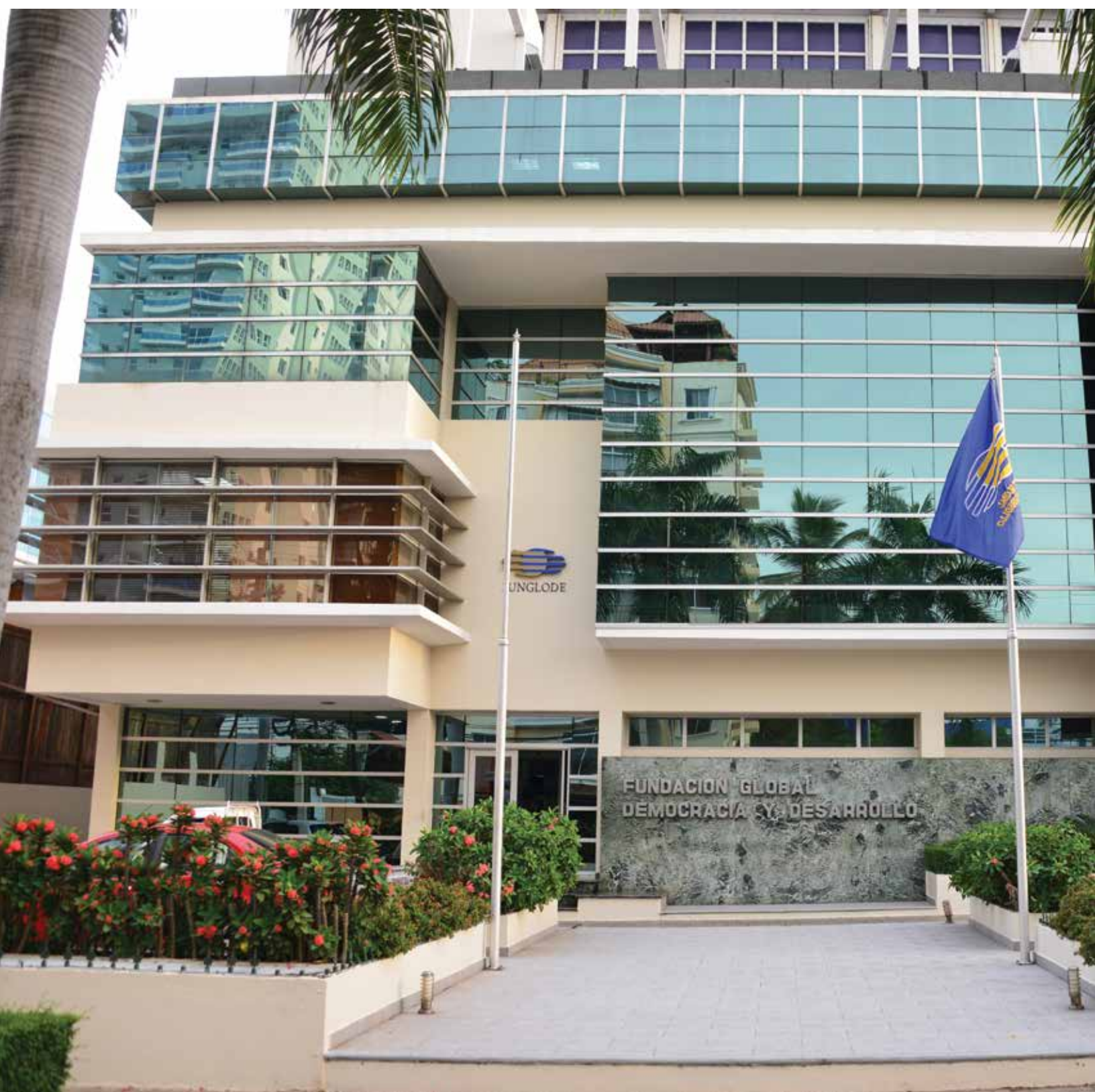


Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival

Since its inception in 2011, the Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival (DREFF) has provided the Dominican public with a platform for knowledge and debate on the environment and sustainable development, their issues and best practices, while celebrating the beauty and unique wealth of the Dominican nature.

Through the screening of a diverse selection of the best films that deal with issues of major national and international relevance, and the organization of panels discussion, courses, seminars and field visits, the DREFF not only promotes dialogue but also inspires the Dominican public to take action to ensure the health and sustainability of the environment. Partnering with some of the most important institutions in the field – including the Green Film Network (GFN) – every September the DREFF organizes over eighty free screenings in ten cities and twenty two venues throughout the Dominican Republic.

In keeping with the commitment of Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) to contribute in a concrete way to the sustainable development of the Dominican Republic and of the world by creating practical platforms for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, the DREFF has developed five programs that operate throughout the year and work closely with the community: ReCreate, EcoHuertos, RDescubre, the Globo Verde Dominicano Award, and the Year-Round Environmental Film Screenings program.





February 4

Inter-institutional Collaboration Agreement with Vida Azul Foundation

March 28

DREFF Features Dominican Shorts at the at the EFF in the Nation's Capital

May 2-6

III Edition of the International Autodidactic Photography Festival in Cuba

July

Partnership With Mexican Ecofilm Festival

July 10

DREFF Volunteer Meetings

August 14

4th DR Environmental Film Festival Launch Press Conferences

September 10

4th DREFF Opening Night in Santo Domingo

September 11

Ric O'Barry Recognized by the Academia de las Ciencias

September 12

Special Guests Visit Organic Cacao Farm in San Francisco De Macorís

September 13

Launching New Book on Sustainable Development and Green Economy

September 13

Premio Globo Verde Dominicano Selects Its 2014 Winners

September 14

Closing Night of the 4th Edition of the DREFF

November 7

BLUE Ocean Film Festival and Conservation Summit 2014

November 6-9

Planet in Focus Environmental Film Festival

November 18-19

The DREFF Participated in the Forum "Emissions: Reduction and Business Opportunities in Value Chain Co-Processing in the Dominican Republic"

December 1

Green Film Network Welcomes DREFF as a New Member

By celebrating the DREFF, GFDD offers insights into attitudes and actions that will contribute to the protection and rational use of natural resources, and promotes awareness of the importance of sustainable development in the Dominican Republic and abroad.



February 4 - Santo Domingo, DR

DREFF Opens Green Area to Help Promote Environment Preservation and Education Initiatives

The Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival (DREFF) and the *Vida Azul* Foundation signed an inter-institutional collaboration agreement on a significant initiative aimed at raising awareness in children and adults on the importance of preserving the environment. The educational program of activities will be carried out at the recently opened *Espacio Verde* (Green Space), located in the Sambil Commercial Center of Santo Domingo. *Espacio Verde*, launched by

Sambil and *La Asociación Nacional*, was built with recycled materials and designed to be a recreational "green" learning space where new ideas and environmental objectives can be discussed. Located on the 2nd level of the mall, the area is equipped for carrying out various activities such as lectures, seminars, workshops and film screenings, which are open to the public.



March 28 - Washington, D.C.

Dominican Shorts at the EFF in the Nation's Capital

For the second time since 2013, GFDD, through the DREFF, partnered with the Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital to reinforce and expand the Spanish-speaking film program, and encourage the involvement and attendance of the Hispanic community. Four Dominican short films: GFDD's self-produced short, *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience*; GVDA's best 2013 Short Film and Public Service Announcement, *My Voice* and *First Steps*, respectively; and *Death by a Thousand Cuts*, were screened at the GALA Hispanic Theater in the Columbia Heights neighborhood of Washington, D.C.



May 2-6 - Holguín, Cuba

DREFF Screens Eco-Films at III Edition of the International Autodidactic Photography Festival in Cuba

DREFF participated at the III Edition of the International Autodidactic Photography Festival in the province of Holguín, Cuba, May 3-9, 2014, under the title "Human Species' Impact on the Environment." The event, which was held in one of Cuba's most populous provinces, was originally orchestrated as an international competition for amateur photographers, and continues to serve as a showcase for audio-visual arts programming promoting peace, human rights and an urgent need for the protection of our environment. DREFF joined in with an informative program of activities by showing the general public eight of its documentary and short films over a four-day period. The program included two daily film screenings between May 3 and 6, at the *Ateneo Cinematográfico* Hall at Maceo/Frexes and Aguilera, and will help raise awareness and promote best practices around the principle DREFF themes: ocean conservation, climate change, sustainable agriculture, and environmental pollution.





July, Mexico

Partnership with Ecofilm Festival

The DREFF established a strategic alliance with Ecofilm Festival (www.ecofilmfestival.org) of Mexico, which supplied five short films (*El Agua de la Tierra* | *Maxtlitlán* | *En un ser vivo* | *El Funeral de Don Jéjén* | *Circular*) to the DREFF educational program of 2014. GFDD short film *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience*, and the winner of the Globo Verde 2013, *Primeros Pasos*, participated in the festival in November, whose theme was solid waste. The directors of *El Agua de la Tierra*, Emma López and Pedro Narváez - in the picture with GFDD's Multimedia Manager Alexandra Tabar -, attended the 4th edition of DREFF.



July 6 - Santo Domingo, DR

DREFF Volunteer Meetings Held in Santo Domingo

The organizers of the 4th edition of the DR Environmental Film Festival (DREFF) held two meetings with volunteers looking to help out at this year's Festival. The meetings took place at Funglode headquarters in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Being a DREFF volunteer is a unique networking experience that enables those involved to interact with the DREFF work team, film producers, sponsors, members of the Festival, in addition to many other attendees of the event.

This year there were more than 100 volunteers distributed in all the provinces, screenings and wherever activities took place.



August 14 - Santo Domingo, DR

GFDD/Funglode Launch to the Press the 4th DREFF

DREFF's 2014 edition was launched to the Press in the Dominican Republic and around the world. The presentation included information about the venues, films, guests, workshops, etc.

This year's five themes -oceans, biodiversity, green economy, sustainable agriculture, and climate change- were covered, as well as the selection of thirty-six films: five Dominican films, sixteen feature films, eight short films, five GFDD productions, and two retrospective films.





The DREFF was held in the Dominican Republic with the extraordinary attendance of a record crowd of 7,000 spectators. Twenty two venues formed part of this initiative, where more than 80 films were screened. The event, already part of the most prestigious environmental film festivals in the world, was inaugurated in Santo Domingo with the movie *Last Call* and in the presence of its director, Enrico Cerasuolo.

The DREFF offered its participants the opportunity to enjoy, among many other things, various panels on environmental awareness, where topics such as reef conservation, marketing of environmental films, mapping coastal marine ecosystems using Google Earth, environmental advocacy through film, and Haitian environmental challenges were discussed. Hundreds of students from over fifty schools across the country participated in various workshops and film screenings that took place during the five-day event. These workshops offered participants opportunities to learn how to turn trash and waste into beautiful pieces of clothing or art, as well as how to create an urban garden.

Exciting excursions took place, including visits to a cacao farm and Las Salinas, and the tenth Educational Expedition to Pico Duarte, where a group of seventy-five students,

teachers, staff, and guides took part in a four-day trek up the highest mountain in the Caribbean. Clean ups in La Ciénaga and Manabao, as well as *Calle 20* in Santo Domingo were performed, ending up with a beautiful mural painted at a street's corner of one of the Capital's most emblematic neighborhoods.

Ric O'Barry, this edition's guest of honor, was recognized by the Dominican Republic Academy of Sciences. Meanwhile, this year's prestigious Globo Verde Dominicano Award inaugurated the photography category. The award ceremony preceded the launch of GFDD's new publication *Hacia el desarrollo sostenible y la economía verde en la República Dominicana (Towards Sustainable Development and Green Economy in the Dominican Republic)*.

The 4th edition of the DREFF successfully closed with the premiere presentation of the documentary *Lago Enriquillo: A Prelude to Climate Change*, by renowned Dominican director Fernando Báez.



Máximo José Rodríguez, Director of *Cordillera Central Dominicana: Oasis del Caribe*: "These initiatives are significant, and I am very glad that GFDD and Funglode are the promoters. I believe this forum provides a space to question what's happening in the world in terms of the environment, using the support of so many people of different nationalities who can give us a comprehensive approach to the actions being taken. I think it's great that all of us began to raise awareness about our environment."

DREFF Attended the BLUE Ocean Film Festival and Conservation Summit 2014

DREFF executives participated at the BLUE Ocean Film Festival and Conservation Summit 2014, an event celebrated every two years where ocean leaders, filmmakers, photographers, scientists, explorers, entertainment executives, and the general public gather to honor the best in ocean filmmaking.

The GFDD's production *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience* on Friday, was screened during the event, as a finalist in the category of Foreign Language Film.



DREFF Team Members, Guests of the Planet in Focus Environmental Film Festival

DREFF team members attended as the Planet in Focus environmental film festival in Toronto (Canada), which celebrated its fifteenth edition. Planet in Focus is an environmental organization whose mission is "to produce, promote and disseminate artistically made films and videos that explore and tell stories about the world in which we live."

The Festival exhibits and promotes environmental films and videos of all genres: documentary, animation, experimental, short films, and drama by Canadian and international filmmakers.



Suzanne Harle, Green Planet Films- "I've been so very happy with the screenings and especially with the students. In one of the venues there were about 200 students and they were very engaged with the film! They asked many questions and wanted to know what they could do in Santo Domingo so that was very pleasing for me to hear. I was also with the film distribution workshop, which was very crowded as well and we received many good questions from Dominican filmmakers about how to get their films out into the world. I think the Festival is doing so much for its local residents and local filmmakers, and I wish it many years of success. "



The DREFF Participated in the Forum “Emissions: Reduction and Business Opportunities in Value Chain Co-Processing in the Dominican Republic”

As part of the Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival (DREFF), GFDD actively participated in the business forum "Emissions: Reduction and Business Opportunities in Value Chain Co-Processing in the Dominican Republic", coordinated by the German Agency for International Development (GIZ) and the Consejo Nacional de Cambio Climático y Mecanismo de Desarrollo Limpio (CNCCMDL for its Spanish acronym). The DREFF screened the GFDD's short film *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience*, which served to open the topic for discussion about recycling and environmental challenges, and presented promotional material and publications, including the book *Towards Sustainable Development and Green Economy in the Dominican Republic*.



December 1

Green Film Network Welcomes DREFF as a New Member

Green Film Network (GFN) announced that the Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival (DREFF) will be part of the prestigious global association of environmental film festivals starting in 2015; a worldwide association of environmental film festivals whose objective is to coordinate the events of the associated festivals, promote and distribute films worldwide, and encourage initiatives and projects that might help people ponder about the environment.



Giselle Pérez, Environmental Law Attorney: “It is one of the most important activities taking place in our country right now, aiming to raise awareness. As a specialist in this area, it fills me with pride to know that each year we have the Festival as a tool for fostering greater understanding and promoting education among Dominican citizens on existing environmental issues.”

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EcoHuertos

The EcoHuertos program seeks to support the creation of organic and sustainable vegetable gardens in schools and communities throughout the Dominican Republic. It also supports hands-on workshops in the field of natural sciences contained in the educational curriculum. The program generates awareness of the importance of a balanced diet, contributes to the food security and independence as well as the creation of small local business. Among many other things, EcoHuertos program added three new courses this year, that helped build capacity and train students, teachers, and parents on topics such as basic garden maintenance, organic composting, and pollinators and pests.





January 17

EcoHuertos Initiates 2014 with a New Community Garden in San Cristóbal

January 28

New Series of Eco-Courses

January 29-February 2

VIII Caribbean Biodiversity Congress

March 19-April 2

Second Generation Course on Pollinators and Pests

March 25

EcoHuertos Launches Facebook Group

May 3-6

III International Audiovisual FOTO Fest Showcase

May 21

Eco-Visitas Program

June 1

Presentation at the National Book Fair 2014

June 6, June 26

End of Year Site Visits to School Gardens

June 7

Celebration with Nature

June 14

2013-2014 Training Phase for Second Stage Gardens

August 12

Sixty-five Coordinators and Teachers Participated in the Induction Workshop

September 11-12

Screening of *Growing Cities* in La Vega and Baní

With EcoHuertos, we can eat healthy food, learn about sustainable agriculture and work together as a team.



January 18 - San Cristóbal, DR

EcoHuertos Initiates 2014 with a New Community Garden

Some thirty-five participants, including children, teens, and adults, participated in the garden creation workshop. The group came together and worked hard setting up nineteen flowerbeds, where they planted a variety of fruits, vegetables, aromatic, and medicinal plants.



January 28 - Santo Domingo, DR

New Series of Eco-Courses Aid Sustainable Agricultural Development in the Dominican Republic

GFDD's EcoHuertos program launched its new series of workshops with a training session on basic cultivation practices at the Fray Ramón Pané School in Santo Domingo. A total of three new courses have been added to the program that will help build capacity and train students, teachers, and parents on topics such as basic garden maintenance, organic composting, and pollinators and pests. The training courses were organized in collaboration with the National Botanical Garden, and were carried out by agricultural engineers, Professor Wilkin Encarnación and José María Gundin, and entomologist Ruth Bastardo, alongside botanist Cristiana Cruz Minier, GFDD's School and Community Garden Program Coordinator. The courses were offered to second-stage gardens across the country from January through April.



January 29-February 2 - Santo Domingo, DR

GFDD Participates in the VIII Caribbean Biodiversity Congress

Members of the GFDD team participated in the VIII Caribbean Biodiversity Congress, which welcomed hundreds of experts and scientists focused on the study and protection of biodiversity in the region. As part of the four-day event, Cristiana Cruz Minier, Coordinator of GFDD's EcoHuertos Program, presented the preliminary results of her thesis entitled, "*Family gardens in Barreras, Azua: Environments for Subsistence and Ethnobotanical Study*," at the Flora of Hispaniola Symposium at the Hotel Magna in Santo Domingo.





