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For more than one decade we have continued our mission of providing access to knowledge and best practices to citizens so that the Dominican Republic can find solutions to its major challenges and be at the forefront of professional expertise, innovation, entrepreneurship, and appropriate public policy. But our goals do not end there.

We at GFDD work consistently 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. Our educational programs, partnerships, and professional training sessions aim to encourage upcoming generations to develop creative solutions to today’s problems and support change for a better, promising future.

The overall goal of GFDD is to engage 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 across the globe. The hard work put forth by our teams has inspired countless individuals and organizations throughout the Dominican Republic to take steps to bring about the development of our society, and to work alongside countries in the Western Hemisphere and the rest of the world.

It is with great satisfaction and pride that we present the fruits of our labor from our projects and programs in 2015. We thank you for joining us once more and invite you to continue to be part of our family as we continue on. We hope to inspire you and others, just as we have been inspired by all the individuals and institutions we work with.

GFDD is proud to have spent the last thirteen years 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. Due to these years of collaboration, GFDD has built a reputation as a trusted independent center of study, design and implementation of programs and projects that contribute to the overall development of the Dominican Republic, the region, and the world.

2015 was, as usual, an extremely busy and productive year. It is with a sense of fulfillment and accomplishment that we present you with the results of our hard work, through which 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.

This year GFDD published *Lo Dominicano I All Things Dominican*, a bilingual book which focuses on the Dominican Republic as a country full of enviable natural wealth and hospitable, kind, and lively people. Additionally, GFDD celebrated the premiere of its latest film production, *Value of Life*, which discusses natural capital and sustainable development in the Dominican Republic. Five new publications in our Ideas and Research Series present the outcome of a meticulous research carried out by our fellows in different areas of socio-economic development.

The ReCreate program reached more than 2,000 people this year in the Dominican Republic through 80 workshops. In the meantime EcoHuertos reached a milestone this year with the creation of 50 family vegetable gardens at Batey 50.

We would like to thank our partners, sponsors, collaborators and friends, as these achievements would not have been possible without their support and engagement. As we evolve with each passing year, I invite you to continue working with us as we push for change and betterment in the Dominican Republic and the world. Thank you again for your support, we look forward to what we will create together in 2016.

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



GFDD Highlights 2015



More than **10,000** spectators attended the 5th Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival in **11** cities and **30** venues

GFDD held over **16** events related to the work of the United Nations, both in the US and the Dominican Republic

GFDD was granted official observer status with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

InterRDom had an exciting and busy year, bringing **25** students from **12** universities around the world to intern in multiple industries in the Dominican Republic

GFDD production *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience* continued its tour of festivals worldwide: India, San Francisco, Havana, Turin and others...

GFDD launched **13** new books, among them, *Lo DOMINICANO I ALL THINGS DOMINICANS*, the first of this type in the world



GFDD Youtube Channel hosted **40** new productions and counted **146,000** views

The EcoHuertos program implemented a project in **Batey 50** that allowed the establishment of **50** family vegetable gardens



GFDD produced and launched the short film *Value of Life*, which discusses natural capital and sustainable development in the Dominican Republic

ReCreatearte offered more than **80** workshops throughout the whole country with a participation of more than **2,000** people

The Global Roundtable sessions hosted a wide variety of guests including OAS representatives, an international trade relations expert, a World Bank environmental economist and the director of programs for one of the world's largest environmental protection funds

RDescubre organized **2** expeditions to Pico Duarte, **1** cocoa trail tour, and **1** excursion to the coral reef in Punta Cana

Dominicanaonline.org counted **180,000** visitors

Dominican Get Together hosted **3** music stars in NYC: **Fernando Villalona**, **Xiomara Fortuna**, and **Pavel Núñez**

The Year Round Environmental Film Screenings reached **15** venues around the country and totaled more than **1,500** spectators

Globo Verde Dominicano Award introduced in **2015** a new category addressed to students: *Globo Verde Junior*

Celebrating and sharing
the diversity and
uniqueness of the
Dominican Republic



*Dominican Issues,
Heritage and
Outreach*



Dominican Get-Togethers

Dominican
get-togethers



DGT contributes to express the Dominican uniqueness and enjoy what makes the country so richly distinguished.

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 sixth 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.

New York

- ▶ **April 17**
Artist Xiomara Fortuna, at the Dominican Commission of Culture in the United States
- ▶ **May 15**
Evening with Musician Fernando Villalona at the Museum of Arts and Design
- ▶ **May 29**
Pavel Núñez Takes the Stage at the Symphony Space Theater





Artist Xiomara Fortuna Discusses Life and Music

April 17 - New York

This event took place before a packed auditorium at the Dominican Commission of Culture in the United States, in the presence of versatile Dominican artist Xiomara Fortuna. With over 38 years of experience as a singer, songwriter, composer, and researcher of Dominican culture, Xiomara reflected on her career as an artist and gave a live concert, during which she performed some of her most famous songs.

“We are more than honored to have collaborated in this important event with the great artist Xiomara Fortuna. The team did an outstanding job and it was an honor to work with the GFDD team”.

Joanna Herrera
Communications Director and Public Relations for the
Dominican Cultural Commissioner in the US

“I want to thank you for the lovely time I had last week at the event for Fernando Villalona. We the audience were treated to an incredibly candid and heart to heart talk by the world renowned singer. The questions posed by the moderator were extremely informative and got to the heart of the singer. In addition, the small audience made one feel as if we were in his living room -- a *familia* type of setting. I hope to attend many more events such as this in the near future.”

Ivonne Davila
Office of the Dean, Hunter College School of Nursing

A Magical Night with Pavel Núñez

May 29 - New York

GFDD once again brought together the Dominican community, this time to present the famous Dominican singer, musician, and songwriter Pavel Núñez. The event was held at the Symphony Space Theater. Pavel took the stage accompanied by his longtime friend and fellow famous Dominican musician, Rafa Payan, for an evening of anecdotes, songs, and conversation.



Fernando Villalona Reflects on Personal Life, Career, and Bond with Dominican Culture

May 15 - New York

For the second DGT of 2015, GFDD welcomed Fernando Villalona, *el Mayimbe*, one of the most important musicians of the Dominican Republic, to the Museum of Arts and Design. Villalona sat down with GFDD's team and the audience to talk about his life and music career that spans more than four decades, before giving a live rendition of some of his most famous songs.



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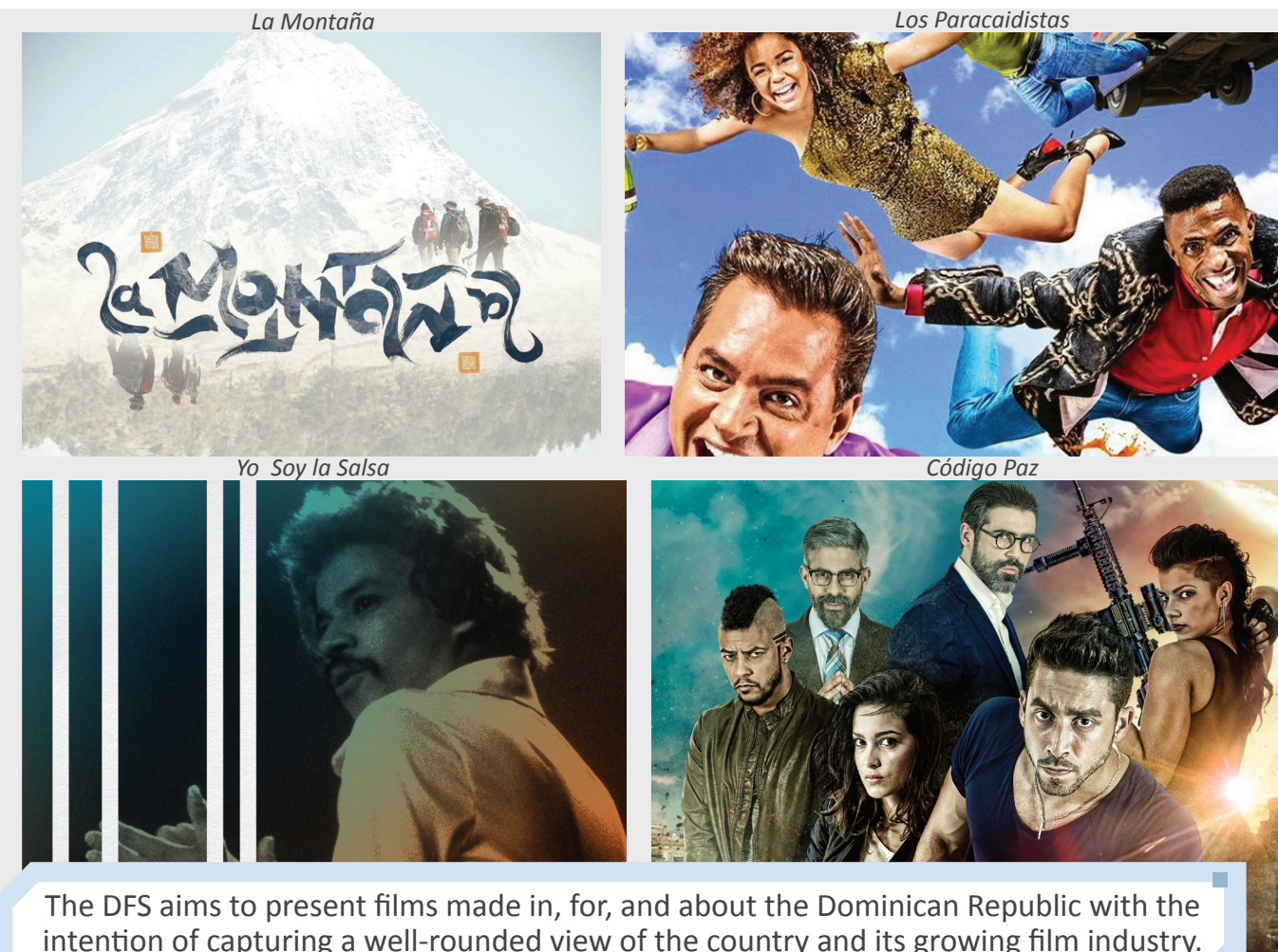
- Dominican Commission of Culture in the US, New York
- Museum of Arts and Design, New York
- Symphony Space Theater, New York

Dominican Film Showcase



The Dominican Film Showcase contributes to the dissemination of the best contemporary films produced in the Dominican Republic, by Dominican filmmakers, about Dominican topics. In its mission to promote the knowledge and appreciation of Dominican culture as well as to inspire Dominican filmmakers to reach out internationally, GFDD partners with institutions worldwide and creates opportunities for wide audiences to enjoy art, learn about Dominican culture, and engage in conversations with filmmakers. This year, the program hosted three editions in New York, Washington, D.C., and Camden, New Jersey, and screened a variety of movies ranging from comedy and action to documentary.

Dominican Film SHOWCASE



The DFS aims to present films made in, for, and about the Dominican Republic with the intention of capturing a well-rounded view of the country and its growing film industry.

- ▶ **February 27**
200 Students Attend the Screening of *La Montaña* in New Jersey
- ▶ **November 6**
The Star of the Movie *Código Paz* Joins for Its Screening in New York
- ▶ **November 20-21-22**
Los Paracaidistas, *Yo Soy la Salsa*, and *Código Paz*, Screened in Washington, D.C.
- ▶ **December 8**
Encore screening of *Yo Soy la Salsa* in Washington, D.C. in collaboration with the Dominican Embassy in the US





Local Students Enjoy First 2015 DFS with Screening of *La Montaña*

February 27 - Camden, New Jersey

About 200 students from Pyne Poynt Middle School, Woodrow Wilson High School, and East High School attended the first DFS of 2015, where they enjoyed the screening of the film *La Montaña*, which presents the adventure of the first Dominican expedition to reach the top of Mount Everest.

Exciting Action Film Wows Audience

November 6 - New York

The Dominican Film Showcase returned to New York City, and did so with the action film *Código Paz*, by filmmaker Pedro Urrutia. One of the stars, Héctor Aníbal, traveled from the Dominican Republic to share the evening with the public and the staff of GFDD at the Symphony Space on Broadway.



Night of Laughs with *Los Paracaidistas* and Cheddy García

November 20 - Washington, D.C.

The DFS could not have had a better opening night. A hundred minutes of laughter followed by a pleasant conversation with one of the most famous Dominican comedians and actresses, and a cocktail reception for new and old friends of GFDD. The film was *Los Paracaidistas*, directed by Archie López, starring the charismatic, award-winning actress Cheddy García, straight from the Dominican Republic for the occasion.



"The Dominican Film Showcase deserves total support. This activity is becoming a tradition among the Dominican community and film lovers in Washington D.C. It is an excellent way to show our culture through our films."

Angie Martínez
Director of Academic Affairs at the
Dominican Embassy in the United States

"It is a good initiative for two reasons: Dominicans living abroad often miss the opportunity to appreciate Dominican art and to have places like this where we can consume our own products. But I also think that internationally, we are opening doors to other people and cultures."

Melisa Mena
Spectator



Homage to Musician Johnny Pacheco with *Yo Soy la Salsa*

November 21 - Washington, D.C.

The second day of the GFDD's DFS came with an abundance of rhythm provided by Latin music legend Johnny Pacheco. The documentary *Yo Soy la Salsa*, directed by Manuel Villalona and produced by Andrés Van der Horst, is an homage to the maestro of salsa, as told through his own testimonies as well as those of his friends and colleagues.



Código Paz and Director Pedro Urrutia Close DFS with Great Success

November 22 - Washington, D.C.

The DFS closed with an excellent finishing touch on Saturday with the screening of Pedro Urrutia's first film: *Código Paz*. The audience lauded the first Dominican-made action film and was also delighted by the presence of the young director at the Art Museum of the Americas. *Código Paz* has been a great success in the Dominican Republic and is now enjoying worldwide attention.



Yo Soy la Salsa Returns to D.C. for Encore Screening

December 8 - Washington, D.C.

Due to its successful showing at the DFS, and at the requests of the audience, *Yo Soy la Salsa* had an encore showing on December 8th. The documentary, which follows the beginnings of the salsa music genre, includes interviews with music legend Johnny Pacheco and other influential individuals. This special showing of *Yo Soy la Salsa* was a joint initiative of GFDD and the Embassy of the Dominican Republic in the US.