Second Generation Course on Pollinators and Pests



EcoHuertos program offered a course on Pollinators and Pests, conducted by entomologist Ruth Bastardo, which gave participants a total immersion into the animal world found within each EcoHuertos garden - either as cooperators in pollination, biological controls or as harmful organisms for our crops. Participants learned which plants, wild or cultivated, are more attractive to pollinators, and which are repellent to pests.



Geralyi Ruíz Almonte, René Descarte school, 7th grade, 11 years old
Poem "A Beautiful Garden": A beautiful garden was created/ In hopes to grow food/ Produced by all of us/ The most beautiful garden / Of unparalleled beauty/ Worth admiring by all/ A very beautiful garden/ The one created by Gaudy/ With the help of all of us/ And the institution feels proud/ Of what we have grown.



EcoHuertos Launches Facebook Group

As part of the efforts in continuing the development of organic and sustainable gardens in educational centers and communities throughout the Dominican Republic, EcoHuertos launched a Facebook group, to promote and restore the vital connection between people and living plants, and inspire all Dominicans to become responsible stewards of the Earth.



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EcoHuertos, at the III International Audiovisual FOTO Fest Showcase

During her attendance at the III International Audiovisual FOTO Fest Showcase, the EcoHuertos program coordinator, Cristiana Cruz Minier, visited three organopónicos, where she learned about its operation and the relationship they might have with EcoHuertos. She also visited the Municipal Botanical Seed Farm in Holguín to learn how the seeds reproduce and the genetic, reproductive, and trade value for certification.



Workshops/Courses	Centers
Induction Workshops for the EcoHuertos Program	In Santo Domingo: Politécnico El Ave María, Sabana Perdida Liceo República de Paraguay Liceo Unión Panamericana Centro Educativo Capotillo, El Capotillo Escuela Club Juventud en Desarrollo, Cristo Rey In Santiago: Centro de Estudios Quisqueya Politécnico Braulio Paulino, Tamboril
Basic Gardening Course	In Santo Domingo: Liceo República de Paraguay Liceo Unión Panamericana Colegio Loyola Escuela Básica Fray Ramón Pané Fundación de Saneamiento Ambiental la Zurza (Fundsazurza) In San Cristóbal: Iglesia Centro de Fe y Vida Abundante.
Pollinators and Pests Course	In Baní: Colegio René Descartes In Santiago: Centro de Estudios Quisqueya In Santo Domingo: Fundación de Saneamiento Ambiental la Zurza (Fundsazurza) Politécnico el Ave María
Organic Fertilizer Course	Fundación de Saneamiento Ambiental la Zurza (Fundsazurza)



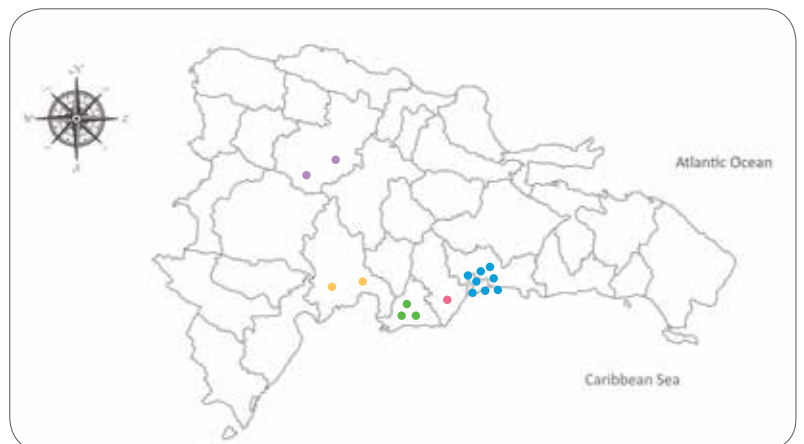
Eco-Visitas Program Encourages Environmental Education and Recreation for Students

Hundreds of public school students enjoyed a lively participation in the 46th edition of the Eco-Visitas Program for Environmental Education and Recreation, which is promoted by the Dominican Ministry of Environment's Department of Education and Environmental Training. Participating public schools were: Antonio Duvergé, Leonor Nova Volquéz, Altos de los Naranjos, Atabalero Abajo, Elvira de Mendoza, Vitalia Mordán de la Cruz, and Carlito Melo Salazar located in the Independencia, Duarte, and Santo Domingo provinces, respectively. Following their visit of the Funglode facilities, where they learned about EcoHuertos, the 240 students were taken in groups to the National Museum of Natural History, Botanical Gardens, National Aquarium, and the Dominican Zoological Park.



Centers		Locations
1	Escuela Las Barreras	Barreras, Azua
2	Asociación de Mujeres La Nueva Esperanza	Barreras, Azua
3	Colegio René Descartes	Baní
4	Escuela El Llano	El Llano, Baní
5	Escuela Canadá	Baní
6	Iglesia Centro de Fe y Vida Abundante	Madre Vieja, San Cristóbal
7	Colegio Loyola	Santo Domingo
8	Liceo República de Paraguay	Santo Domingo
9	Liceo Unión Panamericana	Santo Domingo
10	Centro Educativo Capotillo	Santo Domingo
11	Politécnico El Ave María	Sabana Perdida, Santo Domingo
12	Escuela Club Juventud en Desarrollo	Cristo Rey, Santo Domingo
13	Escuela Básica Fray Ramón Pané	Santo Domingo
14	Fundación de Saneamiento Ambiental la Zurza	La Zurza, Santo Domingo
15	Politécnico Braulio Paulino	Tamboril, Santiago
16	Centro de Estudios Quisqueya	Santiago

Gardens Created through EcoHuertos Program





June 1 - Santo Domingo, DR

Presentation at the National Book Fair 2014



The presentation highlighted, among other things, the purpose of the program, procedures, and its conservationist philosophy to an audience comprised of teachers, their students and other independent visitors. At the end participants asked for more information on how they could become part of the program, while others asked in depth questions about managing their own lawns, ornamental plants, and vegetable gardens.



June 6- June 26 - Santo Domingo, DR

EcoHuertos Conducts End of Year Site Visits to School Gardens



In preparation for the end of the school year, the EcoHuertos program conducted site visits and distributed surveys to all the school garden systems. This period of evaluation and feedback allows the program to plan for the next academic year, maintaining the positive aspects while improving efficiency, coordination and seeking solutions for problems presented throughout the school term. The end of year site visits are designed to assess the strengths and weaknesses related to implementation of the EcoHuertos program at each educational center.



Celebration with Nature

During this event, held at the *Escuela Ambiental del Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales* of Jarabacoa, two environmental films and a short were screened to an enthusiastic audience. A brief conference about EcoHuertos and the programs of the Foundation took place after the showings. Thirteen people attended the presentation of the film *Planet Ocean* and 40 students of the Liceo Científico de la Vega enjoyed the movie *Sed del Mundo*.



Antonio Matarranz, Technical Coordinator for the Department of Environmental Education and Culture, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, “Through this initiative, concrete elements are being incorporated into the learning process of the participants while motivating them to get consciously and actively involved in the dynamics of environmental protection in their schools and communities.”



Training Phase for Second Stage Gardens with Basic Gardening Course in San Cristóbal

More than 20 children, teens and adults from the Madre Vieja community participated in the three-hour course taught by agronomist Wilkin Encarnación. They expressed a great deal of interest and enthusiasm while learning the basic concepts of managing a vegetable garden, including the nutritional value of vegetables, different varieties of plants, and techniques for planting, growing and harvesting plants. They also learned about watering, sunlight, and soil types, as well as no-till farming, nurseries, and transplanting. The course concluded with a visit to the community garden, to inspect the growth of the tomato, cilantro and pepper plants, and to plant carrot and spinach.





August 12 - Santo Domingo, DR

Sixty-five Coordinators and Teachers from All Academic Areas Participate in the Induction Workshop

EcoHuertos initiated the 2014-2015 academic year with an Induction workshop directed specifically at engaging and incorporating the participation of Loyola school administrators and teachers. Since the program had dealt almost exclusively with students, it decided to expand its reach in order to integrate staff and ensure the long term success of the school garden. Participating

teachers enthusiastically joined the dynamics of group discussion and brainstorming session, constructing the garden concept, defining it as an important tool in the curriculum, and establishing both individual and group commitments. The workshop ended with a visit to the school garden, where teachers took turns planting radish, eggplant, onions, and tomato seeds.



September 11-12 - La Vega and Baní, DR

Screening of *Growing Cities* during DREFF in La Vega and Baní



Students and teachers from UNPHU in La Vega and Centre for Studies Máximo Gómez in Baní enjoyed the short *How to Create an Urban Garden*, followed by the movie *Growing Cities*, by film director Dan Susman. After the screening, Cristiana Cruz Minier, Ecohuertos Program Coordinator, talked about how to prepare compost. The audience also had the opportunity to talk with Susman and shared their experiences growing fruit in organic orchards.

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ReCreate

ReCreate works with the most disadvantaged members of the community who receive training in the art of recycling and creating new objects from waste and, at the same time, learn to develop an alternative source of income. The program revolves around the "three golden rules" - or 3Rs - for the proper management of solid waste: reduce, reuse, and recycle. The workshops demonstrate and emphasize the idea that recycling waste and transforming it into art strengthens both the individuals and communities alike.

This year, not only have the program advances been quantitative but also qualitative, as ReCreate has been successful in engaging all levels of society, empowering many marginalized groups such as disabled youth, the elderly, and female inmates, and providing them with a sense of purpose and self-worth. The program has also evolved to offer community and grassroots organizations a series of workshops meant to train individuals how to generate their own craft from waste, and provide an alternative source of income for many families. The students now are serving as leaders and multipliers in their own communities, passing on their knowledge of recycled art and generating income through the sale of their artwork.



**January 18, 26**

Four Workshops at the Community of Los Frailes

January 27

Workshop for Members of the EcoYola Environment Group

April 5, 12

ReCreate Joins Forces with Peace Corps

June 13, 20, 27/July 4

ReCreate Offers Workshop Series at Fundabien

June 28, July 8, July 17

ReCreate Continues to Inspire Women across the Country

July 22, 24, 25, 29, 31

ReCreate Expands Its Regional Impact through Its Teacher Training Workshops

September 10-13

Exhibition of Recycled Art

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Over 100 Students Participate in the Cleaning Day at Calle 20

September 25

Workshop at the Dominican Republic Consulate in New York

September 28

Workshop at the Dominican Book Fair in New York

October 1, 8, 15

Workshops at Ministerio Beth Hashem Casa de Dios

October 22

Workshop at the Tzu Chi School of La Romana

October 24

With Children of the El Caliche Neighbourhood of Santo Domingo

October 25

ReCreate Initiates its Work with Residential Communities

October 30

ReCreate at CILA 2014

November 1

Final Projects at Ministerio Beth Hashem Casa de Dios

December 9

Special Participation at the Biodiversity Conservation Project at La Humeadora Mountain National Park

For the first time ReCreate's students clearly see tangible positive effects their work generates, not only for them but also for the environment.



January 18-26 - Santo Domingo, DR

Traveling to the Community of Los Frailes

The youth learned how to recycle used materials, such as newspaper, in the creation of carnival masks. Twenty-five children from the community participated in the workshop, where they produced masks reflecting their own identities, among other objects.



January 28 - Santo Domingo, DR



Workshop for Members of the EcoYola Environment Group at the Loyola School in Santo Domingo

Over 12 students- aged between 15 and 16- attended this first of three scheduled workshops, where students learned how to create carnival masks and floats using recycled paper products.



April 5, April 12 - San Pedro de Macorís / San Cristóbal, DR

Joining Forces With Peace Corps

ReCreate participated in the Green Brigade Conferences at Rancho Lulu and Rancho Campeche, located in San Pedro de Macorís and San Cristóbal, respectively. Over 60 young leaders, from various provinces in the region, along with Peace Corps volunteers, participated in the workshops, which dealt with the theme of leading by example, and highlighted ways individuals could care for and prevent environmental pollution.





Workshop Series at Fundabien

More than twenty women of all ages participated in the four-part workshop series, aimed at generating awareness on solid waste management and imparting skills on how to fashion accessories out of recycled textiles, cardboard, and plastic for sale to generate income. Each workshop taught the group a different craft, from weaving rugs, purses and creating decorative hair clips out of recycled textiles, to making vases out of recycled cardboard, and accessories such as earrings and necklaces out of plastic bottles.



Francisca Yanira, Fundabien workshop participant: “My life has changed throughout this training; I have learned many skills, which I can now apply in creating different crafts such as purses, vases, necklaces and other accessories. I have learned that through art recycling you can not only create a business but also help the environment which is really important.”



June 28, July 8, July 17 - San José de Ocoa/Juan Dolio/San Cristóbal, DR



ReCreate Continues to Inspire Women across the Country

One-day workshops were conducted to over 100 women from the communities of San José de Ocoa, Juan Dolio, and San Cristóbal. Each workshop began with a presentation of the ReCreate program, including its mission and vision with a focus on how the initiative

aims to provide a sustainable way to create art and generate income through recycling. The workshop then went on to teach participants how to reuse textiles, in particular jeans and t-shirts in the creation of purses, and how to use different color fabric for weaving carpets.



July 22, 24, 25, 29, 31 - Santo Domingo, DR

ReCreatee Expands Its Regional Impact through Its Teacher Training Workshops

A series of five teacher-training workshops were conducted during the month of July for more than 130 facilitators representing the Spaces of Hope program (Espacios de Esperanza). The art recycling workshops specifically targeted program facilitators representing more than 60 communities across the country, in order to generate a multiplier effect so that they could take the knowledge and replicate the workshops back home with their own students.



September 10-13 - Baní, DR

Exhibition of Recycled Art

This exhibition, on display in the lobby of the Perelló Cultural Center in the city of Baní, showcased the work done by the children of that region during the GFDD ReCreatee workshops that were held at the institution. The children demonstrated how to create art using recycled wood and paint.



September 12 - Santo Domingo, DR

Over 100 Students Participate in the Cleaning Day at *La Calle 20* during DREFF

More than 100 students and volunteers participated in *Jornada de Limpieza en la Calle 20*, an event organized by the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) and ReCreatee, which aims to beautify the neighborhood and create awareness about the practices of sustainable waste management. Staff of Narciso González Cultural Center and its director, Mr. Luis A. De los Santos, were responsible for extending the invitation to the entire community, in order to create alliances and environmental awareness among residents of the Barrio.

With the motivation, experience, and creativity of Bertha Santana, coordinator of ReCreatee program, the participants and the community learned about the importance of practicing the “3Rs” for solid waste management: reduce, reuse, and recycle. This year, the fourth edition of the DREFF and the Narciso González Cultural Center joined forces, taking the initiative to clean up this path and create a decorative mural which used recycled materials collected during the cleaning.





September 25 - New York, NY

Recycled Art Workshop at the Dominican Republic Consulate in New York

The presentation highlighted, among other things, the purpose of the program, procedures, and its sustainable development philosophy to an audience comprised of teachers, their students and other independent visitors. At the end participants asked for more information on how they could become part of the program, while others asked in depth questions about managing their own lawns, ornamental plants, and vegetable gardens.



Alex Dominga, Community Leader: "After participating in this workshop positive changes had happened in my life, not only emotionally but also financially. I encouraged other women to take one of the many ReCreate workshops, to learn how to create handcrafts at home using recycled materials.



September 28 - New York, NY



ReCreate, at the National Book Fair

Bertha Santana, Coordinator of GFDD's ReCreate program conducted a recycled art workshop where participants had the opportunity to learn how to create beautiful art pieces using recycled jeans and shirts. The event was part of the 8th edition of the Dominican Book Fair, celebrated in NY.



October 1 - Santo Domingo, DR

Ministerio Beth Hashem Casa de Dios Welcomes the First of Four ReCreate Workshops

The Ministerio Beth Hashem Casa de Dios in Santo Domingo hosted the first of four ReCreate workshops that were held during the month of October under the direction of Bertha Santana, program Coordinator. On

this occasion, a total of 14 women participated in induction and awareness lectures and a crafts workshop using recycled materials such as fabrics and paper.

October 22 - La Romana, DR

Teachers and Volunteers from the Tzu Chi School Learn About Good Environmental Practices

A total of 30 teachers and eight volunteers from the Taiwanese Tzu Chi Foundation participated in the first of four ReCreate workshops, which took place in the school of the same name in La Romana. The

goal of these workshops was to bring the school's teachers together in a space where they could reflect on environmental protection, recycling, and creating products using recycled material.

October 24 - Santo Domingo, DR

Children of El Caliche Neighbourhood of Santo Domingo Learn to Recycle and to Create Objects Using Waste

This workshop, offered at the *Sociedad para el Desarrollo de El Caliche* (Sodeca), included a conference on waste management and the opportunity to design decorative objects using waste, thus generating

income for the community. Participants also learned how to utilize recycled material to create a bag that can be used while shopping, thereby reducing the use of plastic bags.



October 25 - Santo Domingo, DR

ReCreatearte Initiates its Work with Residential Communities

For the first time, the ReCreatearte program organized a workshop in a residential area of the city of Santo Domingo; and the results were extraordinary. The workshop was offered to 30 children and seven mothers of the Catalan residential complex, located in Los Mameyes area of the Dominican capital. The ReCreatearte Coordinator, Bertha Santana, taught

this large group how to make small purses utilizing recycled trousers and shirts. The children and youth who participated in the workshop were happy and highly motivated to continue disseminating the message of the three Rs (reduce, recycle, reuse) in their schools.