In partnership and collaboration with:

- Dominican Republic Film Commission
- Pyne Poynt Middle School, New Jersey
- Woodrow Wilson High School, New Jersey
- Professional Latinas Alliance Network
- East High School, New Jersey
- Art Museum of the Americas, Washington D.C.
- Embassy of the Dominican Republic in the US, Washington D.C.



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Dominicanaonline is growing every day thanks to the contribution of writers and collaborators all around the world.

Portal Dominicanaonline.org

Actuality


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 each month

 New subscribers
 this year
1,800

200

 news stories
 published every
 month

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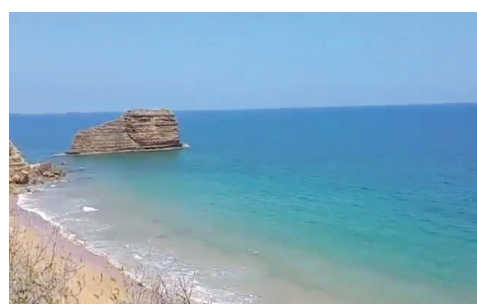
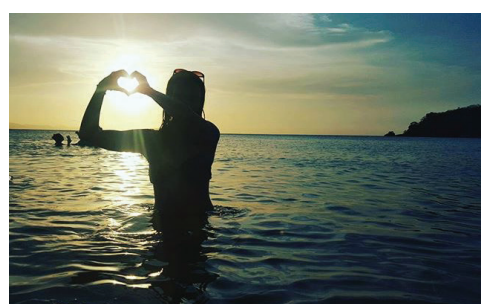
Economy Section at Dominicanonline.org is constantly updated according to the reports from the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic.

A team of specialists in the economic sphere provides current and maximum interest information.


Economy

Resources

The Portal boasts a very resourceful and up-to-date Citizen Information section, where visitors can find vital data about public services, taxes, consumer protection services, civil registry, postal codes, and maps.

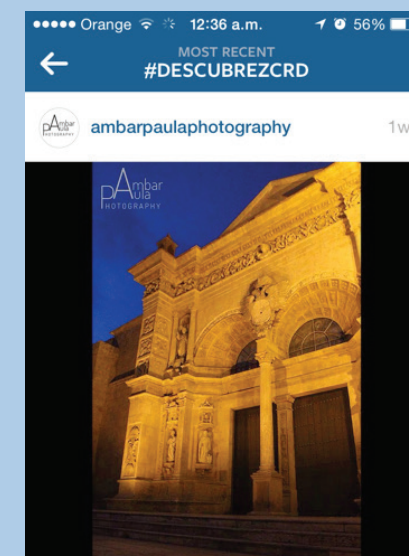


National Photo and Video Social Media Competition

Between August 13th and September 12th, a total of 148 photographers participated in the #MiRincon Social Networks Contest held in coordination with the DREFF. Contestants shared a photo or 15-second video of their favorite natural area in the Dominican Republic through Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook. Four photos and a video were selected as winners. The prizes awarded were GFDD publications, and accessories for cellphones and cameras.

@dominicanaonline & @zonacolonialrd Launch “Discover Your Colonial Zone”

Dominicanaonline, and the @zonacolonialrd Instagram account launched the “Discover Your Colonial Zone” photo competition. The contest invited professional as well as amateur photographers to submit their best pictures of Santo Domingo’s Colonial Zone from June 9th to June 25th, 2015. A total of 285 photographers participated in the contest. Winners were awarded with GFDD publications, as well as accessories for cellphones and cameras.



Video Productions



All Things Dominican
 Las Cachúas de Cabral



Dominicans You Should Know
 Xiomara Fortuna
 Singer



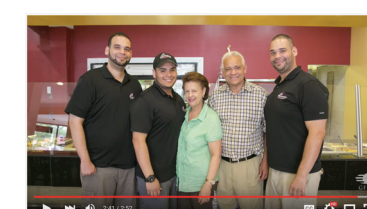
Dominicans You Should Know
 Iván Gómez
 Mountain Climber



Dominicans You Should Know
 Crisoire Zorrilla de Reid
 Owner of SPAGnVOLA



Dominicans You Should Know
 Fernando Báez
 Filmmaker



Dominicans You Should Know
 Aris and Raymond Comprés
 Owners of Los Hermanos Restaurant

Dominican Week in the US



Combining forces with other like-minded institutions promoting the Dominican Republic is always an experience to be appreciated.

Following its objective to promote better understanding and appreciation of Dominican culture, values, and heritage in the Dominican Republic, the US, and worldwide, GFDD has participated very actively in 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 American Chamber of Commerce in the Dominican Republic and the National Supermarket Association to host two events in NYC and D.C.

▶ **May 13**
Networking Event in Washington, D.C.

▶ **May 15**
Meeting on Corporate Social Responsibility and Commerce in New York



Building Networks, Promoting Alliances

May 13 - Washington, D.C.

The lively gathering, held at the GFDD office in Washington D.C., was the perfect atmosphere for networking and promoting partnerships between the Dominican businessmen who were part of the delegation visiting the United States for Dominican Week 2015 and a group of talented young representatives of international and governmental organizations, universities, private companies, and non-governmental organizations.

Numerous personalities attended the meeting, including US Ambassador in the Dominican Republic, James Brewster, Jr.; Carlos Fernández, President of the Electromechanical Consortium; David Searby from the US State Department; Josefina Diéguez de Vicini, Director of Communications and International Relations of the Vicini Group; and Manuel Tavares, of DP World Caucedo.

"I think it is an excellent opportunity to meet other professionals who are in the same environment, the same professional area; and others that are in a more advanced stage in their career and you get their advice. It is very rewarding."

Lydia Brito
OAS Finance Department

"Events like this one are extremely important for the development of the Dominican community in the US, because they give us the opportunity to connect with representatives of the local communities, which are providing and are implementing the knowledge acquired abroad."

Carlos Espailat
Dominican Embassy in the US



Meeting on Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability

May 15 - New York

GFDD, the American Chamber of Commerce in the Dominican Republic, and the National Supermarket Association organized a meeting in New York to discuss Corporate Social Responsibility and Commerce between the Dominican Republic and New York, with a focus on sustainable development. Speakers included Samuel Collado, founding member of the National Supermarket Association (NSA); William Malamud, AMCHAMDR executive vice president; Luis Tejada, Vice President of Sales for Goya Foods; Rodolfo Fuertes, president of NSA, and Paula Salvador, representative of the Center for Export and Investment of the Dominican Republic (CEI-RD).

In partnership and collaboration with:

- American Chamber of Commerce in the Dominican Republic
- National Supermarket Association, New York
- Embassy of the Dominican Republic in the US, Washington D.C.



Golf Tournament



The tournaments are part of GFDD's effort to engage supporters while promoting fundraising efforts. The fundraising supports 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. The tournaments, already a GFDD tradition, are attended by leading figures from the philanthropic field, prominent sports figures, and other friends who through the years have supported GFDD's programs.



Tournaments are an excellent way to spend time with partners and friends while promoting GFDD initiatives.



- ▶ **September 22**
100 Players Participate at the 6th Golf Tournament in New York
- ▶ **October 24**
The 7th Golf Tournament Takes Place in Miami

6th Golf Tournament Kicks Off with 100 Players

September 22 - New York

More than 100 golf players participated in the 6th Golf Tournament at Glen Head Country Club. In a relaxed atmosphere, the players enjoyed perfect weather for playing golf and a day full of activities that culminated with a gala dinner attended by the President of GFDD and Funglode, Dr. Leonel Fernández.



"The funds raised are applied to GFDD's continued 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."

Natasha Despotovic
GFDD Executive Director



Supporters, Friends Come Together at 7th Golf Tournament

October 24 - Miami

More than 70 players joined the VII GFDD Golf Tournament, celebrated at the Turnberry Isle Golf course. Dr. Leonel Fernández, President of GFDD/Funglode, Mr. Juan Marichal, Major League Baseball great, and Natasha Despotovic, GFDD Executive Director, gave the welcoming remarks and kicked off the tournament.



In partnership and collaboration with:

- **Miami:** 3AWORLDDWIDE, Nec Investments, Cielo RD, Bales & Bales, The Cabral Mena Group, Agro Industrial UFG, Miami Rum Club, BP Media, Libbys, Ron Barceló, Brilliance, Mahou, Ketel Vodka, Unicaribe.
- **New York:** Ace, Bimbo, Café Rubio, Café Santo Domingo, Carolina Rice, CBA, Clinica Tapia, Compare Food, Derle Farm, Edwin Travel, Fine Fare Supermarkets, Frito Lay, Furco Foods, General Trading Co, Hispanic Indoor Media, Inca Cola, Key Food, Key Food Coop, Mission Food, Nebraskaland, Ortiz y Compres, Ozone Refrigeration, Popular Community Bank, Porkis Food, Ob Car Wash, R Best, Sv Produce, Tomra, and Lino Press.

GFDD Short Productions



Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience

<http://garbage.dreff.org>

Value of Life

<http://vital.dreff.org>



Cachuas from Cabral

<http://cachuas.globalfoundationdd.org>

Afterwards, in 1791

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. This year, the new GFDD short film *Value of Life* premiered at the DREFF, and the film *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience* continued to have great success in the country and at different festivals across the globe.

GFDD Short Productions



By creating these films, we promote sustainable development through an attention grabbing, visually stunning medium.

- ▶ **January 22**
Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience Available Online
- ▶ **April 2**
New GFDD Short Film Released on YouTube
- ▶ **June 23**
GFDD Short Film Featured in the Online Green Unplugged Festival
- ▶ **July 10**
Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience Screened at the 10th International Convention on Environment and Development, in Cuba
- ▶ **September 8**
Value of Life Premieres During DREFF, DR
- ▶ **October 1**
Dominican Night at CinemAmbiente Film Festival, Italy
- ▶ **October 13**
Film Screened at International Environment & Wildlife Film Festival and Forum, New Delhi, India
- ▶ **October 19**
Warm Welcome for GFDD Film at 18th UNAFF, Palo Alto
- ▶ **October 27**
GFDD Film to be Broadcasted For Two Years in India



Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience Available Online

January 22 - Washington, D.C.

The public can view now the 3 award-winning 17-minute documentary that shows how recycling has become a significant economic opportunity for Dominicans. Through various business and educational projects the viewer learns how recycling brings economic development through the creation of new businesses and industries.

www.youtube.com/GlobalFoundation

GFDD YouTube Channel Received 146,000 Views and Counting

GFDD has been working through the year to bring news, events, book launches, interviews, reports, and more to its YouTube channel. Over 40 new videos have been uploaded this year. The GFDD YouTube Channel has received more than 146,000 views.



New GFDD Short Film Released Online

April 2

The film, created by the GFDD team, brings viewers to the town of Cabral in Barahona, to learn about the famous costume the *Cachuas from Cabral* feature during the Cimarron Carnival, which is celebrated during the last days of the Holy Week. This mask is a long-standing tradition of the area, and resembles the cimarron slaves from the 18th century. The Cachuas from Cabral are very unique and one of the most notorious masks throughout the country due to the colors, horns, and cross on the back of the costume.

GFDD Short Film Featured in Online Film Festival

June 23

The prizewinning GFDD short film *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience* was selected to screen at the online Green Unplugged Festival, and was available on the Culture Unplugged website from June to December 2015. This global online festival promotes restoring the wholeness of the environment through film.



Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience screens in Cuba

July 10 - Havana, Cuba

As part of the 10th International Convention on Environment and Development held in La Habana, Cuba, GFDD's short film *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience* was screened to a global audience of activists, environmentalists, representatives from public and private sectors, decision-makers, stakeholders, and others from more than 45 countries.

Valor Vital Premieres During DREFF

September 8 - Santo Domingo, DR

The short film *Value of Life* was produced by the GFDD team and discusses natural capital and sustainable development in the Dominican Republic.



Dominican Night at CinemAmbiente Film Festival, Italy

October 1 - Turin, Italy

Two Dominican films were screened at the CinemAmbiente film festival this October. The GFDD productions *Valor Vital* and *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience*, both directed by Natasha Despotovic, were shown at the festival on October 8th. Despotovic, Executive Director of GFDD and DREFF, was invited to present the films and serve as a juror within the festival.



Warm Welcome for GFDD Film at 18th UNAFF

October 19 - Palo Alto

The audience at the 18th United Nations Association Film Festival (UNAFF) learned about recycling and ways to use garbage as a raw material to create art and new products and a source of income. The film, *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience* was chosen to be screened at the festival and was received with a very warm welcome.



GFDD Film to be Broadcasted For Two Years in India

October 27 - New Delhi, India

Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience was nominated and screened at the 8th Competitive CMS Vatavaran Environment & Wildlife Film Festival and Forum in October 2015. As part of this recognition, GFDD's short film will be broadcasted on select television channels in India for the next two years.



Film Screened at International Environment & Wildlife Film Festival and Forum

October 13 - New Delhi, India

GFDD's short film *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience* was screened at the 8th International Environment & Wildlife Film Festival and Forum, India's only International Film Festival, which takes place in New Delhi. The film festival has become one of the most prestigious film festivals across the globe, and has been partners with GFDD's DREFF since early 2015. Both festivals are members of the Green Film Network.



In partnership and collaboration with:

- Green Film Network
- CMS VATAVARAN Competitive International Environment & Wildlife Film Festival and Forum, India
- International Convention on Environment and Development, Cuba
- CinemAmbiente Film Festival, Italy
- United Nations Association Film Festival
- Dr. Víctor Gómez-Valenzuela, INTEC
- Alberto Sánchez, PPS-PNUD
- Raúl Aguayo, Conuco Solar
- Jonathan Delance, Ministerio Medio Ambiente / PNUD
- Omar Rodríguez, Rancho Baiguarte
- Bari Domínguez, Parque Eólico Los Cocos
- Hilary Lohman - GFDD Fellow
- Victor Alfonso, Microhidroeléctrica Paso de la Perra
- León de Cepeda, Microhidroeléctrica Paso de la Perra
- Cristiana Cruz Minier, EcoHuertos
- Nicolás Corona, Sierra de Bahoruco
- Hanoi Vásquez, Clúster Apícola Dominicano
- César Rodríguez, Consorcio Ambiental Dominicano
- Colegio Babeque

Activities with the Dominican Community in the US



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



By reaching out to the Dominican community in the US, GFDD strives to support a collaboration and exchange between the Dominicans in the home country and those that live abroad.

- ▷ **February 19**
Recognition for GFDD/Funglode Work with the Dominican Community in New York
- ▷ **March 7-8**
Lecture at the 13th International Book Fair of Dominican Women Writers
- ▷ **May 2**
6,500 People Visited the Embassy of the Dominican Republic in the US during Passport D.C. 2015
- ▷ **September 29**
GFDD at Dominican Book Fair in New York
- ▷ **November 7**
ASOVEUSA Awards GFDD/Funglode for their Support of La Vega Residents in the Diaspora
- ▷ **November 16-17**
Workshop To Be a Writer 2.0: Tools to Become a Writer of the 21st Century



GFDD/Funglode Receives Recognition for Its Work with the Dominican Community in New York

February 19 - New York, US

Yamile Eusebio, Director of GFDD office in New York, received the award on behalf of the organization at the 5th edition of the Herencia Dominicana (Dominican Heritage), where the institution was recognized for its work with the Dominican community in New York. The event was held at the Marina del Rey in the Bronx, New York.

"The work alliance between the Dominican Embassy and GFDD/Funglode, active for several years now, is a very positive relationship wherein both organizations have benefitted."

José Tomás Pérez
Dominican Ambassador in the United States

"GFDD/Funglode are important allies of ASOVEUSA. Thanks to them, we are able to hold very important events for the La Vega community in New York."

Juan Pineda
President of ASOVEUSA

GFDD Celebrates Dominican Women Writers

March 7-8 - New York, US

GFDD participated at the 13th International Book Fair of Dominican Women Writers, where several authors were honored for their contribution to Dominican literature. The foundation presented a lecture by Dr. Martha Beato, specialist in human development and transactional analysis, on the Topic "The 7 Internal Forces as a Way to Empower Women". Before a packed auditorium, Dr. Beato highlighted the 7 forces behind women, according to her, their risks, challenges and characteristics.



"It is always a great satisfaction to join forces with institutions like GFDD to promote the Dominican Republic, its values, culture, and people in the United States."

Iván Canals
Dominican youth leader in NYC

GFDD Stand Sees over 6,500 Visitors During Passport D.C. 2015

May 2 - Washington D.C., US

Over 6,500 people enjoyed a day full of Dominican flavor at Passport D.C., an annual event in Washington D.C. in which foreign embassies open their doors to the public. Visitors at the Dominican Embassy on 22nd Street not only danced merengue and bachata and snacked on Dominican tapas, they also learned about GFDD/Funglode's various projects and programs and took home many of the foundations' products and publications. In addition, GFDD/Funglode had the privilege of interviewing the Dominican Ambassador in the United States, José Tomás Pérez, who spoke with the Communications and Media team about the importance of this event and the success of this year's huge attendance.



Awards to GFDD/Funglode for Their Support of La Vega Residents in the Diaspora

November 7 - New York, US

The Asociación de Veganos en los Estados Unidos (ASOVEUSA – Association of La Vega Residents in the US) celebrated its 5th anniversary with a gala dinner, at the Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Educational Center in New York, in which they recognized GFDD/Funglode, among other institutions, for its support of citizens of La Vega who live abroad. Yamile Eusebio, Director of the GFDD office in New York, and Kenia Hernández, Administrator of the GFDD New York office, accepted GFDD's recognition from Juan Pineda, president of ASOVEUSA, who highlighted the Foundations' support of ASOVEUSA, provided in a "constant and selfless way since its creation."



Workshop: To Be a Writer 2.0: Tools to Become a Writer of the 21st Century

November 16-17 - New York, US

GFDD, in its continuous effort to contribute to the social, economic, and cultural development of Dominican professionals in the homeland and abroad, presented the workshop titled "To Be a Writer 2.0: Tools to Become a Writer of the 21st Century," in collaboration with the Comisionado Dominicano de Cultura in New York City. The workshop was led by Luis Reynaldo Pérez, an award winning writer, editor, and cultural manager from the Dominican Republic and covered topics such as: what is a writer; what are social networks and how they work; how to build an identity on social networks; and what is a strategy on social networks, blogs, and other topics.



GFDD at Dominican Book Fair in New York with Publications, Presentation of Programs, and Conference with Veloz Maggiolo

September 29 - New York, US

In addition to offering GFDD/Funglode publications for sale and exhibiting various programs and initiatives, the foundations organized a lecture given by renowned Dominican writer, archaeologist, and anthropologist, Marcio Veloz Maggiolo: *Lafourcade y su novela sobre Trujillo* (La Fourcade and his Novel about Trujillo).



In partnership and collaboration with:

- Embassy of the Dominican Republic in the US
- Comisionado Dominicano de Cultura in New York City
- Dominican Book Fair in New York
- Association of La Vega Residents in the US
- Dominican Women Writers Fair in the US

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Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival (DREFF)



Since its creation in 2011, the Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival (DREFF) has been providing Dominicans with a platform of knowledge and debate on the environment and sustainable development, along with its challenges and best practices, while celebrating the unique beauty and wealth that is the Dominican Republic's natural heritage.

With a diverse selection of films and numerous panels, workshops, seminars, and community activities, the DREFF promotes dialogue and the exchange of knowledge and experience, inspiring Dominicans to adopt actions that contribute to the appreciation, conservation, and sustainable use of their environmental resources.

By bringing together young people, scholars, experts, activists, filmmakers, representatives from the public and private sector, non-governmental organizations, as well as wide audiences from all walks of life, the Festival promotes programs and projects that contribute to environmental protection, conservation, and sustainability.

Thanks to the participation of more than 75 private, non-governmental and public institutions, in September 2015 the Festival reached more than 10,000 viewers in 11 cities in the Dominican Republic, with 120 free film screenings at 30 venues around the country.



- ▷ **January 5**
Green Film Network Welcomes DREFF as New Member
- ▷ **February 12**
DREFF Participates in the *Festival International du Film D' Environnement (FIFE)*, France
- ▷ **March 17**
Special Guest at the D.C. Environmental Film Festival Opening
- ▷ **March 20**
Dominican Evening at the DCEFF
- ▷ **April 3**
DREFF and UNIBE Sign Agreement to Raise Environmental Awareness and Promote Sustainable Development
- ▷ **April 24**
New Partnership Established with India's CMS Vatavaran Environment and Wildlife Film Festival
- ▷ **June 25**
Promoting Sustainable Development Awareness in the Dominican Republic with FUNIBER
- ▷ **August 28**
New Phone App for DREFF 2015
- ▷ **September 8-13**
10,000 Spectators Attend the 5th Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival in 11 Cities
- ▷ **October 23**
DREFF Participates at 16th Planet in Focus Environmental Film Festival in Toronto
- ▷ **November 18**
DREFF Motivates Young People to Create Softball Team Promoting Shark Protection



Green Film Network Welcomes DREFF as New Member

January 5 - New York

DREFF ushered in the New Year by joining the Green Film Network (GFN), the prestigious international association of environmental film festivals. Through its network of major festivals, the GFN promotes global awareness of environmental and sustainable development issues by coordinating the events of its member festivals, by promoting and distributing films worldwide, and by encouraging cooperative initiatives and projects.



Dominican Evening at the DCEFF

March 20 - Washington, D.C.

DREFF once again sought to provide information and proposals that contribute to the appreciation of the Dominican environment and promote its sustainable use. DREFF screened two Dominican films, *Lago Enriquillo: Preludio del cambio climático* and *Mañana*, while hosting a panel with the films' directors at the Gala Hispanic Theater, as part of the 23th edition of the prestigious Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital.



Agreements

The DREFF signed several collaborative agreements with national and international public and private organizations this year to promote the proper management and use of natural resources, as well as increase awareness of sustainable economic and social development in the country.

NATIONAL:

- UNIBE
- RAUDO
- Insituto Iberia
- Fundación Universitaria Iberoamericana (FUNIBER)
- The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of the Dominican Republic
- ITSC

INTERNATIONAL:

- Instituto Cubano del Arte e Industria Cinematográficos (ICAIC), Cuba
- Agencia de Medio Ambiente (AMA), Cuba
- Centro Nacional de Áreas Protegidas (CNAP), Cuba
- Estudios Mundo Latino, Cuba
- Fundación Antonio Núñez Jiménez, Cuba

Special Guest at the D.C. Environmental Film Festival Opening

March 17 - Washington, D.C.

The DREFF was a special guest at the opening night and launch party of the 23rd Annual D.C. Environmental Film Festival (DCEFF). The event was held at a fully packed Elihu Root Auditorium of the Carnegie Institution for Science for the premiere of *Bikes vs. Cars*. Special guests included Dr. Matthew Scott, President, Carnegie Institution for Science; Dr. Peter Fox-Penner, an internationally recognized expert on energy markets and policy; Greer Johnson Gillis, Deputy Director, District Department of Transportation; Alex Liftman, Global Environment Executive, Bank of America; and filmmakers Margarete Jangård and Chris Paine, producers of the opening film *Bikes vs. Cars*. The DREFF and the DCEFF keep working together and strengthening its work alliance.



New Partnership Established with India's CMS Vatavaran Environment and Wildlife Film Festival

April 24 - New Delhi, India

With this partnership, the festivals, both members of the Green Film Network (GFN), agree to jointly promote environmental consciousness and sustainable development in the world through environmental film screenings, workshops, seminars, and other related activities. In addition, in the context of this agreement, DREFF and CMS Vatavaran will promote each other's films in their respective programs.



Promoting Sustainable Development Awareness in the Dominican Republic with FUNIBER

June 25 - Santo Domingo, DR

The DREFF and the Fundación Universitaria Iberoamericana (FUNIBER) hosted a lecture on sustainable development. The event was held at the Barceló Hotel in Santo Domingo with approximately 100 people in attendance. Massiel Castro, Coordinator of FUNIBER in the Dominican Republic, gave the opening remarks and a briefing on FUNIBER's work in the region.



New Phone App for DREFF 2015 Puts Information at Your Fingertips!

August 28 - Santo Domingo, DR

GFDD/Funglode launched the new app for the DREFF. With the app, the audience was able to access information on film panels, workshops, activities, exhibit listings, and more in real time.



DREFF 2015 Draws Enthusiastic Audiences, Promotes Change

September 8-13 - Santo Domingo, DR

The 5th DREFF was held in the Dominican Republic with over 10,000 spectators in attendance. 37 unique films were screened at 30 venues spread out across 11 cities. The event was inaugurated in Santo Domingo with the movie *LandFill Harmonic* and in the presence of the film's protagonists, the young members of the Recycled Orchestra of Cateura, Paraguay. A premiere of the latest GFDD film, *Value of Life*, also took place on opening night.

DREFF participants had the opportunity to enjoy, among many other things, various panels on environmental awareness, where topics such as reef conservation, marketing of environmental films, plastic waste, environmental advocacy through film, and alternate fuel sources were discussed. Hundreds of students from over 100 schools across the country participated in various workshops and film screenings that took place during the six-day event.

Exciting excursions took place during the festival, including visits to the Colonial Zone in Santo Domingo and a luncheon on the water in Boca Chica. Clean ups were organized in Villa Consuelo and Bajo de Haina, and produced murals with recycled materials. Workshops and master classes focusing on filmmaking were held, including one with special guest Denis Delestrac.

One of the activities that attracted the most visitors and aroused the most curiosity from the public and the guests was the Expo RD Recicla, in which the ReCreate program exhibited the work of some of its most talented students, along with the coordinator, Bertha Santana.

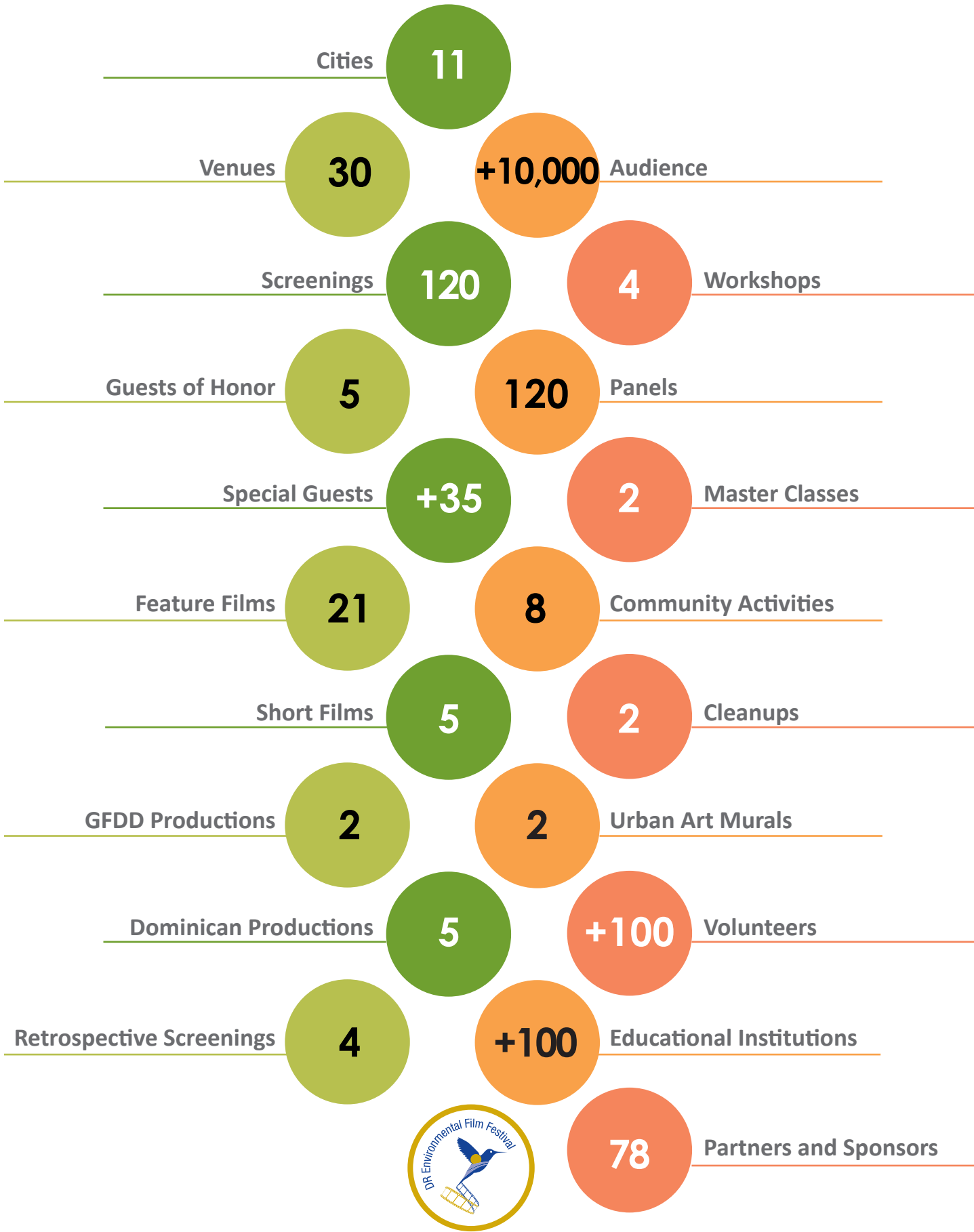
Guests of honor Jon Bowermaster, the Recycled Orchestra of Cateura, Louie Psihoyos, Bobbi Hunter, and Emily Hunter were presented with Colibrí awards on behalf of the DREFF. Meanwhile, the prestigious Globo Verde Dominicano Award inaugurated the new category of Globo Verde Junior. The award ceremony preceded the launch of GFDD's new publication *Lo Dominicano / All things Dominican*.