October 30 - Punta Cana, DR

ReCreatearte, at the International Conference of the Americas (CILA) 2014

Led by ReCreatearte Coordinator Bertha Santana, the special activity at CILA 2014 began with a presentation of the environmental programs that GFDD conducts in the Dominican Republic, and then focused on the origins of ReCreatearte, which was created in 2012. During her presentation,

Santana explained in detail to the teachers present at CILA that the goals of the project include encouraging creative recycling as a teaching strategy of "learning by doing" for environmental education at all levels.



November 1 - Santo Domingo, DR

Presentation of Final Projects at Ministerio Beth Hashem



After the conclusion of the series of four ReCreate workshops at the Beth Hashem House of God Ministry Church in Santo Domingo, more than 20 women from the community submitted their final work assignments at an event, in which the power of this type of learning that strengthens both the individuals and their communities was recognized.

Due to the great success of the four workshops that took place in October and November of this year, Bertha Santana, Coordinator of the ReCreate Program conducted, alongside an exhibition of the previously prepared handicrafts, a final workshop where the attendees worked with aluminum cans to produce butterfly figures. Seventy-five flowers were also prepared as hair ornaments.



December 9 - La Vega, Guanaito, DR

ReCreate Participates in the Biodiversity Conservation Project at La Humeadora Mountain National Park



The ReCreate program participated in the activity "Sharing Experiences for the Conservation of Biodiversity," in which the Pro-Nature (Pronatura) Fund showed the cooperation work that has been carried out by civil society organizations, government institutions, and the private sector to promote the effective management of La Humeadora Mountain National Park.

The group of women from La Esperanza neighborhood in Guanaito who participated in the ReCreate workshops, shared their experiences through a presentation, in which they explained the pieces they created and the materials they used, which included fan grills and discarded fabrics. At the end of the activity some of the attendees bought a number of the pieces created by the group of women from Guanaito, including necklaces made with seeds, curtains, carpets, butterflies made from aluminum cans, and a basket made with a fan grill.

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RDeScubre

The RDeScubre program is an initiative which aims to provide underserved students and communities with the opportunity to take part in educational expeditions all over the Dominican Republic as a way of seeing and appreciating the country's beautiful landscapes and the wealth of its natural resources. The program helps connect youth to the environment through positive experiences and, over the long run, encourages and motivates them to become involved in the care and protection of the environment. Through these adventures, participants are inspired to become activists in their own local communities and to work together for a common cause, while inspiring others through their experiences.





February 8

Dominican Students Conquer New Heights on 9th Mountain Hike to Pico Duarte

March 14

Whale Watching Adventure

September 11

10th Educational Expedition to Pico Duarte

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Discovering and Exploring the Dominican Seaside

September 11

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September 12

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October 31

11th Educational Trip to Pico Duarte

The program offers students from marginalized communities in the Dominican Republic the opportunity to develop an emotional bond with the environment and appreciate the natural heritage they share.



Dominican Students Conquered New Heights on Mountain Hike to Pico Duarte

The 9th Educational Expedition to Pico Duarte concluded successfully, this time with seventy-five students and staff members. For the ninth time since the program's inception in 2012, selected students endured the thrill of a four day climb to conquer the tallest peak in the Antilles, Pico Duarte, in this initiative in which GFDD partnered once more with Siempre Más Foundation. The hike aimed to help turn youth into protectors of the environment whilst simultaneously learning the value of personal effort, teamwork, companionship,

and discipline. The experience also encouraged the necessary skill-sets to overcome obstacles and achieve personal goals -- now, and in the future. Under the safe and practical guidance of staff and volunteers from the Siempre Más Foundation, students hailing from the St. Jude Foundation in Santo Domingo, the Santa Ana Home in San Pedro de Macorís, and from the Ann & Ted Kheel Polytechnic School in Verón had the opportunity to learn more about their natural heritage and explore their innermost connection to the environment.



RDescubre Embarks on a Whale Watching Adventure



As part of Geography Week (Semana de la Geografía) the RDescubre Program, in collaboration with Listín Diario's Plan Lea, organized an educational whale-watching excursion. The aim of the trip was to promote the exploration of nature, particularly of protected areas. A total of forty-three outstanding students were selected from nine schools in Santiago and Santo Domingo to participate in this amazing adventure. Students came from the Salome Ureña School, Los

Trinitarios II Educational Center, Unión Panamericana School, Nuestra Señora de la Altagracia School and the Pilar Constanzo, Santa Ana, Simón Orozco and Braulio Paulino Polytechnics. The students were accompanied by fourteen teachers, as well as members of the Plan Lea and GFDD. The tour concluded with a stop on Cayo Levantado Island where students enjoyed a traditional Samaná lunch and took a swim in the sea.



September 11 - Pico Duarte, DR

10th Educational Expedition to Pico Duarte

The expedition, an initiative of the Siempre Más Foundation and the Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival and its program RDescubre, gathered some 100 volunteers, including 75 students from the Nuestra Señora de las Mercedes Women's Polytechnic School, of Santiago; the Junior League Baseball, of Santiago; the Hogar del Niño Orphanage, of La Romana, and Our Little Brothers Orphanage, of San Pedro de Macorís, to participate in the ascent to the highest mountain in the Caribbean. This educational initiative aims to show young people the environmental wealth of their country's resources and turn them into active protectors and lovers of their environment.



Karim Mella, Dominican mountaineer and President of Siempre Más Foundation: "Beyond the physical challenge that may be encountered when climbing a mountain, with these activities we want to give an inspiring example that any dream or goal can be achieved with effort and motivation."



September 11 - Las Salinas, DR

Exploring the Dominican Seaside from a Different Perspective

A total of 40 students from the René Descartes School of Baní participated in the first Educational Expedition to Las Salinas. This activity aimed to recognize the efforts of the school children and the school Principal, Gaudy Ruiz, as a role model within the EcoHuertos program. After watching a short film that was screened at Centro Cultural Perelló, the students traveled to Las Salinas, where they sailed aboard a catamaran to discover and explore the Dominican coast from a different perspective. Several biologists accompanied them along the way to explain the unique biodiversity of the region, which includes coral reefs, mangroves and sand dunes.



September 11 - Manabao, DR

Promoting Positive Actions to Protect the Environment through Community Work

More than 90 students participated as volunteers in the second environmental excursion to La Ciénega de Manabao, in Jarabacoa. There, they participated in a project to clean up the communities of La Ciénega and Manabao, which serve as the entry points to the Armando Bermúdez National Park. The aim of this excursion was primarily to promote positive actions to protect the environment through community work.





Clean up at *Calle 20*

The Marcos Ruiz street, popularly known as *la 20*, is located in the Villa Juana sector of Santo Domingo. This year, the Dominican Environmental Film Festival and the Narciso González Cultural Center took the initiative to clean up this track of land and create a decorative mural, by artist Amauris Hernández, using recycled materials collected during the clean up activity. More than 100 local students participated in the project, which included the attendance of Bertha Santana, Coordinator of GFDD's ReCreate program, and whose objective was to beautify the neighborhood and raise awareness on the sustainable waste management practices.



Lleana González, veterinarian and whale specialist: "In addition to reinforcing the values they acquired during the expeditions to Pico Duarte, the objective of this excursion is to encourage positive actions in defense of the environment through community work."



October 31 - Santo Domingo, DR



11th Educational Trip to Pico Duarte Starts with the Screening of *La Montaña*

The presentation formed part of the initiatives that the GFDD and Development and its sister organization in the Dominican Republic, Funglode, offer through the RDescubre program and its 11th Educational trip to Pico Duarte. The film screening was coordinated with alpinist Karim Mella and his foundation *Siempre Más*.

The renowned Dominican mountaineer talked about his experiences with the public in La Ciénaga, Dominican Republic, on Thursday, October 30, 2014, during the screening of the documentary film about the adventure of the first Dominican expedition to reach the summit of Mount Everest in Nepal.

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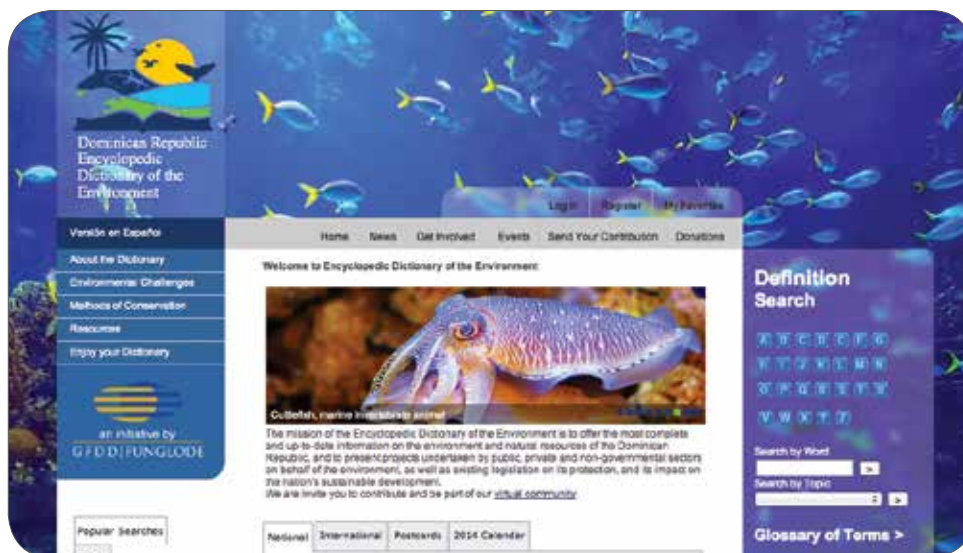
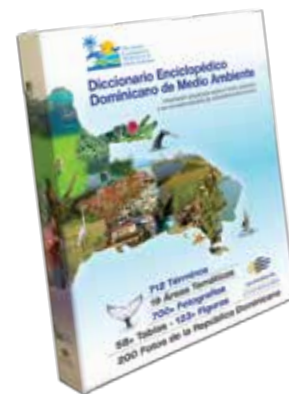
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To cope with the many environmental challenges that the modern world faces and to ensure an effective conservation and protection of our natural environment, the global community requires informed and concerned citizens.

The Dictionary has been available online in Spanish since 2008 and in print since 2011. In 2012, GFDD launched the online publication in English. These online versions are enriched every day with up-to-date news and articles, and new entries provided by writers and contributors of different areas of expertise.

The dictionary unites information on the environment and natural resources of the Dominican Republic, incorporating information from a wide range of disciplines, including chemistry, physics, geology, biology, atmospheric engineering, earth and soil sciences, geography, demography, economics and law.

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



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Year Round

Environmental Film Screenings



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Year Round Environmental Film Screenings

The DREFF organizes film screenings year-round, bringing successful film programs to new and remote communities in the Dominican Republic as well as showcasing Dominican productions in the US. By showing a diverse selection of quality films on critical environmental issues from past editions of the DREFF and organizing discussions and workshops, the Year Round Environmental Film Screenings seek to foster and inspire dialogue, raise awareness, and promote sustainable practices.



**March 7**

Commemorating International Women's Day

April 22

Honoring Earth Day Celebrations at the UN

April 23-24

Third Annual Geography Fair

June 3-9

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UN Film Screening of *Harmony* focused on Climate Change

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La Montaña at a New York School in Manhattan

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Joining the Commemoration of International Mountain Day

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March 7 - Santo Domingo, DR

Commemorating International Women's Day

The DREFF, in collaboration with the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources, held a special screening of the documentary film *Mother Caring for 7 Billion*, commemorating the International Women's Day. The screening was held at the Ministry headquarters in Santo Domingo. The film, which inaugurated the III DREFF in 2013, emphasizes the key role of education in overcoming the global challenges we face ahead, and advocates for raising the status of women worldwide.



Jon Bowermaster, film director: "The Year Round Environmental Film Screenings Program is a great initiative for all people to create awareness on the interconnectedness of geographic areas and to learn about the environment and conservation."



April 22 - New York, NY

The Documentary *On the Edge, Antarctica* screened in Honor of Earth Day Celebrations at the UN

The United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), Committee on NGO's (CoNGO) and the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations hosted a special Earth Day screening of the documentary film *On the Edge, Antarctica*, at the UN Headquarters' ECOSOC Chamber, under the patronage of GFDD's program Year Round Screening. *On the Edge, Antarctica* documents filmmaker, adventurer, author, and oceans expert Jon Bowermaster's extraordinary experiences in Antarctica while kayaking the coastline and filming for National Geographic.



April 23-24 - Santo Domingo, DR

Showcasing at Third Annual Geography Fair

As part of GFDD's Year-Round Environmental Film Screenings program, the Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival (DREFF) joined forces with *Listin Diario's* Plan Lea in celebrating the Third Annual Geography Fair. The Fair, that took place at Sambil Mall, was entitled "We are all explorers," and provided opportunities for students, teachers, and the general public to participate in screenings, seminars, and workshops. All activities included DREFF's Year-Round Screening Program that aims to raise awareness of the interconnectedness of geographic areas while promoting their exploration and conservation. The films *La Montaña*, *Educational Expedition to Pico Duarte*, and *Planet Ocean* were screened.





June 3-9 - Santo Domingo, DR

Celebrating World Environment Day

In celebration of World Environment Day, the DREFF's Year Round Environmental Screening program organized a series of events in the cities of Santo Domingo, Santiago, and Jarabacoa. The varied activities provided ample opportunities for students, teachers, and the general public to participate in screenings, seminars, and workshops, including a contribution of two of GFDD/Funglode initiatives: the ReCreate and EcoHuertos programs. The films showcased were: *With Our Backs to the Sea*, *A Thirsty World*, *Planet Ocean*, *What Would Darwin Think? Man v. Nature in the Galapagos*, and GFDD's production *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience*.



June 22 - New York, NY

UN Film Screening of *Harmony* Focuses on Climate Change

The United Nations Environment Program and the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations held a screening of the film *Harmony* at the United Nations. The film raised awareness and deepened understanding of the impact of climate change, and mobilized global action and support for the UN agenda that would tackle this issue as a priority. Award winning journalist and Oscar nominated filmmaker and director of the film, Stuart Sender, was present at the event.



June 23 - New York, NY

Successful Screening of *La Montaña* at a New York School in Manhattan

The main auditorium of the University Neighborhood Middle School (UNMS) in Manhattan was the setting for the special screening of the film *La Montaña*. Students, teachers, and parents attended the event and enjoyed the screening. The docudrama, directed by Tabaré Blanchard and Iván Herrera, presents in parallel the interesting career of three young Dominicans from Nizao seeking to climb Pico Duarte, inspired by the news of the feat achieved by Karim Mella, Iván Gómez, and Federico Jovine at the other end of the world.



September 27 - New York, NY

GFDD Short Films Screen at the 8th Edition of the Dominican Book Fair

Short films produced by GFDD were screened at the 8th edition of the Dominican Book Fair in New York. The screening was at the *Taller de Artesanía Normandía Maldonado* in the Gregorio Luperón High School in Manhattan. Under the name "Three stories, one country: Culture, crafts and environmental awareness in the Dominican Republic," the public had the opportunity to enjoy the short films: *Larimar: from the Mine to the Jewelry Store*; *Salga el mal y entre el bien: Liborio Mateo, la historia*, and *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience*.





November 4 - Santiago, DR

Centro León Welcomes Students for the Screening of the Documentary *La Montaña*

A group of students enjoyed the screening of the documentary *La Montaña*, a film that shows the adventure of the first Dominican expedition that ascends to the summit of Mount Everest in Nepal. The screening was coordinated with mountaineer Karim Mella, the first Dominican to reach the summit of Mount Everest, and his foundation Siempre Más. Karim Mella left the audience with an inspiring message noting that "each of us has its own summit to climb. Every long journey begins with a first step and, as Dominicans, we can achieve what we set our minds."



December 12 - New York, NY

GFDD Joined the Commemoration of International Mountain Day

In an effort to continue raising awareness on environmental issues, GFDD/Funglode hosted a special screening of the inspiring Dominican film *La Montaña*, as part of the activities commemorating International Mountain Day at the United Nations (UN) Headquarters in New York City. The Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the UN and the organization Hands of New York collaborated with the coordination of this activity, which was held at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The event showcased the magnificence of mountaineering, the importance of mountain ecosystems and the significance of overcoming adversity to achieve one's goals. Rebecca Byerly, independent filmmaker, multi-media journalist and adventure athlete, and Iván Gómez, Dominican mountaineer, participant of the first Dominican expedition to reach the summit of Mount Everest in 2011 and main protagonist of *La Montaña*, participated in the panel discussion.



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Globo Verde Dominicano Award

For the third consecutive year, the Globo Verde Dominicano Award gave filmmakers, young professionals, and students an unprecedented opportunity in the country: to create audiovisual content on issues related to the environment, and the ability to showcase their work to national and international audiences.

Globo Verde Dominicano Award, presented during the Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival, recognizes audiovisual materials with an environmental content that have been created by Dominican students and young professionals in the areas of cinema, photography, advertising, or related fields. The program encourages Dominican youth to create audiovisual materials that raise awareness about the importance of the environment and sustainable development. This year, the third edition of the Globo Verde Dominicano Award introduced a new category in the area of photography.



Carlos Manuel Rodríguez, Winner in the Short Film Category with *Mañana*- “This recognition is an excellent opportunity for us young people to continue developing ourselves and helping to educate the public about the importance of caring for the environment.”