The 5th edition of the DREFF came to a satisfying close with a showing of the documentary *Racing Extinction*, with the presence of the award-winning director, Louie Psihoyos.





DREFF in Numbers



DREFF Participates at 16th Planet in Focus Environmental Film Festival in Toronto

October 23 - Toronto, Canada

The DREFF was represented at the Planet in Focus Film Festival, which took place in October. The festival is Canada's leading environmental film festival. This year marked its 16th anniversary, and boasted a full schedule of film screenings and events for the industry, as well as activities aimed at primary and secondary school students. DREFF and PIF collaborate throughout the year in many different projects.

Louie Psihoyos
Academy Award Winning

"I heard a lot of my friends in the business speak about the Festival and it's fun to finally be here... The Cove, my first movie, was shot here, as well as some of the scenes from my new movie, Racing Extinction, which were filmed here up in Samaná. So it's fun to come full circle; to have a film shot here and to come have it screened here before such a receptive audience."

"We want to thank you for selecting us to host the DREFF. The Colonial Gate 4D Cinema embraces new and creative initiatives that are geared toward the development of the citizens and, if they are students, even better. These experiences with various private and public schools in the Dominican capital give meaning to the vision that our movie theaters are meeting places for promoting culture and experiences that help us become better people and have a better country."

Lenin Paulino / Cristóbal Justiniano
The Colonial Gate 4D Cinema



In partnership and collaboration with:

- Academia de Ciencias de la República Dominicana
- Biblioteca Infantil y Juvenil República Dominicana
- Centro Cuesta Nacional (CCN)/Orgullo de Mi Tierra
- Centro Cultural Monina Cámpora
- Centro Cultural Narciso González
- Centro Cultural Perelló
- Centro León
- Centro para el Desarrollo Agropecuario y Forestal (CEDAF)
- Cluster Turístico del Destino Puerto Plata
- Cluster Turístico de Samaná
- Asociación de Hoteles y Empresas Turísticas de Samaná
- Dirección General de Cine de la República Dominicana (DGCine)
- ECOFILM Festival
- Red Nacional de Apoyo Empresarial a la Protección Ambiental (EcoRed)
- Fundación Propagas
- Fundación de Saneamiento Ambiental de la Zurza (FUNDSAZURZA)
- Fundación Siempre Más
- Impulsar / Alianza ONG
- Instituto de Abogados para la Protección del Medio Ambiente (INSAPROMA)
- ODEBRECHT
- Palacio del Cine
- Grupo Corporativo New Horizons
- Fundación Universitaria Iberoamericana (FUNIBER)
- Periódico Listín Diario/Plan LEA
- Universidad Católica Nordestana (UCNE)
- Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales de la República Dominicana
- Unicornio Films
- Universidad Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña (UNPHU)
- Fundación Vida Azul
- Fundación Sur Futuro
- Fundación Ecológica Puntacana
- Grupo Puntacana
- Fundación Puntacana
- Casa de la Cultura de Constanza
- Green Planet Films
- Rancho Baiguate
- Red Ambiental de Universidades Dominicanas (RAUDO)
- Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE)
- Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo (INTEC)
- Universidad Católica de Santo Domingo (UCSD)
- Universidad APEC
- Villa Serena Hotel
- Agora Mall
- Instituto Iberia
- DR1
- Colegio Loyola
- Cinema Oasis
- Counterpart International
- Turenlaces del Caribe
- FUNDEMAR
- ATEMAR
- Caribbean Nature Photography
- Cámara de Cuentas de la República Dominicana
- IECS Green Planet
- Alianza Caribeña para el Turismo Sostenible
- Consejo Nacional para el Cambio Climático y Mecanismo de Desarrollo Limpio
- The Colonial Gate 4D Cinema
- French Embassy in the DR
- USA Embassy in the DR
- Cuban Embassy in the DR
- Paraguayan Embassy in the DR
- Centros Tecnológicos Comunitarios (CTC)
- Instituto Tecnológico Las Américas (ITLA)
- Proyecto Artístico Transitando
- Fundación Plenitud
- Sosúa Bay Hotel
- Politécnico Gregorio Urbano Gilbert
- Colegio Santa Rosa de Lima
- Asociación Dominicana de Productores de Cemento Portland (ADOCCEM)
- Reef Check
- Eco Mensajería
- Instituto Tecnológico Superior Comunitario (ITSC)
- The Community for Learning (TCFL)

ReCreatee



ReCreatee 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 ReCreatee has offered more than 80 workshops and has benefited more than 2,000 people all around the country.



ReCreatee students see discarded material transformed into something beautiful and useful by their own hands.

- ▶ **January 3**
Guananito, Villa Altagracia
- ▶ **February 4-11-19**
Neighbors Association "Unión y Crecimiento con la Comunidad", Ensanche Quisqueya
- ▶ **February 5**
Plan LEA, Perelló Cultural Center, Baní
- ▶ **February 10-17**
Guananito, Villa Altagracia
- ▶ **February 13**
Plan LEA, Santo Domingo
- ▶ **February 24**
Instituto Iberia, Santiago



- ▷ **April 18**
III Environmental Excursion, La Zurza, Distrito Nacional
- ▷ **April 21-28**
Biblioteca Infantil y Juvenil República Dominicana (BIJRD), Santo Domingo
- ▷ **April 28-30**
Santo Domingo International Book Fair
- ▷ **May 5-12-26**
BIJRD, Santo Domingo
- ▷ **May 8**
Colegio Loyola, Santo Domingo
- ▷ **May 11**
Escuela Cristo Obrero, Santo Domingo
- ▷ **May 15-22-29, June 5-12**
Tzu Chi Foundation, El Caliche, Villa Duarte
- ▷ **June 2**
Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE), Santo Domingo
- ▷ **June 2-9-23**
BIJRD, Santo Domingo
- ▷ **June 8**
Comunidad El Coyote, Samaná



- ▷ **June 11-25**
Dominican Educational Radio, Santo Domingo
- ▷ **June 27, July 23, August 29**
Craft Academy, Santo Domingo
- ▷ **July 6**
Happy Summer Camp 2015, Santo Domingo
- ▷ **July 9-23, August 6**
Tropicalia Foundation, Miches
- ▷ **July 29, August 3**
Rincón de Luz Foundation, Gualey, Santo Domingo
- ▷ **August 11**
Cooperativa La Altagracia, Santiago
- ▷ **August 12**
Pedro Brand, Santo Domingo
- ▷ **August 14, September 11, October 5-12-19-26**
BIJRD, Santo Domingo
- ▷ **August 15**
Teatro Escuela Iván García, Puerto Plata
- ▷ **August 19-25-29, September 1-22**
CTC, Capotillo, Santo Domingo

- ▶ **August 26, September 2**
Biblioteca Municipal, Haina
- ▶ **September 3**
Iglesia Puertas Abiertas, Villa Francisca
- ▶ **September 8-9**
Centro Cultural Narciso González, Santo Domingo
- ▶ **October 20-22-27, November 3-5-10-17-24-26**
Centro Tecnológico Comunitario (CTC), La Pared de Haina
- ▶ **November 2-10-11-12**
BIJRD, Santo Domingo
- ▶ **November 12**
Instituto Tecnológico Superior Comunitario (ITSC)
- ▶ **November 13**
Villa Serena Hotel, Samaná
- ▶ **November 19-23**
Colegio Bilingüe New Horizons
- ▶ **November 20**
Politécnico Ann & Tedd Kheel, Punta Cana
- ▶ **December 1**
Centro Tecnológico Comunitario (CTC), La Pared de Haina



Accomplishing New Goals!

The program should be congratulated this year. Several groups, such as the housewives group, which attends the workshops at Biblioteca Infantil y Juvenil República Dominicana, and the group from the Tzu Chi Foundation in El Caliche, have started to sell their products. Among the products sold we can find bags, bracelets, earrings, hair ornaments and even furniture. Hence, it achieves one of the objectives set by the program when it was created in 2012: promote income generation among the most disadvantaged families in the Dominican Republic.



“The program aims to raise awareness of the three principles of solid waste management: reduce, reuse, and recycle”.

“We are enormously grateful for the Recreate workshop at the Tzu Chi School in La Romana. It was a resounding success for the teachers, and an unforgettable experience where the most important thing was learning how to take full advantage of items we hardly ever use or no longer want. The ReCreate workshop was a success for the teachers and an unforgettable experience, but more important to them was learning about the benefits of creating art from recycled materials”.

Mariana Ju
Fundación Tzu Chi

“On behalf of the Rincon Luz team, as well as the kids and their families, we’d first like to express our thanks for the great talk given on environmental care and the use of what we call trash, which in reality are things that can be reused via recycling and with which we can create loads of new objects; the workshop was very creative, spontaneous, and fun, and the walk around the streams of the Ozama River was both very interesting and very educational for the kids. We’re very thankful to GFDD / Funglode and the program coordinator, Bertha Santana.”

Cruz Leyda Alvarez
President, Rincón de Luz



ReCreate at DREFF

One of the activities that attracted the most visitors and aroused the most curiosity from the public and the guests of the Dominican Environmental Film Festival in September was the Expo RD Recicla, in which the ReCreate program exhibited the work of some of its most talented students, along with the coordinator, Bertha Santana. During the week, the public was able to appreciate the art and objects created from discarded materials and could purchase some of the most prized pieces in the Funlode gallery.



"The Samaná Youth Environmental Conservation Alliance and the Municipal Environmental Management Unit (UGAM) would like to express their gratitude for the workshop offered by the ReCreate Recycling held in the Jauna Vicenta Paraje El Coyote community in the Nueva Esperanza community library. We are more than appreciative of the support bestowed while also requesting the continuation of this workshop series to further the learning and development of our community."

Cervantes Marino Barba
UGAM Director/ David Silverio, AJCMAS Director

"This is a pedagogical strategy for environmental education at all levels, which contributes to reducing waste in classrooms and responsible food packaging use".

Yvonne Arias
Executive Director of the Jaragua Group



In partnership and collaboration with:

- Fundación Tropicalia
- Fundación Rincón de Luz, Güaley, Santo Domingo.
- Fundación de Saneamiento Ambiental de la Zurza (FUNSAZURZA)
- Fundación Tzu Chi
- PRONATURA
- Teatro Escuela, Puerto Plata
- Centro Pedagógico Infantil María Montessori (CPIMM)
- Escuela Jesús Obrero
- Escuela Cristo Obrero y Fe
- Colegio Loyola
- Biblioteca El Coyote, Samaná
- Biblioteca Infantil Juvenil República Dominicana (BIJD)
- Biblioteca Municipal de Haina
- Centro Cultural Narciso González
- Centro Tecnológico Comunitario (CTC)
- Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE)
- Universidad Católica Nordestana (UCNE)
- Instituto Tecnológico Superior Comunitario (ITSC)
- Craft Academy
- Cooperativa La Altagracia, Santiago
- Junta de Vecinos de Pedro Brand
- Radio Educativa Dominicana
- Programa Progresando con Solidaridad, Vicepresidencia de la República
- Generadora Palamara La Vega, S. A.
- Cooperativa La Altagracia, Inc.
- Fundación Arte de Vivir
- Modelo de Gestión Penitenciaria
- INCA Parque industrial Duarte
- Centro Cultural Mirador
- Villa Serena Hotel

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, and contributes to food security and independence as well as the creation of small local business. In 2015, the EcoHuertos program continued generating great interest across the country and growing not only in creating school gardens but also family and community gardens. This year, a total of 50 new vegetable gardens have been established and a number of workshops have been offered on topics such as basic gardening, pollinators and pests, and organic fertilizers, among others.



EcoHuertos encourages and teaches teamwork in addition to sustainable agriculture and healthy food choices.

- ▶ **January 12**
Editorial FUNGLODE, Santo Domingo – Introduction to the Program
- ▶ **January 16**
Liceo Técnico Manuel del Cabral, Fe y Alegría. El Almirante, Santo Domingo Este
Induction Workshop
- ▶ **January 20**
Escuela Básica Concepción Bona. Hato Nuevo, Manoguayabo, Santo Domingo Oeste
Induction Workshop
- ▶ **January 22**
Colegio Loyola. Santo Domingo, Distrito Nacional.
Technical assistance and donation of materials
- ▶ **January 30**
Editorial Funglode, Santo Domingo - Induction Workshop
- ▶ **February 6**
Escuela Hogar del Niño, La Romana – Induction Workshop
- ▶ **February 20 and 26/March 12**
Editorial Funglode, Santo Domingo – Creation day

- ▶ **March 11 and 20**
Escuela Básica Concepción Bona. Hato Nuevo, Manoguayabo – Creation day
- ▶ **March 17**
Escuela Hogar del Niño, La Romana – Conditioning and sowing day
- ▶ **April 22**
Geography Week, Plan LEA, Periódico Listín Diario – Conference on Sustainable Agriculture
- ▶ **April 29**
Escuela Hogar del Niño, La Romana - Basic gardening course
- ▶ **May 6**
Escuela Hogar del Niño, La Romana – Course on pollinators and pests
- ▶ **May 15**
Escuela Básica Concepción Bona, Hato Nuevo, Manoguayabo – Basic gardening workshop
- ▶ **May 20**
Colegio Loyola, Santo Domingo– Follow up visit and training
- ▶ **June 3**
Centro Educativo Capotillo. Santo Domingo/Liceo República de Paraguay. Ciudad Nueva, Santo Domingo/Liceo Unión Panamericana, Santo Domingo – End of year site visit
- ▶ **June 5**
Escuela Primaria El Llano.El Llano, Baní/ Escuela Básica Canadá, Baní/Centro de Formación Técnico Profesional René Descartes, Baní – End of year site visit
- ▶ **July 31**
Sociedad para el Desarrollo Integral de La Zurza, SODIZUR, Santo Domingo
Introduction to family vegetable gardens



- ▶ **August 16**
Batey 50, Municipio Santa Lucía, El Seibo – Training phase for first stage family vegetable gardens
- ▶ **August 25**
Editorial Funglode, Santo Domingo – Conditioning of the vegetable garden
- ▶ **October 1**
Liceo Técnico Manuel del Cabral, Fe y Alegría. El Almirante, Santo Domingo Este
Follow up visit and planning
- ▶ **October 22**
Escuela Básica Concepción Bona. Hato Nuevo, Manoguayabo
Induction and Planning Workshop
- ▶ **October 28**
Liceo Técnico Manuel del Cabral, Fe y Alegría, Santo Domingo
Conditioning and sowing of the vegetable garden
- ▶ **October 29**
Escuela Básica Concepción Bona. Hato Nuevo, Manoguayabo
Conditioning and sowing of the vegetable garden
- ▶ **October 30**
Editorial Funglode, Santo Domingo - Conditioning and sowing of the vegetable garden
- ▶ **November 10**
Escuela Hogar del Niño, La Romana – Basic Gardening Workshop/Sowing
- ▶ **November 12**
La Zurza – Conditioning of family vegetable gardens
- ▶ **December 4**
La Zurza – Ramón Bueno family vegetable garden day

Gardens Created through EcoHuertos Program*



* 2012-2015



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- Centro Educativo Capotillo, El Capotillo, Santo Domingo
- Centro de Formación Técnico Profesional René Descartes, Baní
- Liceo Secundario República de Paraguay, Ciudad Nueva, Santo Domingo
- Liceo Unión Panamericana, Ensanche Miraflores, Santo Domingo
- Liceo Técnico Manuel del Cabral, Fe y Alegría, El Almirante, Santo Domingo Este
- Escuela Básica Fray Ramón Pané Galán, Santo Domingo
- Escuela Básica Las Barreras, Azua
- Asociación de Mujeres la Nueva Esperanza, Barreras, Azua
- Viveros del Departamento de Extensión y Capacitación Agropecuaria del Ministerio de Agricultura
- Escuela Primaria El Llano, El Llano, Baní
- Escuela Básica Canadá, Baní
- Escuela Hogar del Niño, La Romana
- Escuela Básica Concepción Bona, Hato Nuevo, Manoguayabo. Santo Domingo Oeste
- Sociedad para el Desarrollo Integral de La Zurza (SODIZUR) La Zurza, Distrito Nacional
- Fundación Meeting God in Mission
- Fundación de Saneamiento Ambiental de la Zurza (FUNDSAZURZA)
- Editorial Funglode

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, in 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. Pico Duarte, the Cocoa Trail, and the coral reefs of the East Coast were discovered this year by dozens of young students.



The RDescubre program encourages Dominican students to develop an appreciation for both the environment and their national heritage.

- ▷ **February 22**
12th Educational Expedition to Pico Duarte
- ▷ **March 18**
Students from Santiago and Santo Domingo Travel along Cocoa Trail
- ▷ **April 19**
2nd Environmental Excursion: Recycling for a Better Planet
- ▷ **September 3-6**
13th Educational Expedition to Pico Duarte
- ▷ **September 12**
6th Environmental Excursion: Understanding the Coral Reefs
- ▷ **October 1-4**
14th Educational Expedition to Pico Duarte

12th Educational Expedition to Pico Duarte

February 22 - Santo Domingo, DR

90 students from various schools in the Dominican Republic had the opportunity to climb the highest mountain in the Caribbean, where participants travel a total of 60 kilometers during five days in the heart of the Dominican Cordillera Central. This initiative was organized with the collaboration of Fundación Siempre Más.



13th Educational Expedition to Pico Duarte

September 3-6

More than 25 students and teachers from Marcos Castañer Fe y Alegría School in San Cristóbal took part in this excursion, in which, among other things, they cleaned up the river in the town of La Ciénaga, at the entrance of Parque Nacional José Armando Bermúdez. During this activity, with support from the Fundación Siempre Más and GFDD, students also received environmental protection classes in the areas of flora, fauna, rivers, forest fires, and reforestation. As a final result, students who attended the excursion developed an environmental conservation project, undertaken in the weeks following their return.



Students from Santiago and Santo Domingo Travel along Cocoa Trail

March 18 - San Francisco de Macorís, DR

A group of 50 outstanding students from 10 schools in Santiago and Santo Domingo participated in the educational excursion to the Cocoa Trail, in the province of San Francisco de Macorís, in collaboration with Plan LEA of *Periódico Listín Diario*. The tour was conducted in the framework of the Week of Geography, which is celebrated under the theme "The Future of Food: Feed the World, Protect the Planet", in order to promote sustainable agriculture in the country.

Since the first expedition in March 2012, hundreds of students across the country have had the opportunity to participate in this adventure that changes their lives.

2nd Environmental Excursion: Recycling for a Better Planet

April 19 - Santo Domingo, DR

A group of 70 students from Santiago and San Pedro de Macorís participated in the 2nd Environmental Excursion: Recycling for a Better Planet, organized by GFDD/Funglode and Siempre Más and Fundsazurza foundations. The youths visited Fundsazurza facilities in the capital, Santo Domingo, where they learned about the ReCreate program and enjoyed the short documentary *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience*.



14th Educational Expedition to Pico Duarte

October 1-4

During this expedition, the Fundación Siempre Más, with support from GFDD and Asociación Popular de Ahorros y Préstamos, brought together 45 interns and program monitors from the Dale un Chance program.



6th RDescubre Environmental Excursion: Understanding the Coral Reefs

September 12

In collaboration with Fundación Siempre Más and the Punta Cana Ecological Foundation, the DREFF held the 6th RDescubre Environmental Excursion, focusing on understanding the coral reefs of the east. The event was aimed at high school students and recent graduates from public and private schools in Santo Domingo and Santiago. By exploring the problems that plague coral reefs, students were encouraged to develop small-scale environmental projects with their peers in an effort to develop some solutions and raise respect for the environment.



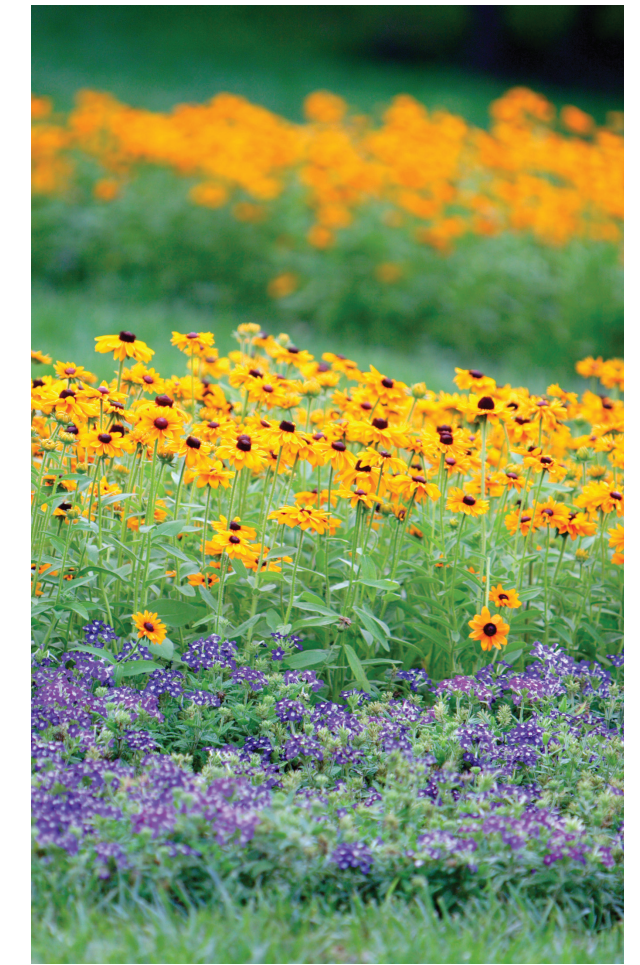
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- Periódico Listín Diario/Plan LEA
- School Marcos Castañer Fe y Alegría



G The mission of the *Dominican Republic Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Environment*, both the book and the online version, is to offer the most complete and up-to-date information on the environment and natural resources of the Dominican Republic, and to present projects undertaken by public, private and non-governmental sectors on behalf of the environment, as well as existing legislation on its protection, and its impact on the nation's sustainable development.

Since the online version launch in 2008, the *Dictionary of the Environment* seeks to increase awareness around the dangers of a contaminated and abandoned environment, while at the same time promoting its respect, care, reasonable use, and protection. 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 is part of the “Explore the Ocean” layer of Google Earth.

Year Round Environmental Film Screenings



Year Round Environmental Film Screenings is an initiative of DREFF which brings successful film programs to new and remote communities in the Dominican Republic. 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. This year the Program organized 18 screenings in 15 different venues, where more than 1,500 audience members gathered.

Year Round Environmental Film Screenings



Through the environmental film screenings, we seek to encourage dialogue and raise awareness on critical environmental issues.

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| <p>▶ February 18-19
<i>A Thirsty World</i></p> <p>▶ February 21
<i>¿Basura o recurso? Una experiencia de la República Dominicana</i></p> <p>▶ March 25
<i>Circular</i></p> <p>▶ May 12
<i>Trashed</i></p> <p>▶ May 13
<i>A Thirsty World</i></p> <p>▶ May 14
<i>Pandora's Promise</i></p> <p>▶ June 1
<i>Lago Enriquillo: Preludio del cambio climático</i></p> <p>▶ June 2
<i>¿Basura o recurso? Una experiencia de la República Dominicana</i></p> <p>▶ June 3
<i>Last Call</i></p> <p>▶ June 6
<i>Planet Ocean</i></p> <p>▶ June 20
<i>¿Basura o recurso? Una experiencia de la República Dominicana</i></p> | <p>▶ June 23
<i>Elemental</i></p> <p>▶ June 26
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<i>¿Basura o recurso? Una experiencia de la República Dominicana</i></p> <p>▶ July 9
<i>La Montaña</i></p> <p>▶ July 25
<i>Planet Ocean</i></p> <p>▶ July 22
<i>Angel Azul</i></p> <p>▶ July 24
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<i>Angel Azul</i></p> <p>▶ August 23
<i>A Sea Turtle Story</i></p> <p>▶ August 25
<i>Extinction in Progress</i></p> | <p>▶ August 27
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<i>Lago Enriquillo: Preludio del cambio climático</i></p> <p>▶ October 9
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<i>Lago Enriquillo: Preludio del cambio climático</i></p> <p>▶ October 30
<i>Landfill Harmonic</i></p> <p>▶ November 7
<i>The E-Waste Tragedy</i></p> <p>▶ November 8
<i>The Light Bulb Conspiracy</i></p> <p>▶ Noviembre 24
<i>Planeta Océano / ¿Basura o recurso? Una experiencia de la República Dominicana</i></p> <p>▶ November 26
<i>La Montaña</i></p> <p>▶ November 27
<i>Slingshot</i></p> |
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2015 Venues



"We thank the DREFF Year Round Environmental Screenings series for providing us with the film *Landfill Harmonic*. The film shows the power of wanting to get things done and emphasizes that neither economic limitations nor one's social environment are an obstacle to being able to take action and succeed in life. This sort of message is what the ITSC wants to bring to students with the Cine Forum program."

Dulvis Mejía
Student Services Director, ITSC

"The program is an excellent educational resource that should be incorporated in many educational settings."

Sardis Medrano
Coordinator of Environmental Science and Biology, UNIBE

"The film covers points needed to raise awareness in all of us. It is impressive to see how these people took care to do a good job, and that's a great example of things that we can do too. If they can do it, so can we."

Ángela Díaz,
Art Education Student, UCSD



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- As part of a working agreement with RAUDO:
 - Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE)
 - Universidad Católica de Santo Domingo (UCSD)
 - Universidad Católica Tecnológica de Barahona (UCATEBA)
 - Universidad Abierta Para Adultos (UAPA)
- Counterpart International
- Centro Tecnológico y Comunitario (CTC)
- Fundación Tropicalia
- Centro Pedagógico Infantil María Montessori (CPIMM)
- Universidad Tecnológica del Cibao Oriental (UTECO)
- Dr. Miguel Canela Lazaro
- Acuario Nacional
- Instituto Tecnológico Superior Comunitario (ITSC)
- Alianza Francesa
- Cayo Arena Beach
- Fundación Siempre Más
- Instituto Politécnico de Haina
- Vitalina Mordán Cruz School
- Alliance Française
- Dirección General de Cine
- Base Naval 27 de Febrero
- Instituto de Derecho Ambiental Dominicano
- Instituto Tecnológico (INTEC)

Globo Verde Dominicano Award

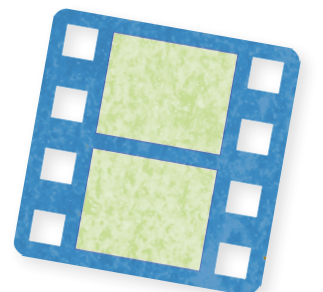


The competition gives participants the opportunity to create unique audiovisual materials on topics regarding the environment, and grants them the chance to showcase their works at DREFF and other international festivals.

For the fourth 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 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. This year, Globo Verde Dominicano Award introduced a new category, Globo Verde Junior, to the existing Short Film, Public Service Announcement, and Photography.