2014 Photography Category Winner
Preparando el Camino II, by Ben Duran
Theme: Family Farming (Paving the Way II)



GET
involved!

Would you like to create a short movie related to the environment and don't know where to start? Let us know! A member of our team will be happy to help you in the process.

Send us an email to: info@globoverdedominicano.org



March 24


Introducing a New Category in the Area of Photography

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Globo Verde Winners Showcased at the 21th DCEFF

September 14

Premio Globo Verde Dominicano Selects Its 2014 Winners



With this competition the participants are given the opportunity to create audiovisual material on topics related to the environment, as well as the opportunity to showcase their work during the DREFF, to local and international audiences.



March 24 - Santo Domingo, DR

Third Edition of Globo Verde Dominicano Award Introduced a New Category in the Area of Photography

The third edition of the Globo Verde Dominicano Award introduced a new category in the area of photography, that joined the other two: Short Film and Public Service Announcement. This year's selected theme for the photography was *Huertos Familiares* (Family Farming), in support of International Year of Family Farming, declared by the United Nations General Assembly.



March 28 - Washington, D.C.

Globo Verde Winners Showcased at the 21th EFF

Globo Verde's best 2013 Short Film *First Steps* (*Primeros pasos*) and Globo Verde's Public Service Announcement Winner *My Voice* (*Mi voz*) were showcased at the GALA Hispanic Theatre in Columbia Heights during the Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital's (EFF) Spanish-language program. As part of its commitment to raising awareness concerning the conservation of the environment through its programs, Global Foundation for Democracy and Development partners every year with DCEFF to promote and showcase Dominican films in the Washington DC area.



July 18, 2014 - New York, NY

Globo Verde Dominicano Award Selects Its 2014 Winners

At a special ceremony in the presence of renowned filmmakers and environmentalists, the GFDD/Funglode presented the winners of the 2014 Premio Globo Verde Dominicano Award at the 4th edition of the Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival (DREFF). This contest is a crucial part of the DREFF, since it aims to promote the production and distribution of films on issues of climate change and sustainable development. Like every year, the Globo Verde Dominicano competition grows along with its participants, which allows them to continue raising awareness about the importance of environmental stewardship in innovative ways. This year the competition included a new category in the area of photography. The winners were Carlos Manuel Rodríguez in the Short Film Category with *Mañana*; Adaritza Pérez Espinal in the Public Service Announcement Category with *Bebemos lo que hacemos* and Ben Durán in the Photography Category with *Preparando el camino II*. The jury was composed of Fernando Báez, Martha Checo, Marisol González, Eladio Fernández, Ricardo Manuel Briones Castillo, Jesús Rodríguez and Natasha Despotovic.



Scan to watch
the winners

Short Film Category
Mañana (Tomorrow)
Carlos Manuel Rodríguez



Public Service Announcement Category
Bebemos lo que hacemos (We Drink What We Do)
Adaritza Pérez Espinal



Education, Professional Development & Scholarship





InterDom

InterDom is a competitive internship, research, and study program in the Dominican Republic that promotes professional, academic, and cultural exchange between students, universities, professionals, businesses, and non-governmental organizations on both national and international scales. InterDom also works with universities and professors to develop short and long-term faculty-led courses and field trips with highly-specialized content. InterDom fosters and promotes professional, academic, scientific, technological and cultural exchange of students and professionals in public, private, and non-profit organizations of the Dominican Republic. It significantly contributes to the development of the nation's employment sector and the advancement of academic research.



InterDom provides spaces for personal and professional growth, internationalization and multicultural understanding.



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January 15 - New York, NY

Applications Open for Summer Position at Major League Baseball

InterDom announced that applications for the internship position of Community Affairs and Education Initiative Assistant at the Education Initiative Program of Major League Baseball (MLB) in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic were being accepted for the summer of 2014.

The Community Affairs and Education Initiative Assistant plays an important role in the planning and organization of various activities and events supporting the mission of the Education Initiative Program, which is to enhance the level of education of all Latin American players, taking in consideration their unique educational backgrounds based on country-specific and individual factors. This internship is a great opportunity for students interested in sports management, education, international business, and community development.



January 16 - New York, NY

2014 University of Rhode Island Winter Programs Come to a Successful Close



The two simultaneous University of Rhode Island January Programs hosted by InterDom came to a close after an engaging two-week agenda of seminars, lectures, field trips, and service projects for the largest group InterDom has hosted to date—twenty-four political science and nursing students and five professors. Visits to the Dominican Congress and the Memorial Museum of the Dominican Resistance, a trip to an organic cacao plantation and to the Mirabal Sisters Museum in the northern Cibao region of the country provided rich cultural experiences for the students and complemented what they have learned about the history of the Dominican Republic during the two weeks.



InterDom, at the 2014 AAPLAC Conference in Bogotá

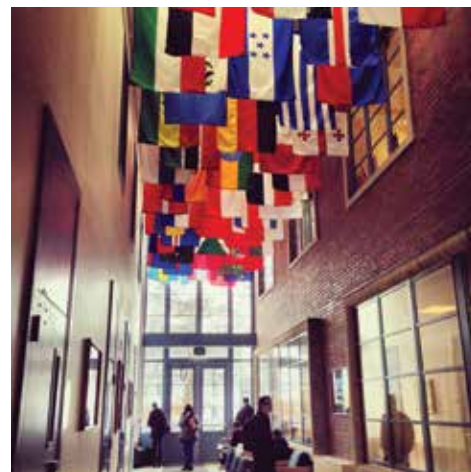
The 25th Annual Conference of the Association of Academic Programs in Latin America and the Caribbean (AAPLAC) in Bogotá, Colombia was the setting for InterDom to announce that it would host the 2014 edition of the conference at its parent institution, Funglode's headquarters in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. During this year's four-day conference at the Universidad de La Salle, Chapinero Campus, InterDom representatives had the opportunity to explore the unique culture and history of Colombia, network with other international education professionals, and participate in workshops and seminars surrounding the conference theme, "Cross Cultural Tools in Constructing Un Mundo Mejor."

The AAPLAC Conference is unique in that it brings together a diversity of parties involved in international exchange—study abroad and international programs personnel from U.S. universities, local program coordinators in Latin American countries, U.S. faculty leaders of short programs in Latin America, and representatives from Latin American host universities. The participants share challenges, successes, and strategies to improve the quality of study abroad programs in Latin America, proper student preparation, and innovative proposals for new and unique programming.



InterDom Connects with Potential Interns at the URI Summer Job & Internship Fair

The room brimmed with energy and excitement at the 2014 University of Rhode Island Summer Job & Internship Fair, as nearly 600 students filtered through the booths, eager to learn about the different opportunities available to them with the 45 organizations represented. This fair was a great opportunity for the program representatives to meet students who are interested in performing international internships, and in years past has helped the program to recruit excellent talent for programs and opportunities in the Dominican Republic. Attending fairs is one of the many creative ways InterDom is able to meet new students and form stronger connections with universities.



Networking Sessions for Organizations

InterDom launched its latest initiative "Networking Sessions for Organizations," when leaders from eight local nonprofit organizations came together to discuss the topic "How to Optimize the Work of International Students and Integrate Volunteers and Local Leaders to Expand Projects and Make Them Sustainable." The event was lauded as a positive experience by attendees, who felt motivated to attend other networking sessions because they provide opportunities for exchange and collaboration between organizations in the same sector.





March 20 - New York, NY

Saint Peter's Students Learn about Internship Opportunities from InterDom Alumnus

The Political Science Department was the perfect setting for an intimate InterDom information session and pizza party at Saint Peter's University on March 20, 2014, organized and co-hosted by Carlos Gonzalez, InterDom alumnus, current InterDom Correspondent, and current student at Saint Peter's University. InterDom representatives followed Gonzalez to give details about the program and to promote available internships for the 2014 summer term. Dr. Alexander Mirescu, political science professor at St. Peter's University, was also in attendance, promoting the program further among the students at the event.



Dr. Alexander Mirescu, Professor of Political Science, St. Peter's University: "Carlos was a serious student before attending the GFDD summer program; he returned as a highly professionalized, mature agent of local-level policy change and a keen observer of the effects of climate change-related preparedness and resiliency in a developing country. Moreover, working in a professional internship setting, he turned his prior good grasp of Spanish into a career asset of bilinguality. This, in turn, strengthened his capacity as a political scientist and gave him a set of professional skill sets that he has applied to his academic work and ambitions for after graduation. InterDom helped make this happen."



April 11-19 / Santo Domingo, DR



InterDom hosts CCNY Partners for Change Public Health Researchers in the DR

The Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership's initiative, Partners for Change, teamed up with InterDom to bring a group of student public health researchers to conduct field work in Santo Domingo. The program included site visits to two health-related nonprofit organizations located outside of the capital and to numerous clinics run by the Ministry of Public Health, where researchers interviewed patients, workers, and key stakeholders in the areas of maternal/child health and HIV/AIDS. The group also

participated in workshops on these topics, conducted by Dr. Persia Sena, a close InterDom partner. The participants also watched a documentary film on Dominican-Haitian relations, and went on a special tour of the historic Colonial Zone on Trikke scooters. This initiative is designed to harness the energy of CCNY students and the resources of the university in new and innovative ways by partnering with community organizations in specific subject areas to provide CCNY students with hands-on learning opportunities.



April 11 - Philadelphia, PA

Promoting Opportunities in the Dominican Republic through Film Screening at Drexel University



InterDom representatives strengthened connections with students at Drexel University during the special screening of the film *Ballplayer: Pelotero*, hosted by the Drexel University Spanish Club in collaboration with InterDom. This event was organized to promote internship opportunities available through InterDom, and to encourage students to apply for InterDom's summer programs. The event attracted Drexel students interested in Latino culture and Spanish language, as well as individuals interested in the film's theme of baseball. In a short presentation before the film, InterDom highlighted a special internship they offer through Major League Baseball (MLB) to go along with the theme of the film. The students were excited to learn about the InterDom program and the opportunities available to them in the Dominican Republic, and many signed up to receive more information about how to apply.



June 6 - Santo Domingo, DR

Summer Programs Kick Off in Santo Domingo



The 2014 InterDom Summer Program officially began in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, welcoming a diverse group of students hailing from the United States and Argentina. The students accepted into the program represent a wide variety of interest areas. Students come from the following universities: Universidad Empresarial Siglo 21, Córdoba, Argentina; University of Georgia School of Law; University of Louisville; Temple University; Simpson College, and INCAE in Costa Rica. Each student spent the first week preparing for internships, participating in an orientation week, and settling into the new environment, while adjusting to Dominican culture. The InterDom team carried out

several workshops, meetings, and events during orientation week that helped students get the most out of their summer experience.



June 13 - Toronto, Canada

InterDom Connects with Universities at 2014 GIC Conference

The 2014 Global Internship Conference (GIC) served as the perfect platform for InterDom representatives, who joined more than 300 international education professionals, educators, and researchers to discuss the current trends and topics surrounding the field of international internships and education abroad. Program representatives also formed new relationships with university representatives and industry professionals from across the US and abroad. The conference's theme, "Internships, Co-op, Experiential Education – Where Next?" set the tone for participants during the four-day conference. This year's conference was hosted by the University of Toronto, in partnership with the Academic Internships Council (AIC), and with academic support from Michigan State University. The 2014 edition had the largest attendance ever for the GIC, with 330 participating from thirty countries.





July 7 - Santo Domingo, DR



Lago Enriquillo Excursion Brings Awareness of Climate Change

Participants of the InterDom program visited Lake Enriquillo and surrounding communities as part of their cultural excursion component of the program. The guided day-long activity followed a short film screening, introducing participants to the geographical, social, and economic realities that the effects of climate change have on the communities surrounding the lake. Lake Enriquillo is one of the few salt water lakes in the world inhabited by crocodiles, located in a rift valley formed by the Enriquillo-Plaintain Garden Fault that extends seventy-nine miles from Port-au-Prince Bay in Haiti in the west to Neiba Bay in the Dominican Republic in the east. The lake is named after Enriquillo, a Taino cacique who rebelled against the Spaniards in the early 16th century and hid in the mountains north of the lake.



July 17 - San Francisco de Macorís, DR

New Internship in Education through Continental School



A new internship opportunity is now available for students interested in the field of education, in partnership with the Continental School, an innovative school in San Francisco de Macorís, Dominican Republic. This prestigious school employs many international teachers. It also marks a milestone for the InterDom program, as it is the first time that the program is able to offer an internship in a field other than tourism outside of Santo Domingo.

The Continental School's vision is to be a leader in private education, open and participatory so as to promote comprehensive education and service to enhance the development of the region and the country. The mission of Continental School is to develop knowledgeable and trustworthy students in a setting that respects intellectual accomplishments, positive social, emotional, and physical growth, and effective communication skills in English and Spanish. It boasts contemporary instructional resources and techniques, and promotes possibilities for students to become lifelong learners and productive citizens in a global society through a program of educational excellence.



July 30 - Santo Domingo, DR

InterDom Partners with IGlobal to Offer 8th Internship Certification Seminar

With the objective of strengthening academic quality and filling the gap in youth to workforce programming in the Dominican Republic, InterDom joins forces with the Global Institute for Studies in Social Sciences (IGlobal), to offer the 8th edition of the Internship Certification Program through its Summer School program. The seminar, that took place at Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (Funglode), was tailored to human resources representatives, project managers, executives, and professionals in all areas, who are interested in creating or optimizing their internship

programs. The main purpose of the Internship Certification Seminar is for participants to learn to build effective internship programs, or to improve those that already exist.

The ultimate goal is to strengthen the role of the participating human resources representatives and executives in achieving the strategic objectives of the organization through the design and preparation of work plans that include the collaboration of local and international interns in the short and long terms.



August 13 - Santo Domingo, DR

InterDom Hosts Networking Breakfast for Organizations: “Sustainability in Cutting Edge Organizations”

The program hosted a networking breakfast for partner organizations, wherein they discussed “*Sustainability in Cutting Edge Organizations*” in Santo Domingo at Funglode’s art gallery in Santo Domingo. Patricia Cuevas de Pittet, Director of Human Resources at the Grupo Universal and former president of the Dominican Association of Human Resources (ADOARH in Spanish), shared her experience as a professional in the area of human resources. She talked about sustainability within cutting edge organizations through their social contributions, including the InterDom internship program. The objective of the activity was to provide practical information about sustainability as a way of creating social awareness, and to discuss what basic facts organizations need to understand in order to be socially responsible.



September 9 - New York, NY

Launching New and Improved InterDom Website

In an effort to keep up with the changing landscape of technology and information-sharing, InterDom announced the launch of a brand new web platform, which will better enable local and international students and partners to access information about InterDom’s programs and services. Featuring four portals catered to InterDom’s four main audiences—international students, Dominican students, universities, and organizations—the new site groups all of the information relevant to each audience in one place. What’s more, the program menu on the main page allows returning users to access information about their selected program in one click, without having to navigate through the site to find specific program details. Interactive features such as new and improved contact and registration forms, a unique internship search tool and video testimonials offer modern ways for users to interact with InterDom representatives and receive first-hand accounts from program alumni.





September 17 - Santo Domingo, DR

New Partnership with MSP-Detalles Arquitectónicos (DetArq)

The new partnership with DetArq represents InterDom's first experience working in the architecture and construction field in the Dominican Republic, and was formed in response to the arrival of InterDom's newest intern, Sean Coffey, a student in the field of Science of Architectural and Civil Engineering, with a concentration in digital buildings at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Interns will benefit greatly from the experience of Architect Mayobanex Suazo, founder of DetArq, who has great skill and talent in this area.



September 18 - Jersey City, NJ

Visiting Saint Peter's University in New Jersey for the Second Time This Year

More than 20 international study and exchange programs were represented at the fair, including large study abroad programs such as Cultural Vistas, international universities and Saint Peter's short term and faculty led programs. The InterDom booth was very popular, as dozens of students received information about internships in their area of study from InterDom representatives. At the end of the fair, program representatives spoke with the Director of the Center for Global Learning in order to begin the process to establish an official partnership between the two institutions.



October 6 - New York, NY

Participation at seventh annual Baruch College Work Abroad Fair

For the third consecutive year, InterDom participated in the seventh annual Baruch College Work Abroad Fair, where representatives met with students from all backgrounds and academic interests looking to gain experience abroad. The fair attracted the participation of more than 75 students hailing from Baruch's three schools: the Zicklin School of Business, Weissman School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Public Affairs. Organizations also represented at the fair included: AIESEC Baruch, Academic Programs International (API), French-American Chamber of Commerce, CIS Abroad, Cultural Vistas, The Jet Program, New Power, Arcadia University Study Abroad, and Leave UR Mark. The Zicklin School was particularly well represented at the fair, as representatives spoke to many students interested in business, finance and political science opportunities.



October 10-12 / Santo Domingo, DR

Networking Visit to the Expoinmobilia Fair 2014

InterDom attended the Expoinmobilia Fair 2014, that provided an opportunity for representatives from the program to become acquainted with the key stakeholders in this sector in order to introduce them to the InterDom program and coordinate internships for international students to participate in future projects. The fair was a showcase for the most important players in the real estate sector in the Dominican Republic, as well as for products and services related to construction. One of the main attributes of the fair was its role as the premiere event bringing together business possibilities from reliable and stable companies affiliated with the construction and real estate sector, which translates into an excellent source for creating connections with national construction companies.





October 22-23 / East Lansing, MI



InterDom Travels to Michigan for International Fairs

In an effort to bring opportunities in the Dominican Republic to a larger audience throughout the United States, InterDom participated for the first time in two back-to-back fairs at Michigan universities: the *Global Opportunities Fair* at Michigan State University, and the *International Opportunities Fair* at the University of Michigan. Formerly limited mainly to the east coast in its promotional efforts, the program is enthusiastic to be reaching new audiences

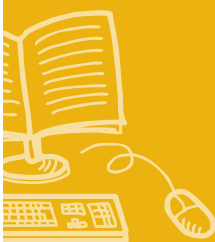
and bringing knowledge of the Caribbean and all it has to offer to other parts of the country. With growing interest among students in international opportunities outside of the traditional study abroad programs, universities have been responding by providing fairs specific to this niche, which feature opportunities for work, internships, volunteering, teaching, and fellowships abroad, as well as international careers.



November 7 - Philadelphia, PA

Participation at the University of Pennsylvania International Opportunities Fair

For the first time InterDom participated in the 9th annual International Opportunities Fair and the Virtual International Opportunities Fair, held at the University of Pennsylvania (UPenn) in Philadelphia. Along with students from UPenn, the fair is open to students from three top liberal arts colleges in the Philadelphia area: Haverford, Bryn Mawr, and Swarthmore Colleges. InterDom was one of more than 30 organizations represented at the fair, with roughly 600 students and alumni expected to be in attendance. Representatives are looking forward to deepening relationships at UPenn, expanding the program's reach to multiple schools in the Pennsylvania area and making connections with students to discuss how an internship in the Dominican Republic would present a great international opportunity and professional experience for them.



Mat Rosa, Program Leader, URI Political Science: "Our J-term study abroad course in the Dominican Republic was a great success, thanks to the supportive collaboration of InterDom. Our students were presented with an engaging itinerary that challenged them academically, while providing life-changing experiences. The dedicated staff worked tirelessly, reflecting the institution's commitment to fostering crucial exchange for social, economic and democratic development. We are grateful to have InterDom as a partner for the goals of our university and to continue fostering this meaningful relationship."



November 17-21 - Kingston, RI

International Education Week Connects InterDom with Hundreds of Students at the University of Rhode Island

InterDom representatives completed an exciting few days celebrating International Education Week with the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, by participating in a handful of the numerous events planned on campus designed to increase students' awareness of and participation in international study, internship, work and volunteer programs. InterDom participated in Going Global: Finding an International Program that is Right for You, which was an informal discussion with URI College of Nursing faculty and alumni sharing their international experiences, hosted by the URI College of Nursing. The event attracted more than 40 students who were interested in learning about the two-week January term nursing program offered through URI and hosted by InterDom in the Dominican Republic.



November 21-23 - Baltimore, MD

Attending CIEE Conference and Relevant International Education Events

The 2014 CIEE Annual Conference provided a great space for learning and networking as InterDom representatives joined more than 500 international education professionals for the second consecutive year, discussing ideas and attending panels surrounding the conference's theme, "Breaking Barriers: Cost. Curriculum. Culture," held in Baltimore, Maryland. The conference takes place during International Education Week, hosted by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States.



November 25 - Santo Domingo, DR

InterDom's Networking Breakfast for Organizations: "Globalization and Development of Caribbean Cities"

The networking breakfast entitled, "Globalization and Development of Caribbean Cities," was held at Café Filo in the Juan Bosch Library. This was the third and final networking breakfast of the year, and the first one geared toward architecture and engineering professionals. The objective of this initiative is to facilitate opportunities for professionals in the same sector to share the knowledge and experience that contribute to the organizational development of their companies. Each event in the breakfast series also highlights the role interns play in contributing to the organizations' goals. The event also provided an opportunity to recognize Elmer Gonzalez, architect and Director of UNIBE's School of Architecture, who was the initial contact for attracting other organizations in the field and getting them involved in InterDom's programming and initiatives.




Juan Olivo, Architect and President of Olivo Contractors: "InterDom's initiative of joining together important national construction and architecture companies is very interesting and motivating and serves to benefit us with international young talent who are prepared to offer their energy, dedication and skills to help create fresh and innovative proposals."



Fellows Program

The Fellows Program, an extension of the internship and academic exchange program InterDom, was developed in 2009 to respond to the desire of GFDD and Funglode to develop a community of scholars that contributes to the Foundations' growing body of research on matters of international concern that directly impact the Dominican Republic. The Program provides opportunities for M.S., M.A. and Ph.D. candidates interested in conducting high-level research in the Dominican Republic on issues related to sustainable development. The final output of the investigation is a comprehensive report, which includes empirical data. Fellows realize research in coordination with GFDD and Funglode staff, National Academic Advisors and their university professors. Those students that carry out exemplary work have the opportunity to present their findings before the United Nations community on behalf of GFDD and Funglode and their research results are published in the Research and Ideas Series.



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January-April - Santo Domingo, DR

Mat Rosa Researches Governance Profiles of Institutional Arrangements for Climate Change Adaptation

Mat Rosa, Masters candidate in Marine Affairs at the University of Rhode Island (URI), focused his research on governance profiles of institutional arrangements for climate change adaptation. This research was conducted over the first four months of 2014 in the southern province of Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. Through the program, Rosa connected with professionals in his field conducting work on the environment and climate change in order to collect data for his research. Mat Rosa is an adjunct faculty of International Development at the University of Rhode Island (URI) and program leader of a URI study abroad course in the Dominican Republic. He holds a BA in Politics from St. Anselm College, an MA in Political Science from URI, and is currently a candidate for a Masters of Marine Affairs at URI.



February-May - Santo Domingo, DR

Henry Montero Researches Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Treatment for Parkinson's Disease

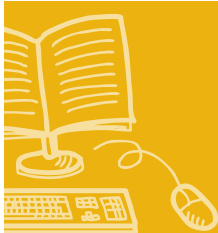
Henry Montero Tapia, Ph.D. candidate in psychology at Capella University, examined in his research Cognitive Behavioral Therapy evidence-based treatment for symptoms related to Parkinson's disease psychosis. This research was conducted for three months between February and May 2014 in the Dominican Republic. Montero worked on his fellowship under the guidance of in-country Fellows advisor, Dr. Marcia Castillo, a neurologist and Parkinson's specialist at Centro Médico Moderno, and one of the founders of Fundación Dominicana Contra el Mal de Parkinson, and his US advisor, Clinical and Board Certified Psychiatrist and Geriatric Psychiatrist, and Clinical Assistant Professor at Rutgers-RWJ UMDNJ, Olga B Soto- Moise, M.D. Through the Program, Montero had the opportunity to connect with other professionals conducting work on similar topics in order to round out his research.



June 18 - Santo Domingo, DR

Fellow James Mahon Presents his Research at the Social Economic Council

Dr. James Mahon presented the results of his research, Tax Reforms in Latin America, before the Social Economic Council (CES in Spanish) in Santo Domingo. Dr. Mahon, Professor at Williams College in Massachusetts, was hosted by the distinguished Monsignor Agripino Núñez Collado and Dr. Irma Capriles, Executive Director of CES, an association of non-partisan representatives from the corporate, social and labor sectors who offer advice on public policy and political oversight. Dr. Mahon, who holds a Ph.D. in Political Science and has published numerous articles on tax reform in Latin America, was in the Dominican Republic as part of the Fellows several times between the summer of 2013 and 2014. Throughout the presentation of his research, Dr. Mahon stressed points of interest such as major tax reforms in the Dominican Republic between 1983 and 2012, pointing to examples from other Latin American countries in different sectors and during different periods. This research will become part of the GFDD's Research and Ideas Series books.



Jim Mahon, Professor of Political Science, Williams College: "Even before I became a Fellow, I found the support of GFDD/Funglode helpful to my work. Not only did the personnel of the program arrange rides and interviews for me, but I also had the opportunity to present a paper placing the recent tax reform in the DR (Nov. 2012) in regional and global context. At that conference my paper was paired with an excellent presentation by a former senior official of the DGII (Germania Montás), to a sophisticated audience that included ex-President Leonel Fernández."



March 25 - New York, NY

Fellows Program Generates Interest Among SIPA Students at Columbia University

Columbia University played host to the first-ever Fellows Program information session to promote research opportunities in the Dominican Republic to Masters and Ph.D. candidate students at the School for International and Public Affairs (SIPA). The program has already hosted two researchers from other schools at Columbia University, so representatives were excited to extend opportunities to students at SIPA.



June-July - Santo Domingo, DR

Hilary Lohmann Measures the Vulnerability of Coastal Community Members Due to Climate Change

Hilary Lohmann, Master's candidate in Marine Affairs at the University of Rhode Island (URI), conducted research to measure the vulnerability of coastal community members to changes associated with variations in climate. The field work was conducted during a six week period in June and July in the Dominican communities of Boca Chica, La Caleta, Samaná, and Montecristi. The scholar holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Animal Behavior and Spanish from Bucknell University. In addition to her studies, Hilary has spent much time abroad, and her experiences around the world include volunteering in Zambia, teaching in Vietnam, and various internships in Marine Science in Belize.



September - Santo Domingo, DR

Emma Fawcett Brings Tourism and Development to Center Stage Through Fellows Program

Emma Fawcett, a doctoral candidate in international relations at the School of International Service at American University, conducted the Dominican Republic portion of her field work in the first few weeks of September, with a focus on collecting data from the tourism-heavy Punta Cana area. Her dissertation explores the political economy of tourism and development in Cuba, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic.

She earned a B.A. from Rutgers University in political science and Spanish, and an M.S. from The New School in nonprofit management and global policy. Previously, she assisted with a World Bank-funded value chain analysis of the Haitian apparel industry. Her graduate thesis focused on economic development strategies for fisher folk in the community of Marigot, in the Southeastern region of Haiti. Emma's research interests include international development, political economy, and social movement studies, with a regional focus on Latin America and the Caribbean. Her dissertation explores the political economy of tourism and development in Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and the Mexican Caribbean.



November - Santo Domingo, DR

Fellow Christina Davidson Explores the History of Protestantism in the Dominican Republic

The program's newest scholar, Christina Davidson, is doctoral candidate in history at Duke University. Christina's body of research focuses on Latin America and the Caribbean with a specialty in Dominican History. Her dissertation, entitled, "*Converting Spanish Hispaniola: Transnational Genealogies and Racial Politics of Protestantism in the Dominican Republic*," explores the intersection of national, racial, and religious imaginaries and how ideas about race, religion, and the nation change across time and within the transnational, circum-Caribbean world. Her research is being conducted in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. The Dominican Republic portion of her field work will be conducted in conjunction with the Fellows Program over ten months, from November 2014 to August 2015, with a focus on collecting data from the National Archive and the Archive of the Dominican Evangelical Church. In these two archives, she will look for documents regarding Protestant activity during the early twentieth century. A native of Skokie, Illinois, Christina graduated from Yale University with a dual degree in Latin American Studies and International Studies in 2009.



Emma Fawcett, Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations: "The Fellows Program helped ensure that my recent candidate fieldwork in the Dominican Republic was a success by securing local accommodation and covering both airfare and in-country transportation. Additionally, the program staff assisted in arranging some of my interviews and managing my calendar -- with three whirlwind weeks of elite interviews, this was an enormous help. I'd highly recommend the Fellows Program to other doctoral students doing fieldwork in the Dominican Republic."



Global Dominican Academic Exchange

Designed to promote innovation and entrepreneurship amongst Dominican youth through exposure to high level academic education in the United States, the program was conceived by GFDD and Funglode President and Former President of the Dominican Republic, Dr. Leonel Fernández, in the spring of April 2013 after visiting a series of prestigious United States universities. The Global Dominican Academic Exchange (GDAE) aims to introduce Dominican students to the American style of liberal arts education and encourage dialogue between Dominican students and their Dominican-American counterparts attending these institutions, thereby encouraging and inspiring partnership and entrepreneurship initiatives which will foster innovation and stimulate Dominican economic development and international understanding.





March 27-30

Dominican Students at National Dominican Student Conference for the First Time

April 13-24

Certificates in Transnational Law through GDAE

June 25

GDAE, InterDom and Fellows Mixer Brings Students Together

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Twelve Dominican Students Recognized in GDAE Closing Ceremony

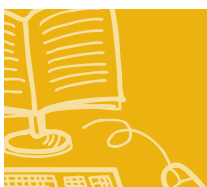
GDAE organizes a series of annual topic-specific short events in collaboration with the Dominican student organizations at various United States universities.



March 27-30 / Cambridge, MA

Participants Form New Friendships at National Dominican Student Conference

More than 500 attendees came together at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for the largest National Dominican Student Conference (NDSC) in its eight-year history, and for the first time students from the Dominican Republic participated in the conference via the Global Dominican Academic Exchange Program (GDAE). Participants shared and cultivated ideas in line with the conference's theme, "Diáspora de la Tambora: Celebrando Arte y Cultura" ("Diaspora of the Drum: Celebrating Art and Culture") and discussed the question: "How can the arts be used to mobilize our communities to address issues such as race, education, and identity?" Eight of the nine GDAE participants hailed from public and private universities across the Dominican Republic, and one InterDom alumna traveled from Baruch College in New York City.



Javellys Polanco, Vice President, Grupo Quisqueyano: "Thank you for allowing us to host the students. It was a wonderful experience and I hope the participants enjoyed their week as much as we did!"



April 13-24 / Athens, GA



Transnational Law Program at University of Georgia School of Law

Dominican law students and young professionals participated in the Transnational Law Program at the University of Georgia (UGA) School of Law in Athens, Georgia, through GDAE. The program brought Dominican law students and young professionals to UGA Law for eleven days, where they participated in a rigorous certificate program that introduced them to the American

and international legal systems, and education through a variety of courses and social and networking activities. The last day students received certificates of participation from Dean Rusk Center for International Law and Policy director and former Congressman, C. Donald Johnson, and Global Internship Program director Maria Eugenia Giménez.



GDAE, InterRDom and Fellows Mixer Brings Students Together

Dominican alumni of the GDAE program and current international students and researchers of the InterRDom and Fellows programs came together for the first-ever networking mixer at Café Filo in the Juan Bosch Library in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Participants were able to network with one another, share their international education experiences, discuss programs, form friendships and learn about future GDAE activities. Attendees enjoyed a full program with words of welcome from InterRDom representatives, a slide show of photos from past programs, and a special presentation by Yohara Caraballo, participant in the second GDAE trip to Harvard University.



Successful GDAE Concludes at the University of Pennsylvania

The historic campus of the University of Pennsylvania (UPenn) served as a beautiful backdrop for the fourth Global Dominican Academic Exchange program, *Exploring Our History and Moving Forward*. The UPenn Dominican student group, *Grupo Quisqueyano*, served as host to the eight Dominican college students from a variety of universities and study areas, and introduced them to the life of an Ivy League student at the University of Pennsylvania. The week-long agenda was action-packed, beginning

with a reception and pizza party at *La Casa Latina* and finishing off with a day-long tour of historic sites of downtown Philadelphia. During the day students had the opportunity to attend classes with their hosts and other student volunteers, selecting the courses based on their majors and personal interests. At night, *Grupo Quisqueyano* planned a series of educational and informative activities to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month and bring together various student groups on campus.



October 18-26 - Athens, GA

Five Dominican Students Successfully Complete Transnational Law Certificate through GDAE

The students from Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo (UASD) completed the Transnational Law Program at the University of Georgia School of Law, earning a certificate for the week-long program and bringing new knowledge and insight to the Dominican Republic on international and transnational policies in the areas of environmental law, corporate law, criminal law, and constitutional law. The students spent a week on campus, during which time they joined forces with two students from the National University of Córdoba in Argentina and took courses from esteemed UGA Law professors, participated in social activities, made new friends with current UGA law students, and learned about the history and culture of Athens and Atlanta, Georgia. The Transnational Law program prides itself on selecting dynamic and notable professors to teach its courses, and this program was no exception. From former district attorneys to federal Supreme Court attorneys, the students were impressed with the depth of expertise on display in the classroom.



Ivan Chevalier, Student Participant: "It is noteworthy to mention that both teachers (in our international and constitutional law classes) have worked for the Federal Supreme Court of the United States, so in a nutshell, we are getting the best education from the best instructors possible."



November 7 - Santo Domingo, DR

Twelve Dominican Students Recognized in GDAE Closing Ceremony

Activities for the GDAE 2014 drew to a close when a special ceremony honored the participants in the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Georgia Transnational Law programs from September and October. The ceremony, held in the art gallery at Funglode in Santo Domingo, brought all twelve students together to view for the first time the video summaries of their experience and to receive their certificates of participation from the program organizers.



Yohara Mabel Caraballo Morel, Harvard University GDAE alumna, 2014 "Participating in the 8th National Dominican Student Conference at Harvard University gave me the opportunity for cultural and intellectual exchange with students from different universities in the United States and the Dominican Republic, and also helped me understand the difference in our education systems. It was a really wonderful experience!"



Education

Through the celebration of forums, symposiums and professional training sessions and in conjunction with partner institutions, GFDD works to further high education, bolster labor force capacity, and contribute to the production of new and innovative scholarship on subject matters pertinent to development in the Dominican Republic, the Latin American and Caribbean region and the world.





January 9-10

STEM Education Experts Discuss Innovative Teaching Method

February 11

Film Forum: "Innovative Education: Proposals for the Realities of a Changing World"

February 12

Calling for the Improvement of the Dominican Education System

February 14

GFDD/Funglode Interviews Young Estiven Rodríguez, Recognized by President Obama during the State of the Union Address

March 19

Lecture: "The Citizen We Have the Responsibility to Educate"

GFDD offers innovative and inspiring training programs, seminars, workshops, conferences and discussion forums with the purpose of bringing the best educational practices to the DR.