- ▶ **February 2**
4th Edition of the Globo Verde Dominicano Award Presents New Special Category
- ▶ **May 13**
Workshop for Young Filmmakers Offered by DREFF and Globo Verde Dominicano Award
- ▶ **September 11**
Globo Verde Dominicano Winners Announced at 2015 DREFF



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4th Edition of the Globo Verde Dominicano Award Presents New Special Category

February 2 - Santo Domingo, DR

Joining the already known Public Service Announcement, Short Film, and Photography categories, the Globo Verde Junior is designed especially for high school students. The student applicants can produce short films with any device, whether it is a camera, telephone, or tablet.



Creating and Developing Concepts for Short Documentaries

May 13 - Santo Domingo, DR

The DREFF and its Globo Verde Dominicano Award organized a free workshop for young filmmakers as well as a chance for 10 participants to receive personalized professional advice. The goal of the workshop, "Creating and Developing Concepts for Short Documentaries" for young filmmakers and potential competitors of the fourth edition of the Globo Verde Dominicano competition, was to encourage students and professionals to create audiovisual material capable of generating awareness around the importance of environmental conservation and sustainable development.

Globo Verde Dominicano Winners Announced at 2015 DREFF

September 11 - Santo Domingo, DR

The winners of the Globo Verde Dominicano Award 2015 were announced during the 5th edition of the DREFF: Jonatán Vila Gómez, in the category of Short Films with *7 Gramos*; Junior Cid, in the category of Public Service Announcements with *Sostenible*; Timoteo Rafael Cedeño in the category of Photography with *En busca del líquido apreciado*; and Rafael Alberto Sanchez and Adonis Franciel Fortuna in the category of Globo Verde Junior with *Detrás de la silueta*. The winners received their prizes from the hands of Dr. Leonel Fernandez, Natasha Despotovic, and GFDD Multimedia Manager Alexandra Tabar.





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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 had an exciting and busy year, bringing students from 12 universities around the world to intern in multiple industries in the Dominican Republic; attending various international opportunities fairs and conferences around the US and worldwide to network with students and university officials; and holding special events on campuses in the tri-state area and at Funglode in Santo Domingo, to continue strengthening awareness of the valuable opportunities available through international exchange in the Dominican Republic

- ▶ **January 4-16**
InteRDom Hosts Nursing Students from the University of Rhode Island (URI)
- ▶ **January 30**
Annual Event Brings Together Embassies and CUA Community
- ▶ **February 16**
26th Annual AAPLAC Conference in Santo Domingo
- ▶ **March 4**
New Program Opportunities at URI Summer Job & Internship Fair
- ▶ **March 25**
InteRDom Team Travels to New Orleans for Forum on Education Abroad Annual Conference
- ▶ **April 13**
Screening of Dominican Film *La Montaña* at Drexel University
- ▶ **June 10**
Summer Program 2015 in Santo Domingo
- ▶ **October 13**
InteRDom Participates at the Baruch College Work Abroad Fair in New York
- ▶ **November 6**
InteRDom Attends the International Opportunities Fair at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia



University of Rhode Island January Nursing Program Celebrates Fifth Consecutive Year

January 4-16 - Rhode Island, US

For five years, InterDom has hosted nursing students from URI for a special short program with service learning in the Dominican Republic. New features of the program this year included a workshop on designing and implementing development projects, a visit to an orphanage for HIV+ children, and a tour of the infectious disease unit of a local hospital. 14 students and 3 professors also participated in guided reflection and re-entry session after completing their service learning component in Las Matas de Farfán.



New Program Opportunities at URI Summer Job & Internship Fair

March 4 - Rhode Island, US

A number of students inquired about performing research through the Fellows Program. Students were eager to learn about the different opportunities available to them. The booth saw many students interested in summer placements in the Dominican Republic in the fields of health studies, political science, economics, psychology, marine affairs, biology, engineering, and more.



Annual Event Brings Together Embassies and CUA Community

January 30 - Washington D.C.

The institution exhibited beautiful aerial photos from the book "New Perspectives: Dominican Republic," as well as promotional material on all of GFDD's initiatives aiming to increase collaboration between the Dominican Republic and the United States, especially the internship and academic exchange programs. The event took place during the Catholic University of America (CUA) annual Open House & Embassy Exhibit International Week.



Scholars Travel to New Orleans for Forum on Education Abroad Annual Conference

March 25 - Louisiana, US

The annual conference is recognized as a Standard Development Organization (SDO) for the field of education abroad. This is the first time InterDom participated in this important conference on education abroad. The Forum posed questions to be discussed and explained the theme for this year's conference, by stating: "The value of education abroad for students is undisputed among education abroad professionals."

26th Annual AAPLAC Conference: Preparing Today's Students to Uncover Local Realities in Latin America and the Caribbean

February 16 - Santo Domingo, DR

The 4-day conference for more than 50 representatives of international exchange programs in the U.S. and Latin America began with President Fernández giving the plenary address, while the Minister of Higher Education, Science, and Technology, Ligia Amada Melo, gave a summary of the country's international scholarship program in the auditorium of Funglode. Sessions were also held at the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo (UASD), Instituto Cultural Dominico-Americano, and Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE). The conference ended with a final cultural excursion to the historic ruins of Boca de Nigua sugar plantation in the southwestern part of the Dominican Republic.



InterDom Screens Dominican Film *La Montaña* at Drexel University

April 13 - Pennsylvania, US

InterDom, in collaboration with the Drexel University Spanish Club, invited Drexel students, professors and community members to the screening of the Dominican film *La Montaña* (The Mountain), at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. InterDom representatives spoke about internship opportunities available through the program, and current Drexel student and InterDom alumnus Sean Coffey gave a short presentation about his internship experience in the Dominican Republic.



Summer Program 2015 Kicks Off in Santo Domingo

June 10 - Santo Domingo, DR

The 2015 InterDom Summer Program officially began on June 1st, 2015 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and welcomed a diverse group of students. Scholars in the program hailed from the United States, Netherlands, and Italy, significantly expanding our reach of international students.



"I consider the InterDom program to be very organized and a responsible agency. They really try to listen to you and to find out what your expectations are before coming to the Dominican Republic. With that information they will search for the best company that matches your expectations and requirements. Also, when you are here they give you all that you need to have a great time in the Dominican Republic."

Sorienne Mauricia
HAN University, Arnhem, The Netherlands

InterDom offers students, academics, and professionals the building blocks to create their own programs to meet all of their goals in the Dominican Republic.



Connecting with Dozens of Students at Baruch College Work Abroad Fair

October 13 - New York, US

InterDom participated in the eighth annual Baruch College Work Abroad Fair on October 13th, 2015, where representatives met with students from all backgrounds and academic interests looking to gain experience abroad. The fair attracted the participation of more than 80 students hailing from Baruch's three schools: the Zicklin School of Business, Weissman School of Arts and Sciences, and the School of Public Affairs.

InterDom Meets Dozens of Students at University of Pennsylvania International Opportunities Fair

November 6 - Pennsylvania, US

InterDom representatives shared many opportunities for international students interested in the Dominican Republic at the International Opportunities Fair at the University of Pennsylvania (UPenn) in Philadelphia, on November 5, 2015.



"InterDom helps place you in an internship that is related to your field and is something that you would actually like to do. That is why I think InterDom is a great organization that will help you with your career."

Lindsey Santana
Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA, USA

"I would recommend the InterDom program because it forces you to learn and helps you grow as a person. You can see how the world works, and how Latin America and trends are developing. It is really an enlightening experience."

Joseph DeLorenzo
St. Peter's University, Jersey City, NJ, USA

In partnership and collaboration with:

- Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
- Association of Academic Programs in Latin America & the Caribbean, New Mexico
- Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo
- Forum on Education Abroad Annual Conference
- Baruch College Work Abroad Fair, New York
- Embassy of the Dominican Republic, Washington, D.C.
- Drexel University, Pennsylvania, USA

Universities of InterDom Alumni 2015:

- University of Rhode Island
- HAN University of Applied Sciences, The Netherlands
- Bucknell University, Pennsylvania, USA
- University of Pennsylvania, USA
- Saint Peter's University, New Jersey, USA
- University of San Francisco, California, USA
- University of Padua, Italy
- IE Business School, Spain
- Johns Hopkins University, Maryland, USA
- Columbia University (SIPA), New York, USA
- Washington State University, USA
- Middlesex University, London, UK

Fellows Program



GFDD fellows' research results are published in the Research and Ideas Series and presented before the United Nations community.

The Fellows Program, an extension of the internship and academic exchange program InterDom, was created in 2009 to develop a community of scholars that contributes to the Foundation's 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 organize 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 and other institutions around the world. Their research results are published in the GFDD Research and Ideas Series.

- ▷ **January - March**
Researcher Investigates Impact of Investments in Sustainable Environmental Projects in DR
- ▷ **April 29**
Partnership with University of Rhode Island
- ▷ **June 5**
Program Welcomes Megan Beddow
- ▷ **June - October**
Research and Ideas: Book Launches and Discussions both in the U.S. and the Dominican Republic
- ▷ **August**
Fellow Christina Davidson Concludes Her Research in the DR

Fellow Jenna Giandoni: Impact of Investments in Sustainable Environmental Projects in Dominican Republic

January / March - Santo Domingo, RD

Jenna Giandoni, dual master's candidate in Business Administration and Science Environmental Management & Sustainability at Illinois Institute of Technology, focused her research on impact investing as it is applied to environmentally sustainable businesses in the Dominican Republic. A major part of the research is to identify businesses specifically designated as impact investments or that would qualify and benefit from impact investment capital. Jenna established metrics to quantify project effectiveness considering environmental impact and ability to generate sufficient returns, ultimately compiling this information and data for her research.



Fellow Megan Beddow: The Operation of Nonprofit Organizations, Community Development, and Social Entrepreneurship, with a Focus on Communities in Latin America and the Caribbean

June / August - Santo Domingo, DR

Megan Beddow's research includes the operation of nonprofit organizations, community development, and social entrepreneurship, with a focus on communities in Latin America and the Caribbean. Megan is currently seeking to use her analytical skills for international development. This investigation will bring together information from polls, interviews, and field work in nonprofit organizations of local development and international non-governmental organizations aligned with UN Millennium Development Goals. Megan has earned a Bachelor Degree from Florida Southern College in math, sociology, and Spanish, and is a candidate of a double degree (MA and MPA) in the Indiana University.



"The experience being a GFDD fellow was one of the best in my professional career in the China-Latin America and the Caribbean affairs. I am deeply grateful for this opportunity that GFDD has offered."

Yuan Li
GFDD Fellow

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Partnership with University of Rhode Island

April 29 - New York, US

The Fellows Program, together with the Department of Marine Affairs at the University of Rhode Island (URI), announced a new partnership to offer each year one master's student in the Coastal Resources department a fellowship covering a master's degree at URI with field research in the Dominican Republic. The program offers a 2-year, 12-months per year fellowship during which the fellow earns a Master of Marine Affairs degree and conducts research for a thesis project in the Dominican Republic. URI provides the fellow with tuition, a 20-hour-per-week paid research position, and health care. GFDD provides the fellow with round trip airfare to the Dominican Republic as well as housing, transportation, and assistance in coordinating research while in the country. The first recipient to be awarded this prestigious fellowship is Melvin Álvarez, originally from Honduras and a graduate of Skidmore College with a double major in Environmental Studies and Spanish.



Christina Davidson Concludes Her Research in the DR: Converting Spanish Hispaniola: Transnational Genealogies and Racial Politics of Protestantism in the Dominican Republic

August - Santo Domingo, RD

Christina Davidson, doctoral candidate in history at Duke University, concluded her research in the DR in August. Her dissertation 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 has been conducted in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. The Dominican Republic portion of her field work was conducted in conjunction with the Fellows Program, from November 2014 to August 2015. A native of Skokie, Illinois, Christina graduated from Yale University with a dual degree in Latin American Studies and International Studies in 2009.

In partnership and collaboration with:

- University of Rhode Island
- Indiana University
- Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago
- Duke University, North Carolina
- The New School in New York

Global Dominican Academic Exchange



GDAE partners and various United States universities organize topic-specific events for the Dominican participants.

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 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. In 2015, two successful GDAE programs were carried out; one in Transnational Law at the University of Washington School of Law, in Seattle; and another in Business at Babson College in Massachusetts.

- ▶ **September 18**
Law Students Participate in a Two Weeks Program at the University of Washington School of Law
- ▶ **November 2**
GDAE Students Attend a Business Program at Babson College, in Massachusetts





Dominican Law Students Participate in Prestigious Program at University of Washington School of Law

September 18 - Washington, US

The newest partnership between the GDAE program and the Summer Institute in Transnational Law and Practice at the University of Washington (UW) School of Law came to a successful close, when six Dominican law students earned a certificate for the two week-long program. The students returned to the Dominican Republic with new understanding of the various methods of legal analysis and argumentation practiced in the United States.

The GDAE Summer Institute in Transnational Law and Practice Program is a collaborative effort between InterDom, the University of Washington (UW) School of Law, and the Ministry of Higher Education in Science and Technology in the Dominican Republic (MESCyT).



Business Focus at Babson College

November 2 - Massachusetts, US

A group of five Dominican college students arrived in Boston to participate in the final program of the 2015 year for the GDAE, from November 2 to 8, 2015 at Babson College. This GDAE had a special focus on Business and Entrepreneurship, as Babson College is ranked among the top undergraduate programs in such fields in the United States. The Dominican participants are all studying these careers and hail from universities across the Dominican Republic.



"I invite Dominicans to really consider this program because it's sure to open lots of doors and show them many things that really they wouldn't be able to see just staying in the country. Going out and getting to know these cultures, these classes, the different systems, will really open their minds and they'll think in a different way that will be really helpful to them in the future."

Michael González
Voronezh State University



In partnership and collaboration with:

- University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, Washington
- Ministry of Higher Education in Science and Technology in the Dominican Republic (MESCyT)
- Babson College, Massachusetts

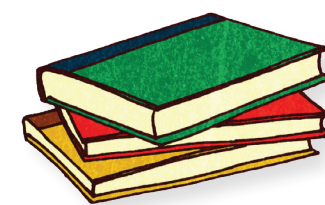
Education



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



The educational programs, seminars, and workshops provided through GFDD aim to inspire and encourage innovation among students of all ages.