STEM Education Experts Gathered to Discuss Innovative Teaching Method



The two day conference featured an impressive roster of highly sought-after STEM all-stars from the fields of technology, education and government, who shared their unique ideas and answered tough questions from gathered participants. The conference highlighted the reasons why STEM education is so vital, and provided audiences with a clear roadmap of how to establish such a system. The former President of the Dominican Republic and President

of Funglode, Dr. Leonel Fernández, encouraged teachers to take advantage of the experience the U.S. teachers had come to share on this innovative teaching method. Fernández said that the purpose of this meeting was to promote reflection so that the national education community understands the importance of this teaching methodology for training the workforce of the future.



Film Forum: "Innovative Education: Proposals for the Realities of a Changing World"

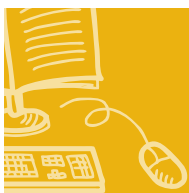
A new initiative by GFDD/Funglode, a film forum for "Innovative Education: Proposals for the realities of a changing world," was presented at Funglode headquarters in Santo Domingo this year. The Forum, organized through Funglode's Center for Educational Studies, and with the support of the International Advisory Committee of Science and Technology of the Dominican Republic (CIACT), showed in its first activity the film *The Forbidden Education*. Senators José Rafael Vargas, Cristina Lizardo and Psychologist Xiomara Lora addressed the need for the Dominican Republic to take on a new system to ensure the comprehensive education of the individuals and their social inclusion, which goes far beyond their academic qualifications.





Educational System Must be Transformed According to Its Cultural Realities, Say Top Dominican Educators during Film Forum

The Executive Director of the International Advisory Committee of Science and Technology (CIACT), Ambassador José Santana, the Dean of the School of Education of the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo (UASD), Evarista Matías, and the Executive Director of the Propagas Foundation, Claudia Catrain, called for the improvement of the Dominican education system according to Dominican realities, but taking into account the experience of successful education systems, such as the one in place in Finland. Top Dominican educators spoke at Funglode headquarters after the screening of the film *The Finnish Phenomenon: The World's Most Amazing School System*, which shows why Finland has an unrivaled education system widely considered to be among the best in the world for more than a decade.



Ambassador José Santana, Executive Director of the International Advisory Committee of Science and Technology (CIACT): "The Dominican Republic possesses a lot of intelligence and the capacity for making great contributions to the world. Only when we assume our roots from a cultural standpoint we will be able to focus on an educational system that is real and authentic."



GFDD/Funglode Interviews Young Estiven Rodríguez, Recognized by President Obama during the State of the Union Address

The President of the United States, Barack Obama, recognized the hard work and dedication of young Dominican honor student Estiven Rodríguez, who was among the guests of the First Lady during the event. Obama explained that Rodríguez "could not speak any English when he moved to New York City at the age of nine, but, last month, thanks to the support of remarkable teachers and an innovative academic program, he paved the way for his success –to the delight of his parents and neighbors- via his high school, and went to the post office, where he mailed

his college application. This son of an industrious factory worker is now on his way to college in the fall." After this recognition, GFDD interviewed Rodríguez for its Youtube Channel. This occasion was an opportune moment for the Country's former President and President of GFDD/Funglode, Dr. Leonel Fernández, to congratulate Rodríguez during an emotional telephone conversation, for being the first Dominican student to receive a special tribute in a speech by a President of the United States.



Estiven Rodríguez, Dominican Student recognized by President Barack Obama, during GFDD's interview: "Education is everything. My parents came to the United States to seek a better life for my brother and me. They sacrificed everything for us and I felt that I had to do my best for them to be proud of me, but never imagined that I would get to the White House and have the opportunity to bring the name of my country to such a high level."



Dr. José Manuel Gutiérrez Fernández Presents the Lecture “The Citizen We Have the Responsibility to Educate”



GFDD/Funglode hosted the lecture “The Citizen We Have the Responsibility to Educate,” by the scholar from the Philosophy Center for Children of the Principality of Asturias (Centro de Filosofía para Niños del Principado de Asturias), José Manuel Gutiérrez Fernández. The expert affirmed that the traditional methods of educating need to change in order to offer children a more dynamic and interesting academic program and explained that the kids are born with capacities and potential, and

that the main focus is to value their intelligence and to know how each one of the students can learn. With the presence of Ligia Amada Melo, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology and Director of the Education Center at Funglode and representatives from Dominican universities and schools of teacher training, Dr. Gutiérrez Fernández concluded that the main purpose of including philosophy in the schools is to allow the children to discover.

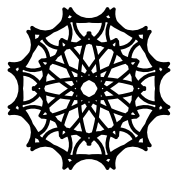
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Is there any topic that you would like us to include in our Education Agenda? Would you like to participate in some of our workshops or trainings?

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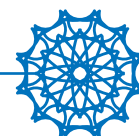


Global Roundtables

For more than 4 years, the GFDD Global Roundtables (GRT) online broadcast program have brought together some of the most preeminent figures on the global scene to discuss issues of international concern, ask questions and exchange ideas. To date, GFDD has hosted Ambassadors from the Permanent Missions to the United Nations and the OAS, from numerous countries including Moldova, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Benin, Kenya, Antigua and Barbuda, Bangladesh, Palestine, Angola, Mexico, Venezuela, El Salvador, Chile, The Maldives, Paraguay, Honduras and Guatemala.



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Mr. Matthew Hodes, Director of UN Alliance of Civilizations

November

H.E. Jose María Argueta, Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the OAS

December

H.E. Jorge Alberto Milla Reyes, Ambassador of Honduras to the United States of America

Launch of GFDD's Global Roundtable Issues Blog

GFDD celebrated in February the launch of its new blog site: the Global Roundtable Issues Blog. The aim of the blog, available in English and Spanish, is to report on international affairs, including topics such as financing for development, international development, poverty eradication, environmental protection, climate change and gender equality, among many others. The blog also provides information and recordings from the latest sessions of the GFDD Global Roundtables.

Guest bloggers complement the weekly blog posts authored by GFDD's permanent staff, with their expert insight in their capacity as representatives of UN Agencies, national governments, non-governmental organizations or academic institutions. By reporting on policy matters through the Global Roundtable Issues Blog, GFDD looks to enhance the visibility and understanding of the work in the United Nations System. Since its creation, the readership of the blog has grown exponentially to include readers in the USA, the Dominican Republic and across the globe.



RECENT POSTS

UN Observance: Social Justice Day - February 20

UN Observance: World Radio Day - February 13, 2015

ABOUT GFDD GLOBAL ROUNDTABLES

In close association with the United Nations, the Mission of the Dominican Republic to the UN and South-South News, GFDD organizes regular meetings with UN Ambassadors and other



English version



Spanish version

January

H. E. Eduardo Gálvez

Ambassador of the Permanent Mission of Chile to the UN

Financing for Sustainable Development

“Politically, NGOs are very important because it is they who implement the adopted resolutions. Therefore, civil society has to be part of all processes and discussions from the very beginning till the very end, as it was seen and experienced in Monterrey.”

GFDD began the 2014 edition of its online broadcast program, by inviting His Excellency Eduardo Gálvez, Ambassador, and Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations for a focused discussion around the topic most trending at the UN - Financing for Sustainable Development. Over the course of the session, Ambassador Gálvez traced the history of Financing for Development and commented on the importance of the International Conference in Monterrey, stressing that it uniquely brought together not only the United Nations, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund but also representatives from developing countries, the private sector and NGOs, who *“pushed forward things that they had passion for.”* The Chilean Ambassador also provided his insight on the topic of global economic governance and the need for decisions made by the G20 to be adopted by the UN General Assembly in order to have a meaningful impact.



H.E. Ahmed Sareer

Ambassador of the Permanent Mission of Maldives to the UN

Climate Change

“The Republic of Maldives was the first country to raise the problems it was experiencing as a result of climate change on the international stage.”

For the low lying island nation of the Maldives, climate change represents a growing threat to its population, as rising sea levels destroy the local biodiversity, reduce freshwater reserves and encroach on land. In the second edition of the GFDD Global Roundtables, His Excellency Ahmed Sareer, Ambassador of Maldives to the United Nations, explained to GFDD how vulnerable the Maldives are to the effects of climate change, and why Small Island Developing States (SIDS) are actively campaigning for the importance of oceans to be integrated in United Nations (UN) policy discussions on sustainable development.



Mr. Jon Bowermaster

Award Winning, Writer, Filmmaker and National Geographic Explorer

Fracking and the Conservation of Antarctica's Environmental Resources

“Antarctica’s peninsula is warming faster than any other area on the planet. The ecosystem and wildlife of this huge continent depends on consistency and is at risk from this rapidly changing climate.”



Believing that the media is the best means of communicating a message, Mr. Bowermaster stressed that the “goal of a good documentary is to energize people” and to help them realize we only have 5 years left to change our ways before causing irreversible climate change. During his discussion with GFDD, Mr. Bowermaster explained why it is so important to protect Antarctica from natural resource exploitation and how the controversial process of fracking in the US is increasingly jeopardizing the freshwater resources of Americans. Shedding light on his latest film project, entitled *On the Edge: Antarctica 3D*, Mr. Bowermaster

explained how this 3D movie is the first of its kind, providing information on the impact of climate change and how the resulting loss of ice is rapidly impacting Antarctica’s wildlife. Turning to the issue of fracking, Mr. Bowermaster explained to viewers his motivations in making *Dear Governor Cuomo*, a concert protest film highlighting the campaign by more than a 100 grass root groups to keep fracking out of the state of New York. Apart from the extensive water pollution risks associated to this drilling process, Mr. Bowermaster pointed out that the methane gas that is extracted is in fact a much more dangerous greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide.

Ms. Vibeke Jensen
UNESCO New York Liaison Office Director

Education in the Post 2015 Development Agenda

“In order to reduce all forms of inequality it is vital that we achieve a 100% inclusive education system.”

Ms. Vibeke Jensen discussed her experience as an education specialist and the role of education generally within the post-2015 development agenda. The GRT guest provided some insight on the role of UNESCO within the United Nations and explained that UNESCO's main objective is to “promote dialogue, communication and collaboration in education, culture and science” with the understanding that such collaboration “could help create a more peaceful world”. An experienced education specialist, Ms. Vibeke Jensen joined UNESCO in 1989.



H.E. Elisa Ruiz Díaz
Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the Organization of American States

Poverty Eradication within the Post-2015 Development Agenda

“States have failed to redistribute the economic development of Latin America at all levels of society. There is an urgent need for governments to come together and resolve this imbalanced situation.”

Touching upon the development challenges of the Americas and of her native country Paraguay, Ambassador Diaz also commented on her expectations for the following OAS General Assembly which took place in her country on June 3-5. She explained that the issue of poverty had prompted the country to push for the theme of the Assembly to be “Development with Social Inclusion” which was warmly received by the other states. During the session, the Ambassador noted that there seems to be a conscious push by the international community at large towards the theme of social inclusion, which has been greatly facilitated by the advent of information and communication technology.



Mr. Jamil Ahmad
UNEP New York Deputy Director

Sustainable Consumption and Production

“UNEP advised the technical task force in charge of drafting the Sustainable Development Goals that Sustainable Consumption and Production will play a particularly important role in the success of the new agenda.”

Mr. Jamil Ahmad took part in a focused discussion about Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP). He stressed that there were two main benefits to SCP: decoupling and leapfrogging. Mr. Ahmad explained that the decoupling of economic development from environmental degradation was ensured through SCP because of the desire to limit the use of resources to ensure development. For developing countries, he explained that SCP was a route to leapfrog over the mistakes of industrialized countries, by avoiding the use of carbon intensive industries and selecting instead more sustainable resources to achieve the same level of economic development. Turning to the importance of the UN's Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development (June 2012) for SCP, Mr. Ahmad stressed that it had allowed the UN to reaffirm itself as the "cornerstone of sustainable development".



Ms. Christine Hart

Manager, Policy and Government Affairs - Women Thrive Worldwide

Gender Equality and the Prevention of Sexual Violence against Women

"It is problematic that gender issues have not been effectively included in the public agenda, as people in the halls of power, often men, have shaped policies that affect women without really understanding their concrete realities."

Ms. Christine Hart discussed in this meeting the role of gender equality and the issue of sexual violence against women within the post-2015 development agenda, with emphasis on the success of their advocacy efforts in the Caribbean and the USA in particular. She mentioned that being able to relate more deeply to women in other parts of the world made her realize the need of working in a collaborative way to advance their status, not just in the United States but around the world.



One of the roles of the GRT is to raise public awareness in the Dominican Republic and abroad about the critical role of the United Nations and bring attention to its agenda.

Mr. Chris Whatley

UNA-USA Executive Director

The Role of Civil Society Organizations in Advancing the Work of the UN

"The Sustainable Development Goals are the most important and impactful global policy decision that is going on right now. This new set of goals will be agreed on a universal basis, with a development agenda that will deal with inequality in all countries, including developed and developing countries."

Mr. Chris Whatley talked about the important role played by civil society organizations in advancing the work of the United Nations (UN) and the role they could play in the post-2015 development agenda. He stated that UNA-USA on one hand had to mobilize individuals on UN issues at the grassroots level and on the other hand motivate Congress to remain engaged with the UN. As part of this commitment, Mr. Whatley stressed that UNA-USA aims to highlight the frontline achievements of the UN to US media and US politicians, so as to set aside misapprehensions about what the UN does. He explained that by putting forward the plight of communities in war torn countries and the work of the UN's peacekeeping forces in those areas, UNA-USA looked to engage Americans in the work of the UN and see it in a different light.



Mr. Matthew Hodes
Director of UN Alliance of Civilizations

The Importance of Social Cohesion for Economic Prosperity

“Societies need to learn to be welcoming of immigrants and provide training sessions that will seek to integrate them better in society, to avoid creating ghettos. Understanding this need could allow countries to prosper economically.”

During this session, Mr. Matthew Hodes provided insight on the programs of UNAOC, before delving into the importance of partnerships and cooperation within a multilateral system. He spoke of the importance of civil society in efforts to resolve and reconcile post conflict and that UNAOC assists civil society as a soft power tool for diplomacy. He explained that it provided a social and cultural approach to these issues. Mr. Hodes also pointed to the civil unrest in reaction to migration issues in Paris. Providing examples of social cohesion, he pointed to cities as being laboratories for finding such solutions. He explained that societies need to learn to be welcoming of immigrants and provide training sessions that will seek to integrate them better in to society, to avoid creating ghettos.



H.E. José María Argueta
Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the Organization of American States

Child Migration and the 46th Special Session of the General Assembly

“Child migrants are the obvious expression of the social issues that pervade the Americas.”

During this edition of the GFDD Global Roundtables, Ambassador Argueta offered his insight on the issue of child migration, looking particularly at the economic and security situations in countries such as Guatemala. The Ambassador commended President Obama on his recent immigration reform, which will positively affect the future of 5 million undocumented immigrants. He explained that we need agents of change to change society. Offering a vision of hope for the future, the Ambassador expressed himself about the possible new structure of the Organization of American States which is to be tailored around four key pillars: democracy, hemispheric security, human rights protection and comprehensive development.



H.E. Jorge Alberto Milla Reyes
Ambassador of Honduras to the United States

Child Migration at the Southern Border of the United States

“A new partnership has been concluded by the Northern Triangle, involving a pragmatic plan seeking to improve public safety, access to justice and strengthen institutions.”

This session with Ambassador Milla Reyes, focused on the migration crisis at the border of the United States to understand what possible solutions are available to remedy this growing issue. Ambassador Milla Reyes also provided his insight on the recent US decision to extend Temporary Protected Status for Honduran immigrants in the United States. Furthermore, the Ambassador expanded on the recent attempt by the Northern Triangle to address the root causes of insecurity brought about by the drug trade and organized crime. In doing so, he confirmed that the partnership included the setup of a pragmatic plan seeking to improve public safety, access to justice and strengthening of institutions.



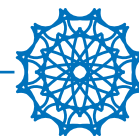


Collaboration with the United Nations System

Over the years, GFDD has gained accreditation as a non-profit organization with observer status with various UN Agencies, including ECOSOC (2013), UN DPI (2013), UNEP (2014), and UNCTAD (2014). These accreditations have enabled GFDD to attend public sessions of inter-governmental meetings and conferences connected to each agency, make oral statements, and circulate written material on matters related to the agenda of the meetings. GFDD also organizes side events in parallel to UN meetings, providing its insight to the UN agenda with panel discussions, program exhibitions, and documentary film screenings, supported by the participation of a wide range of academics, filmmakers, and policy experts.



GFDD/Funglode is dedicated to promoting and advancing issues at the forefront of the United Nations' agenda.



February 6

Environmental Education:
Pedagogy of the Earth

February 18

GFDD Statement during Historic
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April 15

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April 23

Celebrating Earth Day

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June 8

UNA-USA Annual Meeting

June 10

Conference on Preventing Sexual
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June 19

Statement at the 12th Session of
the Open Working Group on
Sustainable Development Goals

June 26

Film Screening of Harmony

July 17

Statement at the 13th Session of the
Open Working Group on Sustainable
Development Goals

August 29

Panel Discussion on Public Health
during the 65th Annual UN DPI/NGO
Conference

September 22

69th Session of the United Nations
General Assembly

October 17

UN Events on Financing for
Development

October 24

Global Challenge of Financing
Development in the Post-2015
Agenda

November 12

Briefing Session on the Ebola
Outbreak

December 12

Commemoration of International
Mountain Day

December 18

Celebrating the 70th Anniversary
of the United Nations

Environmental Education: Pedagogy of the Earth

GFDD and Funglode hosted a presentation and panel discussion on Environmental Education entitled “Pedagogy of the Earth.” The event, organized by the Propagas Foundation in partnership with GFDD/Funglode and the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations, took place within the framework of the Eighth Meeting of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



GFDD Statement during Historic UN Commission for Social Development Focuses on People’s Empowerment

When the Commission for Social Development (CSD) met for its 52nd session from 11 to 21 February at UN Headquarters in New York, world leaders and civil society actors, including GFDD/Funglode, had a big focus: How to harness the power of people to achieve sustainable development goals. It was within this international context that GFDD was able to contribute with an oral statement to the Commission titled, “Boosting local productivity, social cohesion and education opportunities on

a local level as keys to poverty eradication and decent work for all.” The Foundation asserted that, in today’s globalized world, local economic stability is still essential for domestic consumer and investor confidence -- which ultimately keeps the door open to larger corporations. However, GFDD cautioned that in order to maintain a healthy environment where corporations and small businesses can be mutually beneficial, a careful balance must be struck.

Written Statement during Special High Level Meeting of ECOSOC with Bretton Woods Institutions

GFDD participated in the Special High-Level Meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods Institutions. The objective of the high-level meeting was to assemble representatives of Member States, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and civil society organizations to discuss the theme of this year’s meeting, namely “coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of financing for sustainable development and the post-2015 development agenda.”

Looking to share its perspectives on the issues of financing for sustainable development and partnerships for sustainable development within the post 2015 agenda (the Development Agenda), GFDD submitted a written statement to ECOSOC during the meeting.



April 23 - New York, NY

GFDD/Funglode celebrates Earth Day

The Organization hosted the New York Film Premiere of Jon Bowermaster's latest film: *On the Edge, Antarctica*. The choice of venue for the screening, the ECOSOC Chamber, was particularly important given its role as a focus for discussion between UN delegates, civil society representatives and business sector representatives on pressing development challenges, which include environmental protection. Jon Bowermaster has led numerous expeditions to Antarctica over the past 27 years. As a result of his travels, Jon has become a keen advocate for environmental protection issues.



May 12 - New York, NY

GFDD Awarded Status of UNEP Accredited Civil Society Organization

The official validation from the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) confirmed that GFDD is now an officially accredited member of UNEP's governing bodies, such as the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) of UNEP and its subsidiary bodies. Accreditation is the main entry

point for Major Groups and Stakeholders, such as GFDD, into environmental policy dialogue at UNEP. The accreditation represents a significant milestone for the institution, as this will enable it to further strengthen its collaborative relationship with the United Nations.

May 16 - Washington, D.C.

GFDD Attends Seminar on Effective Engagement

The meeting helped to provide Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) with an overview of the role of UNA-USA and how it fits in to the United Nations System as a whole. The event was held at the offices of the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA) and the seminar was titled "The UN and You: Guiding Effective Engagement."

June 8 - Washington, D.C.

UNA-USA Annual Meeting

The organization joined other committee members of the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA) for their 2014 Annual Meeting. The theme of this year's meeting was "Mobilizing for the World We Want." The Annual Meeting brought together UNA-USA member organizations from across the country for skills trainings, issue briefings, networking opportunities, and capacity-building.





Conference on Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict

GFDD/Funglode held a conference in partnership with the British Embassy on the topic of Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict. The Dominican Republic, together with 121 other countries, endorsed the United Nations General Assembly's Declaration of Commitment to End Sexual Violence in Conflict on October 2, 2013. Looking to extend this effort further, the UK Foreign Secretary, The Honourable William Hague, and Angelina Jolie, Special Envoy for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, are co-chairing the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict, in London. In support of this summit, the conference in Santo Domingo aimed to strengthen the international community's work in this area, by convening a variety of panel speakers including grassroots organizations, representatives of national government and local experts and authorities.

GFDD Submits Oral Statement during 12th Session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals

GFDD/Funglode participated in the 12th Session of the UN General Assembly's (UNGA) Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (OWG SDGs) in New York, US. The objective of the session was to review the draft set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and provide an opportunity for delegates and members of civil society organizations to put forward revised wording for the goals on the topic of climate change.

UN Film Screening of *Harmony* Focuses on Climate Change

In collaboration with the United Nations Environment Program and the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations, GFDD screened the film *Harmony*. The aim of the screening was to raise awareness and deepen the understanding of the impacts of climate change, and to mobilize global action and support for the UN agenda that would tackle this issue as a priority. Award winning journalist and Oscar nominated filmmaker and director of the film, Stuart Sender, was present at the event.



Statement at the 13th Session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals

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August 27 - New York, NY

ReCreatearte Exhibit at the 65th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference

GFDD/Funglode was a visible presence throughout the Conference, as it hosted a temporary display in the exhibitor's lounge for ReCreatearte, one of its landmark environmental initiatives. The exhibit, which sought to demonstrate the social and economic benefits of environmental sustainability, was very well received by the Conference participants. It displayed a selection of objects produced by the 2014 ReCreatearte workshop participants and made from household items such as discarded clothing, cardboard and plastic bottles. The objects exhibited included hair accessories inspired by flowers, bags and purses. These helped to show Conference participants how this grassroots recycled art project could serve as a model development initiative, helping to protect the environment, growing the local economy and empowering communities.



August 29 - New York, NY

Panel Discussion on Public Health during the 65th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference

GFDD/Funglode was the co-organizer of the UNA-USA's workshop on antibiotic resistance, which aimed to raise awareness among attendees about the global antibiotic crisis which is a severe challenge to the success of the Millennium Development Goals and an impediment to attaining global health goals which need to be part of the post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda. The conference provided an opportunity for civil society, international networks and activists to develop an action agenda to mobilize messaging, advocacy strategies, partnerships and accountability frameworks in the lead up to the assembly for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda.



Special Events of the 69th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

GFDD staff was busy covering a week of intense activity at the United Nations in New York as the High-level meetings of the 69th session of the United Nations General Assembly (the main deliberative, policymaking and representative organ of the UN) got underway. An unprecedented number of world leaders attended the Summit, including 100 Heads of State and Government. H.E Mr. Barack Obama, President of the United States, stressed that the "urgent and growing threat of climate

change" would ultimately "define the contours of this century more dramatically than any other" issue. H.E, Mr David Cameron, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, confirmed that it would reduce its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 80% below 1990 levels by 2050, while the European Union countries committed to a target of reducing emissions to 40 % below 1990 levels by 2030. Developed countries pledged more than US\$2 billion for the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

GFDD Attends Key UN Events on Financing for Development

A Briefing Session on the Report of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing, as well as a First Substantive Information Session of the Preparatory Process for the 3rd International Conference on Financing for Development, were the two main meetings. During the discussions, several experts pointed out

to how climate change and global health emergencies like Ebola have important negative consequences on development not only because of the redirection of resources, but because of the pressure those issues put on the existing inadequate legal framework and institutions.

UN Briefing Session on the Ebola Outbreak

The meeting discussed the status of the Ebola outbreak in the presence of Dr. David Nabarro, UN system Senior Coordinator for the response to Ebola Virus Disease. Moderating the discussion, Mr. Ramu Damodaran, Deputy Director for Partnerships and Public Engagement in the United Nations Department of Public Information's Outreach Division, introduced Dr. Nabarro explaining that he was appointed to his current functions by the UN Secretary General effective August.





Commemoration of International Mountain Day

In an effort to continue raising awareness on environmental issues, GFDD hosted a special screening of the inspiring Dominican film *La Montaña* before students of the International School for Liberal Arts of New York, as part of the activities to commemorate International Mountain Day at the UN headquarters. The Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the UN and the organization Hands of New York collaborated with the coordination of this activity, which was held at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The event showcased the magnificence of mountaineering, the importance of mountain ecosystems, and the significance of overcoming adversity to achieve one's goals.

Iván Gómez, during the screening of *La Montaña* at UN: "Nothing is impossible in life, as long as we do it with passion and faith. Perseverance, dedication and hard work are needed to achieve your goals."

Financing Development in the Post-2015 Agenda

GFDD, in collaboration with the UN Association of the United States of America Council of Organizations (UNA-USA COO), convened a panel of speakers at the UN Church Center to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations (UN). The panel discussion was titled "Financing for Development Post-2015: The Growing Importance of Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships for Developing Countries," and included interventions by Gail Hurley, Policy Specialist on Development Finance at UNDP, and Gabriel Ferrero, Policy Advisor in the Post-2015 Development Planning Team of the Executive Office of the UN Secretary General. The speakers discussed the layout of the new financing landscape of the Post 2015 Development Agenda that will result from the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals in September of next year. The event took place before an audience of NGO representatives and UN Agency staff.



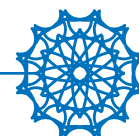
Gail Hurley, Policy Specialist on Development Finance at UNDP: "In 2030, more of the world's global savings will be found in the developing world. Private funds can be used intelligently to unlock funds in low income countries but they are not the panacea - we also need regulation in developing countries to ensure funds are not misappropriated."





Collaboration with the United Nations Association of Dominican Republic

The United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic (UNA-DR) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to supporting the work and principles of the United Nations. The organization does so by organizing educational and cultural initiatives that support the work of the United Nations in a variety of fields including the enhancement of sustainable development, the respect of human rights and the democratic engagement of individuals. The objective of these projects is to encourage the active participation of Dominicans in UN-related activities. In 2003, GFDD joined the partnership and has since been providing significant support to the organization of activities like the Model UN, Model OAS and Model Inter-American System, providing valuable learning and networking experiences for thousands of youth in the country.



June 13

Model United Nations of the Northern Region 2014

June 10

Launch of the 10th Edition of Annual CILA 2014

October 29 - November 2

10th edition of CILA 2014

November 30

Selection of the 6th Dominican Youth Delegate to the UN

November 30

Third Edition of the Dominican Law Proceedings before the International Court of Justice

Through this partnership GFDD/Funglode and UNA-DR provide valuable learning and networking experiences for thousands of youth in the country.

Dominican Youth Participate in the Model United Nations of the Northern Region

The fourth edition of the Model United Nations of the Northern Region (MNURN 2014), took place with the participation of more than 300 students from institutions of secondary and higher education of the Dominican Republic. The Model UN, which is organized by the United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic (UNA-DR), in collaboration with GFDD and Funglode, unites students in an

environment of diplomacy and cooperation to discuss and propose solutions to the challenges facing the international community. The three day event, which saw student simulations of the different UN bodies that make up the UN system, took place at the Innovation and Professional Training Center (CAPEX) premises, located in the Víctor Espallat Mera industrial park in Santiago de los Caballeros.

Launch of 10th Annual CILA 2014

UNA-DR and GFDD/Funglode officially launched the 10th annual International Conference of the Americas (Conferencia Internacional de Las Americas, CILA 2014). The launch ceremony took place at the Salón Salomé Ureña of the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic, and was attended by students and professors of secondary and higher education of the public and private sector in the country, as well as renowned local journalists. Angel González, Secretary General of CILA 2014,

was the key speaker of the event. He emphasized the importance of academic preparedness as an important basis in all aspects of life, and invited participants to become part of the historic sessions conducted at CILA. Moisés Javier, a student from the Politécnico Marco Evangelista ADON, was awarded a scholarship to participate in CILA 2014, after having answered correctly all the questions asked to participating students.



10th edition of CILA

More than 1500 young representatives from all over the Americas joined the International Conference of the Americas 2014 at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. The ensuing three days of Model United Nations negotiations enabled students to confront a range of topics from the perspective of their assigned country or organization. Through these experiences - during preparation, in committee sessions- the students developed an appreciation of differing viewpoints, experienced the


challenges of negotiation, saw the rewards of cooperation, broadened their world view, and discovered the human side of international relations and diplomacy. GFDD provided support to one of the CILA commissions by assisting in its capacity as expert on the 20th Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and helped the delegates work towards a 2015 Global Pact for combating climate change.

UNA-DR and GFDD/Funglode Choose 6th Dominican Youth Delegate to the UN


The United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic, GFDD/Funglode and the United Nations System in the Dominican Republic held the annual appointment of the 6th Youth Delegate of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations, where Mr. Emil Chireno, executive director of UNA-DR, congratulated all young people who applied. In his speech, the Executive Director highlighted the quality of the finalists and what it signifies for Dominican society to be involved in such initiatives, as they acquire knowledge and development opportunities while exalting the name of the Dominican Republic.

Third Edition of the Dominican Law Proceedings before the International Court of Justice

The third annual edition of the Dominican Law Proceedings before the International Court of Justice (CODOCIJ, for its Spanish acronym) was organized by the United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic (UNA-DR) and GFDD/Funglode, in collaboration with the Universidad Rey Juan Carlos and the Universidad Carlos III of Madrid, through the International European Studies Institute Francisco de Vitoria. For three days, teams of university students defended their arguments against a team of judges on a hypothetical case about the rights of the sea, the right of innocent passage, the legitimate use of force and the right of hot pursuit.



Angel González, Secretary General of CILA 2014: “Students should trust their ambitions, believe in their full potential and give everything in order to achieve their dreams. The importance of academic preparedness is an essential basis in all aspects of life.”



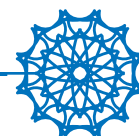
Yohara Caraballo, participant: “We had the opportunity to do networking, share ideas, discuss programs, and learn about diplomacy and the challenges that the international community faces.”



Collaboration with the Organization of American States

As a member of the OAS, GFDD is an active supporter of the organization's objectives, of the Inter-American System and the Summit of the Americas program, and is always part of the annual OAS General Assembly and the Summit of the Americas process. Democracy, regional integration, trade, environment, education, culture, drug abuse prevention, as well as internships and professional training opportunities are fields in which GFDD regularly develops programs in collaboration with different departments and divisions of the OAS.





March 24

GFDD Facilitates Briefing to Students
Representing DR at Model OAS

April 24-25

GFDD's Delegation Contributes to the OAS
Hemispheric Forum

June 6

Meeting with the Civil Society during the 44th
General Assembly in Paraguay

June 17

GFDD Attends the OAS Roundtable on Climate
Change

September 11

Showcasing the Beauty and Diversity of the
DR at the OAS

October 21

Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on
Sustainable Development

GFDD joins forces with the OAS in topics such as democracy, regional integration, trade, environment, education, culture, drug abuse prevention, as well as internships and professional training opportunities.



GFDD Facilitates Briefing to Students representing Dominican Republic at Model OAS

GFDD welcomed twelve students and their professor, Shelley McConnell, from St. Lawrence University, a liberal arts college in New York State, to learn more about GFDD's work and civil society in the Dominican Republic. The students from the University's Centre for International and Cultural Studies, which promotes intercultural learning, represented the DR in the Model Organization of American States during their stay in the nation's capital. On behalf of GFDD, the Executive Director

Natasha Despotovic urged the youth to continue being part of international organizations such as the OAS, that help them acquire the necessary tools to be responsible global citizens and tomorrow's leaders. The students got acquainted with the institutions' role in the international arena, its mandate, rules and regulations, and member countries' positions on contemporary international issues.

GFDD's Delegation Contributes to the OAS Hemispheric Forum

GFDD had the opportunity to contribute at the 11th Hemispheric Forum with Civil Society and Social Actors at the Organization of American States (OAS), during the working groups regarding the preparation of the recommendations document to be submitted to the OAS General Secretariat. The Forum addressed the important areas of development with social inclusion, human economic and social rights, and the impact of extreme poverty and social exclusion on governance in the hemisphere.



Meeting with the Civil Society Opens Discussion on Various Topics, during the 44th General Assembly in Paraguay

With a huge turnout, around 500 civil society organizations from the region participated in a dialogue with the Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), José Miguel Insulza, prior to the early works of the XLIV General Assembly of this hemispheric entity in Asunción, Paraguay, where institutions presented topics related to human rights, and particularly the problems of exclusion experienced by minorities, women, people of African descent and people with different capabilities, among others. The Secretary for External Relations of the OAS, Alfonso Quiñónez, along with representatives of the Civil Society, served as moderators of the meeting that took place at the CONMEBOL Headquarters, in Asunción. The 44th OAS General Assembly closed with the adoption of the Declaration of Asunción "*Development with Social Inclusion.*"



GFDD Participates in the OAS Roundtable on Climate Change

GFDD participated in the 59th Policy Roundtable of the Organization of American States (OAS), where the central theme was "Policy Dialogue on Climate Change: Challenges and Opportunities for the Americas." Various Latin-American leaders addressed the audience, where the speeches focused on how climate change is affecting the numerous Latin American regions, emphasizing the efforts of the Lima meeting in December, prior to the Paris meeting in 2015 where countries will sign a new protocol following the Kyoto Protocol.



GFDD Showcases the Beauty and Diversity of Dominican Republic at the OAS

GFDD showcased photographs of the Dominican Republic from its *New Perspectives: Dominican Republic* book, the *Dominican Republic Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Environment* and other publications and promotional material of the Dominican culture during the Organization of American States' (OAS) celebration of the CXCVIII anniversary of the independence of Central America and the XXXIII anniversary of the independence of Belize. The exhibition took place in the Hall of the Americas of the OAS headquarters, where approximately 300 people - including Ambassadors and Diplomatic representatives - enjoyed the Dominican display.



4th Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Sustainable Development

This event allowed civil society organizations, such as GFDD, the opportunity to receive a presentation of several manuals published by the OAS on the topic of public participation in the area of sustainable development in several Latin American and Caribbean countries (including Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras and the Dominican Republic). The manuals aim to support the implementation of the Declaration of Santo Domingo for Sustainable Development of the Americas, which calls to promote citizen and public participation as a key element in the sustainable development policy decision-making process, and to support OAS member States' efforts to implement the Inter-American Strategy for Public Participation in Decision Making for Sustainable Development (ISP).