- ▷ **February 27**
Books Donation to Pennsauken Free Public Library in New Jersey
- ▷ **March 18**
GFDD Organizes Technology in Teacher Training Panel
- ▷ **April 23**
GFDD/Funglode at the Geography Week
- ▷ **May 1**
Presentation and Discussion of the UNESCO Report "Education for Everyone: 2000-2015. Achievements and Challenges"
- ▷ **October 13**
Specialists Discuss Insertion of Individuals with Different Needs into Labor Market
- ▷ **November 4**
Discussing Climate Change and Vulnerability

GFDD Donates Books to the Pennsauken Free Public Library in New Jersey

February 27 - New Jersey, US

GFDD donated a collection of books, that included the Dominican Best Seller *New Perspectives: Dominican Republic* and *Dominican Republic Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Environment*, among others, to the Pennsauken Free Public Library of Camden in New Jersey, for its Latin American Book Collection Section. The donation was received by Mayor Rick Taylor, who profoundly thanked the foundation for the support offered.



"We are very grateful to GFDD for this wonderful donation to add up to the new Latin American Book Collection Section of the Library".

Rick Taylor
Pennsauken Mayor

Sustainable Agricultural Techniques Encouraged at Geography Week in Santo Domingo

April 23 - Santo Domingo, DR

Under the slogan "The Future of Food: Feeding the World and Taking Care of the Planet" the IV Geography Week Fair was held at Plaza Sambil mall in Santo Domingo, with the aim of creating awareness in schools, families and society about the importance of caring for our planet to ensure food for future generations. GFDD/Funglode presented the documentary "Madre Tierra", with a presentation on sustainable agriculture. Dr. Cristiana Cruz Minier, EcoHuertos program coordinator, gave a talk on good practices in agricultural techniques.



GFDD Organizes Technology in Teacher Training Panel

March 18 - Santo Domingo, DR

The Center for Education Studies of Funglode, in partnership with GFDD, and in coordination with Microsoft Dominicana and the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology (MESCyT) organized of the Forum on Higher Education and Innovation. The panel covered topics such as "Opportunities for Higher Education

in the Cloud," "E-Learning Platforms for Higher Education Institutions," "Understanding what and why and releasing the potential for comprehending decision-making data," "Managing relationships with students," and "Certification Programs for Employability".

The Forum on Higher Education and Innovation was directed at university presidents, deans and professors, with the participation of national and international experts.

Presentation and Discussion of the UNESCO Report "Education for Everyone: 2000-2015. Achievements and Challenges"

May 1 - Santo Domingo, DR

Funglode and GFDD organized the presentation and following discussion along with the Dominican National Commission for UNESCO, in coordination with the UNESCO Office in La Havana; the UNESCO Chair in Social Sciences, Public Policy and Democratic Governability and the Global Institute for Advanced Studies in Social Sciences (IGLOBAL). President of GFDD/Funglode, Leonel Fernández, attended the meeting and took part in the exchange of ideas that followed the presentations.



Specialists Discuss Insertion of Individuals with Different Needs into Labor Market

October 13 - Santo Domingo, DR

GFDD and Funglode along with the Gissell Eusebio Life Transformer Foundation, and Education for Labor Inclusion (EDILAB), organized the panel "Insertion of people with disabilities into the labor market: challenges and opportunities." José B. Esposito, Yvette Bermúdez, and Gissell Eusebio talked about society's commitment to fostering employment opportunities to individuals with disabilities. Miosotti Matos, Director of the National Employment Service, joined the discussion.

Dominican Republic: The Climate Reality Project and COP21 Challenges and Opportunities

November 4 - Santo Domingo, DR

The panel was organized by GFDD and Funglode, through its Center for Environmental and Sustainable Development Studies, the National Council for Climate Change, the Clean Development Mechanism, and the Climate Change Reality Project.

In partnership and collaboration with:

- Pennsauken Free Public Library, New Jersey
- Plan LEA/Periódico Listín Diario
- Instituto Global de Altos Estudios en Ciencias Sociales, Dominican Republic
- Microsoft Dominicana
- UNESCO
- Gissell Eusebio Life Transformer Foundation, Dominican Republic
- Education for Labor Inclusion (EDILAB), Dominican Republic
- National Council for Climate Change and Clean Development Mechanism, Dominican Republic
- Climate Change Reality Project, Dominican Republic
- Center for Agriculture and Forestry Development (CEDAF), Dominican Republic

Global Outreach:
Unity in Diversity



*International
Affairs*



Global Roundtables



In close association with the United Nations, embassies, think tanks and multilateral institutions, GFDD has organized regular meetings over the past 5 years with UN Ambassadors and other prominent figures in the international community in an effort to spread the news, knowledge and understanding of other countries, global issues and work of different United Nations bodies to its audience in the Dominican Republic, the US and around the world.

GFDD Global Roundtables is also a part of GFDD's program to support the work of the United Nations and, as a non-governmental institution affiliated to it, contribute to the visibility and understanding of its work.

This year our Global Roundtables sessions hosted a wide variety of guests including ambassadors to the OAS, an international trade expert, a World Bank environmental economist and the director of programs for one of the world's largest environmental protection funds.

- ▶ **April - Dr. Muthukumara Mani**
Lead Environmental Economist at the World Bank, author of the publication *Greening India's Growth: Costs, Valuations and Trade-offs*
- ▶ **June - Dr. Gustavo Fonseca**
Director of Programs at the Global Environment Facility
- ▶ **July - Ms. Claudia De Windt**
Head of the Environmental Law, Policy and Good Governance Program at the Organization of American States (OAS) Sustainable Development Department
- ▶ **October - Ambassador Rosa Bautista**
Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Honduras to the Organization of American States
- ▶ **December - Ms. Margaret Myers**
Director of the China and Latin America Program at the Inter-American Dialogue



February

Launch of the Global Roundtables Issues Blog New Design and Format



As we entered the year 2015, GFDD redesigned its Global Roundtables Issues Blog (<https://globalroundtableissues.wordpress.com/>.) The new structure includes information and recordings of the GRT sessions as well as entries by guest bloggers. With a user friendly format, the blog features a modern and elegant design that reports on international affairs both at the United Nations (UN) and elsewhere. The blog covers topics including financing for development, international development, poverty eradication, environmental protection, climate change, and gender equality.



Sustainable Development

April

Dr. Muthukumara Mani

Lead Environmental Economist at the World Bank, Author of the publication *Greening India's Growth: Costs, Valuations and Trade-offs*

"Poor communities in developing countries depend on environmental resources; as a result, aspirations of economic growth without consideration for surrounding resources is simply not replicable"

The session discussed Dr. Mani's career background as an environmental economist and the role that environmental resources play in economic growth, otherwise known as Green Growth. The discussion further elaborated on the best practices that could be transposed from Dr. Mani's analysis of the Indian economy to help promote the sustainable development of the Dominican Republic.

Financing for Sustainable Development

June

Dr. Gustavo Fonseca

Director of Programs at the Global Environment Facility

"Finance is the grease that keeps the wheels spinning at the UN climate change negotiations"

The session considered the importance of public sector climate finance and the role of civil society in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and helping communities to adapt to climate change. Fonseca explained that his work at the GEF required him to have "a bird's eye view" of the organization's portfolio given that it "deals with all the international dimensions of the global environment, including biodiversity, land management, climate change mitigation and adaptation." Fonseca emphasized that making investment take a greener path would be the key paradigm shift to affect a successful transition to sustainable development.





Public Participation and Sustainable Development

July

Claudia De Windt

Head of the Environmental Law, Policy and Good Governance Program at the Organization of American States

"Sustainable development policy is modeled on the behavior of civil society"

The session focused on the work of the OAS with regards to sustainable development, and in particular the importance of public participation and engagement with all relevant stakeholders to ensure effective public policy making in this field. De Windt explained that the concept of sustainable development had guided the work of the OAS since the early 90s, seeking to incorporate the concept with its objective of poverty eradication.

The Americas and Access to Infrastructure and New Technology

October

Ambassador Leonidas Rosa Bautista
Permanent Representative of the Mission of Honduras to the Organization of American States

"New infrastructure and better access to technology is a key development need of Honduras, one which could be attained through membership to the Trans-Pacific Partnership"

Ambassador Bautista discussed the outcomes of the 45th Regular Session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), held on June 15 and 16, 2015 in Washington, D.C. He also provided the viewers with a summary of the OAS Ministerial Meeting organized in Honduras on October 19th and 20th, and gave his view on the effect of the potential inclusion of Honduras to the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement being negotiated by 12 Pacific Rim countries, including the United States.



Chinese-Latin American Trade Relations

December

Margaret Myers

Director of the China and Latin America Program at the Inter-American Dialogue

"Chinese demand for commodities has been transformative, particularly for Latin America"

Myers discussed the work of her organization analyzing the trade relations between China and the Latin American Caribbean (LAC) region, looking in particular at the impact of recent political and economic development within the two regions. The session also looked at the changing role of Chinese foreign direct investment within the LAC region, with Myers observing that China is becoming increasingly "less focused on construction commodities and more focused on consumer goods", which could in turn have a positive impact for the LAC region. Myers reminded viewers that China had been a significant investor within the region over the last ten years, as over \$10 billion had been given out in loans to the region to support its industrialization.



In partnership and collaboration with:

- World Bank
- Global Environment Facility
- OAS Environmental Law, Policy and Good Governance Program
- Permanent Mission of Honduras to the OAS
- Inter-American Dialogue

Collaboration with the United Nations



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 intergovernmental 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.



Dedication through research and advocacy to the promotion and advancement of issues at the forefront of the United Nations' agenda.

January 2
GFDD Granted Observer Status at UNCTAD

February 4-13
GFDD's UN Representative Calls for a New Social Development Agenda

March 10
GFDD/Funglode Launches Its Publication *Status of Women: Studies and Reflections in the Dominican Republic and in Latin America* at the UN Auditorium

March 18
Research Study on Elimination of Violence against Women in DR Presented Before Packed UN Auditorium

March 23-27
Written Statement at the Third Session of Post-2015 Development Agenda

April 10
Santo Domingo Panel Discussion: "The Path toward Inclusion: How to Understand Autism", as part of the United Nations' World Autism Awareness Day

April 22
Our Turn to Be Leaders: Climate Change and Sustainable Development

April 22
Experts from UN Agencies Participate at the Panel Discussion on Tax Reform Hosted by GFDD/Funglode in Santo Domingo

April 28
GFDD/Funglode Submits a Joint Written Statement to ECOSOC

May 7
GFDD Partners with the Conference of NGOs to Celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations

May 22
GFDD Hosts a Panel Discussion in Partnership with the NGO Committees on Financing for Development and Social Development

June 11
Launch at the UN of GFDD Fellows Study by Henry Montero

June 29
UN Film Screening: *Lago Enriquillo: A Prelude to Climate Change*

July 9
GFDD Calls for Participation in New UN Development Agenda during 2015 High-Level Political Forum

July 16
Call for Participation in New UN Development Agenda during 2015 High-Level Political Forum

July 21
GFDD/Funglode Hosts UN Event to Celebrate the Role of Civil Society in Promoting and Implementing the UN's New Development Agenda

October 1
GFDD Fellow Hilary Lohmann Presents Her Work at the UN Church Center in New York

GFDD to Advise UNCTAD on International Trade and Development Issues

January 2 - New York, US

Accreditation is the gateway for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) such as GFDD, to establishing close working relations and a firm basis for cooperation with UNCTAD. Thanks to its new status, GFDD can attend the public sessions of UNCTAD intergovernmental meetings and conferences, make oral statements, and circulate written material on matters related to the agenda of the meeting.

Oral Statement Calls for Enhanced Public Participation during the 53rd Session of the Commission for Social Development

February 4/13 - New York, US

GFDD was present for the fifty third session of the Commission for Social Development, which took place from February 4 to 13, under the Priority Theme "Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world". During the session, GFDD's UN Representative, Mr. Marc Jourdan submitted an oral statement on behalf of the foundation calling for a new social development agenda, where public participation of communities is enhanced and economic decisions are conditioned by social and environmental outcomes.

Written Statement on the Eradication of Violence against Women in the Dominican Republic

March 10 - New York, US

Following the Opening Ceremony of the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW59) on Monday March 9, 2015, the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) released a written statement on the topic of the eradication of violence against women, calling for a coordinated response to this pandemic at all levels and by all relevant stakeholder groups. The document points to the fact that violence affects the lives of millions of women worldwide and is one of the huge and growing impediments to gender equality and empowerment of women.

Publication Launch: Joint Study on The Elimination of Violence Against Women

March 18 - New York, US

In collaboration with the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations and the Dominican Political Observatory of Funglode, GFDD hosted the official launch of the GFDD/Funglode publication *Status of Women: Studies and Reflections in the Dominican Republic and Latin America*. The event, which was organized in parallel to the CSW 59, was attended by close to 100 participants.



Third Session of Post-2015 Development Agenda Intergovernmental Negotiations: Goals and Targets

March 23/27 - New York, US

The meeting charged Member State delegates with hammering out a post-2015 development agenda. Along with countries, GFDD and Funglode submitted a written statement which raised questions around possible technical revisions to a list of proposed goals and targets, put forward last July, and provided input on how to craft relevant indicators to measure success.

The Path Toward Inclusion: How to Understand Autism

April 10 - Santo Domingo, DR

As part of the United Nation's Autism Awareness Day, GFDD and Funglode, through its Center for Health Studies, along with the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities in Miami (UM-NSU CARD), Loxim and ORDEN, organized a panel discussion: "Path Towards Inclusion: How to Understand Autism" as part of United Nations' World Autism Awareness Day. The objective was to provide a forum for discussion and exchange of ideas about autism from a variety of perspectives: family, educational, and clinical.

Our Turn to Be Leaders: Climate Change and Sustainable Development

April 22 - Santo Domingo, DR

GFDD and Funglode hosted a panel discussion focusing on the issues of climate change and sustainable development at Funglode headquarters on April 22. The event, which sought to commemorate Earth Day 2015 under the theme "It's Our Turn to Lead", included interventions from policy specialists such as Glenn Denning, director of the New York office of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network at Columbia University. Denning's presentation emphasized the importance of involving young people in the UN negotiations and conversations on sustainable development as they are the ones who will see the results of these efforts.