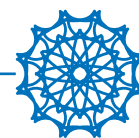
Hugo de Zela, Chief of Staff of the Secretary General of the OAS at the 59th Policy Roundtable of the Organization of OAS: "The issue of climate change has ceased to be a debate, and is an issue that involves governance and public administration, and therefore involves all of us."



*International Participation by
Dr. Leonel Fernández, President of GFDD*

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





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Meeting with Representatives of Indian US-based Companies

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Guest of Honor in the Events Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of UNCTAD

June 18

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June 19

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July 11

Fernández Meets with the 2014 Meritorious Students at Funglode

November 11

Participating at the Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum

November 13

57th Lecture of the Americas at the OAS

November 17

Inter-American Dialogue at Georgetown University

November 25

Next Generation Democracy Meeting

November 26

Fernández Receives Gold Medal from the University of Alcalá

December 18

Lecture at the Latin American and Caribbean Media and Information Literacy Forum



President States that Social Inequality Remains a Challenge for Latin America

Dr. Leonel Fernández expressed that the solution to the problem of inequality in the distribution of wealth remains the main challenge for Latin America. The former Dominican ruler gave a keynote address at the "*II Latin American Policy Forum: Facing the Future*," organized by the Harris School of Public Policy of Chicago University. Dr. Fernández also stated that during the last decade, hundreds of thousands of

citizens have gradually achieved social inclusion and upward mobility, thereby demonstrating the momentum that development is gaining in Latin America. Likewise, the political leader acknowledged that in the past three decades democracy has steadily been putting down strong roots in Latin America, where there is now greater citizen participation in the political process.

Two New Initiatives with Chicago Universities

Dr. Fernández signed two agreements for collaboration to promote technological development: with De Paul University, and the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), in the U.S. The agreements, signed by University Presidents John L. Anderson, on behalf of IIT, and Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, on behalf of De Paul,

seek to strengthen information technology programs, promote research and technological development, and facilitate access by Dominican undergraduate and postgraduate students to these world-recognized American schools. This alliance encourages visits by teachers from the Dominican Republic to Chicago and vice versa.

Agreement Allows Dominican Students Access to US Educational Programs

Dr. Leonel Fernández negotiated an agreement for the Caribbean nation to be granted access to US-based educational programs in Miami-Dade County. The proposal was received by Alberto Carvalho, Superintendent of Education of Miami-Dade County, in the framework of the Americas eMerge event, held at the Miami Beach Convention Center. Americas eMerge

is a technology fair dedicated to innovation and entrepreneurship. Entrepreneurs and tech companies from across the continent participated at the event, as well as the mayors of various Latin American cities who came together to share the main challenges that municipalities face in terms of the efficiency and implementation of new technologies.

Dominican Achievements in Communication Technologies Underscored by Dr. Leonel Fernández

The former President highlighted the great progress achieved by his country in the field of technological development during the Eighth Technology Leadership Awards. He referred to the status of technology and best practices, indicating that, inspired by the technological revolution that

was taking place around the world during his first administration, he began a process of technological innovation in the Dominican Republic, and was impressed by the results achieved. The event was organized by the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Miami, Florida.

May 21 - New York, NY



Bilateral Business Council Launch between the Dominican Republic and India

Former president of the Dominican Republic and President of GFDD convened a meeting with representatives of some 14 Indian companies based in the US, to create a Bilateral Business Council underpinning firm corporate business exchanges between the Dominican Republic and India. The meeting, that took place at GFDD's New

York office, served to attract Indian entrepreneurs to the Dominican Republic, knowing the regulatory framework of the country, the tax structure, the strategic location, and the advantage of investing in the Dominican Republic, especially in the area of manufacturing and services.

May 22 - New York, NY

President Moderates High Level UN Panel

The former Head of State moderated a high level panel discussion at United Nations Headquarters in New York entitled, *"How can all forms of cooperation, namely North-South, South-South and Triangular Cooperation, as well as ICT for development, be utilized to achieve effective means of implementation for the post-2015 development agenda?"*. The panel discussion chaired by President Fernández took place on the second day of an event focused on the *"Contributions of North-South, South-South, Triangular Cooperation, and ICT for Development to the Implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda."*



Dr. Fernández Requests Support from the EU and CARICOM for Profile Study of the Caribbean Countries

In the framework of his European ten-day work agenda Dr. Leonel Fernández met with Mario Pezzini, Director of the Center for Development of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). At the end of the meeting Dr. Fernández requested support from the European Union and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

for an annual profile study of the Caribbean countries. The annual study will be made jointly by GFDD/Funglode, the OECD and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and it will cover topics related to economic, political, social and cultural development.

President Visits Paris 8 University

As part of his work agenda in the French capital, President Fernández visited Paris 8 University to follow up on a cooperation agreement that GFDD/Funglode has with that educational institution. Both institutions are taking the necessary steps to implement the agreement in the areas of social sciences and the humanities, as well as regarding the use of technological networks to achieve greater dissemination of knowledge in general.

For 2015, the collaboration will cover the topics of geopolitics, social geography, comparative literature, multimedia, epistemology studies, research methodology, techniques of social research and a variety of other areas that will be addressed through short courses, seminars, workshops, and the start of Master's degree programs.

Dr. Fernández, Guest of Honor in the Events Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of UNCTAD

The former President of the Dominican Republic participated in the opening ceremony of the activities commemorating the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Secretary General of the United Nations (UN), Ban Ki-Moon, who delivered the opening remarks together with Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary General of UNCTAD,

headed the activity, held at the Palais des Nations, in the city of Geneva. Former President Fernández exchanged views with Ban Ki-Moon and Mukhisa Kituyi on issues of food security, global monetary and financial architecture, international trade, and youth and employment, among other equally important topics.

GFDD/Funglode Joins the Academic Network of the UNCTAD Virtual Institute

GFDD/Funglode, chaired by the President Fernández, joined the academic network of the Virtual Institute of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). The agreement was reached by Dr. Fernández and the Secretary General of UNCTAD, Mukhisa Kituyi. The UNCTAD Virtual Institute is a program for training and the

establishment of a network of academic institutions in the developing countries, as is the case of the Dominican Republic. The main objective of UNCTAD Virtual Institute is to help strengthen the teaching and research capacity of its members in the areas of trade, investment, and development.

Dr. Fernández Says Sustainable Development Goals Will Be a Key Component for Ensuring Peace in the World

Former President of the Dominican Republic made the statement during his speech at the Third Geneva Dialogue on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, an event that is part of the commemorative activities marking the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Speaking of the Sustainable Development Goals designed by the UN to be achieved by the year 2030, the former President said that they will be an important component to facilitate peace and welfare for the peoples of the world.



President Fernández Meets with the 2014 Meritorious Students at Funglode

Nine 2014 meritorious Dominican students living in the United States had the opportunity to meet former President Fernández as part of a series of meetings in the DR with personalities from the various walks of national life. While visiting Funglode the students toured its facilities and the Juan Bosch Library, where they attended the screening of the institutional video of GFDD/Funglode. Natasha Despotovic, executive director of GFDD, offered them a presentation on both institutions and their history. Dr. Fernández spoke with each of the students and welcomed the presence of a representation of the Dominican talent in New York.

Dr. Leonel Fernández Participates in the Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum in Dubai

At the opening ceremony of the Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum, Fernández shared the stage with Vice President of the United Arab Emirates, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, who is also Prime Minister and Constitutional Monarch of Dubai. The ceremony was also attended by Professor Klaus Schwab, founder of the World Economic Forum. The meeting was held at the Convention Center Madinat Jumeirah in Dubai.

Fernández Gives Lecture on Democracy and Human Rights during the 57th Lecture of the Americas at the OAS

The Former President of the DR was the main speaker at the 57th Lecture of the Americas at the Organization of American States (OAS). The conference entitled "The OAS, Democracy and Human Rights," took place at the Hall of the Americas, at the headquarters of the OAS. The President of GFDD/Funglode offered a historical account of the achievements of the OAS since its inception, noting that "the body of observers has served as guarantor of the transparency of the elections, in countries that were dominated for decades by authoritarian regimes, and lacked therefore of democratic tradition and culture." He also took the opportunity to talk about human rights in the Dominican Republic, noting that, "our country, the Dominican Republic, has been placed in recent weeks at the center of a debate about human rights, motivated by a recent judgment of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. The imposition of terms by the Commission and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, which go beyond the mandate given by the states, will only cause a lack of legitimacy, credibility and trust of its institutions."



Dr. Leonel Fernández Urges the United States to End the Cold War Period with Cuba

The statement of former President of the Dominican Republic was given during a meeting organized by the Inter-American Dialogue at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.. Dr. Fernández considered it is time the United States end the Cold War period with Cuba, and defended the island's right to participate in the 2015 Summit of the Americas, to be held in Panamá. He mentioned that in 1962 Cuba was suspended from the OAS and, although the sanction was lifted in 2009, the island has not requested their return to the organization. Panamá has expressed its desire to engage Cuba, while the United States considers that the island does not meet minimum democratic requirements to attend. But for Fernández, "it is time that the United States leave behind the situation with Cuba." The Dominican politician claimed that this year, which marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the fall of Berlin Wall and the end of the Cold War, there is no justification for Cuba not to attend the Summit of the Americas in Panamá.



Dr. Leonel Fernández Highlights Challenges to Democracy in the Region

The former President of the Dominican Republic said that more than three decades after democracy was installed in Latin America as the dominant political system in the region, it is still subject to new challenges due to the rise of a variety of political actors, and the emergence of new institutions and forms of governance. Dr. Fernández spoke at the meeting on *Next Generation Democracy*, organized by the Club de Madrid and the Center for Justice and Human Rights of the Robert F. Kennedy Foundation.

Dr. Leonel Fernández Receives Gold Medal for His Contributions to Education from the University of Alcalá

The Governing Council of the University of Alcalá recognized Fernández's work as President of the Dominican Republic in the field of education and other areas. The ceremony was held in the Auditorium of the University of Alcalá, and it was attended by the leading authorities of that legendary academic institution, as well as by teachers, students, intellectuals, diplomats, and other special guests. Dr. Fernando Galván, Chancellor of the University of Alcalá, presented the award. The university maintains cooperation agreements with several institutions of higher education in the Dominican Republic, which include the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo (UASD), the Catholic University of Santo Domingo (UCSD), Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE), the Pedro Henríquez Ureña National University (UNPHU), *Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra* (PUCMM), and the APEC University, among others.



Dr. Leonel Fernández Advocates for the Use of Technology to Promote Education and Spanish Language

The statement was given during a lecture held at the *Latin American and Caribbean Media and Information Literacy Forum*, celebrated at the headquarters of the National Autonomous University of México (UNAM, by its Spanish acronym). The former President of the Dominican Republic advocated for the information technology and communication to be used to advance education, and ensure the expansion of Spanish language, which he said cannot remain a subordinate language.



Dr. Leonel Fernández, Meeting the 2014 Meritorious Students at Funglode:

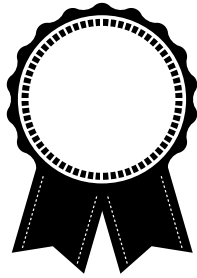
"I encourage you to successfully complete your professional careers, and maybe some of you will join us here at Funglode when you receive your diplomas."



Dr. Leonel Fernández, On the Next Generation Democracy meeting:

"Democratic governance to exist in Latin America and the Caribbean will be required to improve the quality of public administration with a view of providing services to citizens that are efficient and transparent, to strengthen mechanisms for accountability, to make conflict resolution more effective and to promote, on an ongoing basis, agreements, political dialogue and social inclusion."

GFD/ Funglode Awards





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GFDD/Funglode, through its Cultural Studies Center, celebrated the 8th edition of its Annual Awards for Literature, Journalism, Photography and Audiovisual. A total of 500 entries were submitted this year, including 199 for short stories categories, 18 for novels, 45 for poetry, 21 for journalism, and 13 for essays. In the photography category there were 199 proposals: 92 in color, 76 in black and white, and 31 in creative digital. Five projects were also submitted in the documentary category. The winners in the first three places in almost every category received cash prizes, ranging from RD\$25,000 up to RD\$150,000. In addition to prize money, the works submitted in the categories of novel, poetry, journalism, essays and short stories will be published by Editorial Funglode.

Awards

Pedro Mir Poetry Award

First Place: *Anversos*, César Augusto Zapata

Juan Bosch Short Story Award

First Place: *Con la misma moneda*, Vladimir Tatis Pérez

Second Place: *Serás para mí*, Keiselim A. Montás,

Third Place: *El último crepúsculo* de Manuel Sangremezclada, Olivier Lemaire Batista

Honorable Mentions

Morder la sonrisa, Boris, José Beltrán Frías
El relojero de Zúrich, Omar Mesón,
Nouvelle (la circuncisión de Lucifer), José Fernández Caminero

Federico García Godoy Novel Award

First Place (Vacant)

Runners-Up:

La vida y los tiempos, Rafael Antonio Tejada.
El pingüino rojo, by Jesús Leonardo D' Alessandro Martínez.

Pedro Francisco Bonó Essay Award

First Place: *El poder de la técnica: la estructura narrativa de la novela 'Solo cenizas hallarás (Bolero)'*, Fernando Alberto Berroa Aquino

Second Place: *La filosofía, ¿qué es y para qué sirve?*, Ángel P. Polacio

Third Place: *El discurso, una herramienta de poder*, Melania Pérez Florentino

Rafael Herrera Journalism Award

First Place: "La colonia china en República Dominicana," Javier Valdivia Olachee, *Listín Diario*.

Second Place: "Juan Santiago, el pueblo del olvido," Yinett Santelises, *Diario Libre*

Third Place: "Madres adolescentes," Saiury Calcaño Rodríguez and Francis de la Cruz, *Listín Diario*.

Special Mentions

"Los de Allá/ Special Series," Indhira Suero Acosta, *Listín Diario*.

"Los feminicidas," Wanda Méndez and Doris Pantaleón, *Listín Diario*.

"Contrabando de carbón en la frontera," Kirsis Díaz, *Diario Libre*.

"Adictos a las drogas," Ana Lisania Batista Mateo, *Diario Libre*.

Max Pou Documentary Award

Award for Uniqueness: *El imperio de la comida cocola*, Ana Paula Reyes

Abelardo Rodríguez Urdaneta Photography Award

Color

First Place: *Barriendo sueños*, Narciso Polanco

Second Place: *El niño exterior*, Kelvin Naar

Mention: *A través de la ventana*, Eloy Pérez Báez

Mention: *A contra luz*, Denisse Morales Pou

Black and White

First Place: *La niña que nació de una larva*, Gabriel Sánchez

Second Place: *Del machismo al feminicidio*, Kelvin Naar

Mention: *Cocina de campo*, Renato David Soto

Mention: *¿Por qué él?*, José Joaquín Lama

Creative Digital

First Place: *Mundo binario*, Luis Arias

Second Place: *Cuidemos la fuente*, Yamell Mateo Liriano

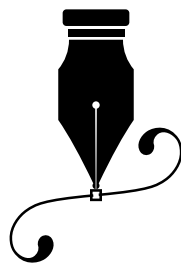
Mention: *Transformación*, Margarita Mora Soler

Mention: *Renaciendo*, Francisco Fortunato

Audience Award

Monocromo, Miguel Cruz Reyes (Black and White Category)

Publications





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Each 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.com and iTunes.

The Presence of Africa in the Caribbean, the Antilles and the United States Launched at Medgar Evers College

The Presence of Africa in the Caribbean, the Antilles and the United States was launched at Medgar Evers' Edison O. Jackson Auditorium in Brooklyn. The book on African Diaspora forms part of the GFDD/Funglode publication series Research and Ideas, which includes research papers, articles and speeches that address critical issues of the contemporary world, from national, regional and global perspectives. It was released in Spanish last year, seeking to elevate the discourse on the historical journey of people of African descent throughout the continent, and to promote understanding of how this journey continues to shape modern society.



El Metro Is Launched Digital Audio Format

The publication from the Research and Ideas series *El Metro and the Impacts of Transportation System Integration in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic* was launched as an audio book on Amazon, Audible and iTunes websites. Now, for the first time, a new audience of avid listeners can hear an analysis of the Santo Domingo Metro and Feeder Bus System. The book is downloadable straight to your smart-phone, e-reader device or tablet



GFDD Launches New Book on Sustainable Development and Green Economy

Hacia el desarrollo sostenible y la economía verde en la República Dominicana (Towards Sustainable Development and Green Economy) was launched in the Dominican Republic during the IV Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival. The publication, initially published in Spanish, uses very user-friendly language to foster awareness on climate change and sustainability topics for a wide audience in both the Dominican Republic and abroad. The book includes a brief analysis of the current sustainable development trends in a global context, a compilation of national and international legislation and a practical guide to promote environmental sustainability and resilience from both business and household perspectives. It also gives an introduction to basic sustainability topics; discusses the most important milestones in sustainable development at the international and local levels, and outlines the best practices and shares the lessons learned from many countries and companies that have committed to sustainability at multiple levels.



Yomayra Martinó, Specialist in Energy Law and Environmental Law, talking about the book *Towards Sustainable Development and Green Economy*: "This book promotes consciousness on climate change and environmental sustainability issues and is of great value, not just to the Dominican Republic but to anyone interested in the major challenges in environmental regulation for sustainable development in today's world".

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