Publication Launch: 2012 Dominican Tax Reform in Historical and Regional Context

April 22 - New York, US

GFDD hosted a panel discussion on tax reform as a trigger for development. The event took place as part of the official launch of the in-house publication entitled "The 2012 Dominican Tax Reform in Historical and Regional Context" by Dr. James Mahon, GFDD Fellow and Woodrow Wilson Professor of Political Science at Williams College, Massachusetts. His presentation was followed by a panel discussion with several experts from UN Agencies.

Call for Greater Cooperation in Technology Transfer and Innovative Financing for Development Mechanisms

April 28 - New York, US

GFDD and Funglode submitted a joint written statement to ECOSOC on April 28th, as part of the civil society hearing on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system. The written statement is one of six interventions that have been accepted for publication on the ECOSOC website. Focusing on ways the UN may adapt to the new requirements of the Post-2015 Development Agenda, the document calls for the need to strengthen technology transfer in developing countries and highlights the importance of innovative partnerships to free up new sources of development finance.



Partnership with Conference of NGOs to Celebrate 70th Anniversary of UN, Importance of Civil Society Relationships

May 7 - New York, US

The Conference of NGOs in consultative relationship with the United Nations (CoNGO) partnered with GFDD on May 7th to hold a commemorative panel discussion in the presence of H.E Ambassador Martin Sajdik, as well as several representatives of UN Agencies and NGOs, to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations.

Panel Discussion on the Challenges of Financing for Development

May 22 - New York, US

GFDD partnered with the NGO Committees on Financing for Development and Social Development to hold a panel discussion entitled *Do We Have the Courage to Put People and Planet First? The Challenges of Financing for Development* during the Intergovernmental Negotiations on the Post-2015 Development Agenda. The event was moderated by Barbara Adams, Senior Policy Advisor of the Global Policy Forum, before a packed auditorium comprised of civil society representatives, UN Member State delegates and UN agency representatives. Invited speakers included H.E. Ambassador David Donoghue, Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations; Jamil Ahmad, Deputy Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) New York Office; Miguel Aldaz, Lead Specialist for the Office of Partnerships at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and Marc Jourdan, GFDD's UN Representative & Environmental Programs Coordinator.

UN Publication Launch: Fellows Study by Henry Montero on the Impact of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Parkinson's Disease Patients

June 11 - New York, US

GFDD hosted a special side event at the United Nations during the 8th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). The event presented the research study carried out by Henry A. Montero, a 2014 GFDD fellow on the topic of *'Treating Parkinson's Disease Psychosis with Cognitive Behavioral Therapy'*. Before an engaged audience comprised of members of civil society, UN Member State delegates and UN agency representatives, Montero presented his study confirming that Cognitive Behavioral Therapy improves practical thinking and diminishes the delusions of Parkinson's disease patients. Montero was joined by other guest speakers including H.E. Ambassador Choong-hee Hahn, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the UN; Dr. Olga B. Soto-Moise, Board Certified Geriatric Psychiatrist; Dr. Jayme Albin, Expert Psychologist in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Dr. Beatrice Goodwin, Chair of the NGO Health Committee.



Oral Statement during 2015 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

July 9 - New York, US

The theme of this year's meeting was "Strengthening integration, implementation and review – the HLPF after 2015." The meeting brought together nearly 1,800 delegates, including Member States, Major Groups, and other stakeholders, and intergovernmental and UN organizations. GFDD delivered an oral statement during the conference to stress that engaging local communities and civil society in development initiatives is crucial to ensure these projects are truly sustainable and lead to the creation of long-term collaborative relationships.

Celebrating the Role of Civil Society in Promoting the UN's New Development Agenda

July 21 - New York, US

GFDD put together a side event during the final Intergovernmental Negotiations on the UN's Post-2015 Development Agenda, at United Nations headquarters. With the participation of academic experts and NGO representatives, GFDD moderated an engaging panel discussion highlighting the role that local communities and youth groups can play in promoting sustainable development and the UN's new development framework.

UN Film Screening: *Lago Enriquillo: A Prelude to Climate Change*

June 29 - NY, US

Seeking to provide a space for showcasing climate action and concrete initiatives, GFDD put together a special UN side event that joined high-level policy experts and government representatives with the Director of *Lago Enriquillo: A Prelude to Climate Change*, Fernando Báez, for an engaging debate on the topic of climate change. The event was followed by a panel discussion on climate change, seeking to present how this issue has affected the planet and what efforts needed to be made in Paris by the international community to reach a bold and ambitious climate treaty. In addition to Báez, the speakers included several international experts on environmental issues such as Omar Ramírez, Executive Vice-President of the National Council for Climate Change and Clean Development Mechanism of the Dominican Republic; H.E. Ambassador Ahmed Sareer, Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Maldives to the United Nations and Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States; and Jamil Ahmad, Deputy Director, UNEP New York Office.



Active participation in UN discussions and meetings through policy reports and position papers contributes to better global understanding and action.



A Busy Year for GFDD's UN Programs

With the 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (registering a record turnout of participants: more than 8,600 civil society activists), the General Assembly's High Level Event on Climate Change and the historic adoption of the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, 2015 was a busy year for GFDD's UN programs! Underscoring the value of gender equality, promoting the necessity to mitigate and adapt to climate change and highlighting the importance of achieving people focused sustainable development, both in the Dominican Republic and abroad, the Foundation participated throughout the year in the UN agenda. As part of this effort, the Foundation delivered 5 oral and written statements, held 15 events and panel discussions, launched 3 GFDD Fellows publications, broadcasted 5 GFDD Global Roundtables, posted 111 blog posts on environmental protection issues and international affairs and participated in 19 UN conferences.

GFDD participates in the First Consultation of the General Assembly's Second Committee with Civil Society

October 27 - 2015

Marking the first consultation of its kind, UN Member States and NGOs in consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) met during a session of the Second Committee to discuss the role of civil society in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and guiding the work of UN's High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). Ambassador Andrej Logar, Permanent Representative of Slovenia and Second Committee Chair, convened the informal consultations which were moderated by Barbara Adams, Chair of the Global Policy Forum.



UN Publication Launch: Fellows Study by Hilary Lohmann and Mat Rosa on Climate Change and Its Impact on Coastal Communities and Resources

October 1, 2015

To celebrate the release of its latest publication in the Research and Ideas Series entitled *Climate Change in the Dominican Republic: Impact on Coastal Resources and Communities*, GFDD/Funglode hosted GFDD Fellow Hilary Lohmann for a special presentation of her work at the UN Church Center in New York. The presentation was followed by a panel discussion with policy experts including Dr. Ruben Torres, founder and president of Reef Check Dominican Republic, and Karen Kent, Senior Coastal Resources Manager at the Rhode Island University Coastal Resources Center. The event highlighted the vulnerability of Small Island Developing States such as the Dominican Republic to the impacts of climate change. The launch event was also held at Funglode headquarters in Santo Domingo on October 7 and at the University of Rhode Island on October 29.



In partnership and collaboration with:

- **UN Agencies:** UNCTAD, UN DESA, UNDP, UNDP Dominican Republic, UNEP, UNESCO, ECOSOC, 53rd Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD53), 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW59), Secretary-General's Global Education First Initiative
- **International Organizations:** Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), World Bank (WB), Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- **Government Agencies:** National Council for Climate Change and Clean Development Mechanism (CNCCMDL in Spanish), Dominican Republic
- **Permanent Missions to the UN:** Dominican Republic, Peru, Ireland, Maldives, Korea, South Africa.
- **UN Associations:** UN Association of the Dominican Republic (UNA-DR), UN Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA)
- **NGO Community:** Conference on NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CoNGO), NGO Committee on Financing for Development, NGO Committee on Social Development, NGO Committee on Sustainable Development, NGO Health Committee
- **Civil Society:** Dominican Political Observatory (OPD by its Spanish acronym), Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), Center for Autism and Related Disabilities in Miami (UM-NSU CARD), Loxim, ORDEN, Unicornio Films, International Federation of Business and Professional Women, Global Policy Forum, Reef Check Dominican Republic
- **Academic Institutions:** Williams College (Massachusetts), Monroe College (New York), Seton Hall University (New Jersey), University of Rhode Island (Rhode Island), University of Rhode Island Coastal Resources Center (Rhode Island), Pontificia Universidad Madre y Maestra (Santo Domingo)

Collaboration with UNA-DR



By partnering with the UNA-DR, GFDD is able to provide valuable learning and networking experiences to thousands of youth across the Dominican Republic.

The United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic (UNA-DR) is a non-profit, nongovernmental 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. GFDD has been providing significant support to the organization of UNA-DR's 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.

- ▶ **March 30**
2015 Dominican Republic Model UN Conference in New York
- ▶ **October 22**
Over One Thousand Students Participate in Conferencia Internacional de las Américas (CILA) 2015





2015 Dominican Republic Model UN Conference in New York

March 30 - New York, US

Organized by the United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic (UNA-DR), with support from GFDD/Funglode, the event provided over 300 students with the opportunity to take part in simulations of the United Nations General Assembly and vote on project resolutions from the actual seats occupied by the 193 UN Member State delegates.

"Our strategic alliance with the GFDD is of great importance as a way of maximizing the impact of all our initiatives."

Emil Chireno
Executive Director of the United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic (UNA-DR)

"It is important for students to get involved in the work of the UN at an early age to gain an understanding of what delegates do, so as to prepare themselves for the future"

H.E. Ambassador Jeremiah N. Mamabolo
Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations

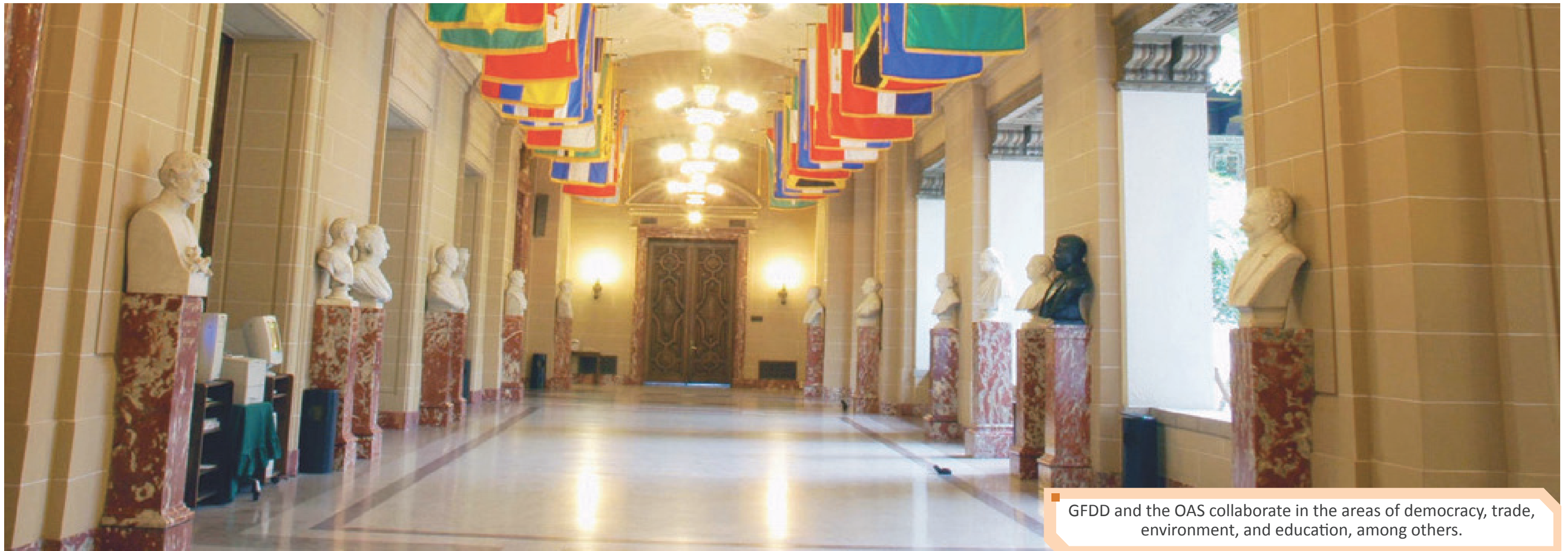


Conferencia Internacional de las Américas (CILA) 2015

October 22 / 25 - Santo Domingo, DR

More than one thousand students met to seek solutions to the challenges facing the international community. Thirty-eight schools were involved in the largest Model United Nations meeting, which takes place annually in the Dominican Republic. During the opening ceremony, Dr. Leonel Fernández sent a recorded message to the participants in which he stressed that "this model has become a standard of excellence."

Collaboration with the Organization of American States



GFDD and the OAS collaborate in the areas of democracy, trade, environment, and education, among others.

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

- ▷ **February 6**
GFDD Represents Civil Society in Consultation with Social Actors on VII Summit of the Americas of the OAS
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OAS Dialogue with Civil Society





"Prosperity with equity is achievable if we all contribute to more concrete answers and sustainable solutions; if we understand that we all have a role and if we, as civil society and social actors, take a step ahead and become more active members in the decision-making processes of our present and future".

**GFDD's statement on the theme of the VII Summit:
"Prosperity with Equity: The Challenge of Collaboration in the Americas"**



GFDD Represents Civil Society in Consultation with Social Actors on VII Summit of the Americas of the OAS

February 6 - Washington, D.C.

The objective of the meeting was to facilitate the effective participation of representatives of civil society and social actors of the United States at the VII Summit of the Americas process. GFDD presented an institutional statement on the *Mandates for Action*.



OAS Dialogue with Civil Society

June 14 - Washington, D.C.

The 45th Regular Session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) was held in mid-June at the OAS Headquarters in Washington, D.C. under the theme "Present and Future of the Organization of American States." In this context, on Sunday, June 14, Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) actively participated in two special dialogues between representatives of civil society and other social actors, with the Secretary General of the OAS, Mr. Luis Almagro.

International Participation by Dr. Leonel Fernández President of GFDD/Funglode



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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Historic Agreement for Dominican Cinema with the New York Film Academy Signed

January 9 - New York, US

Dr. Fernández, on behalf of GFDD/Funglode, signed an agreement with the President of the prestigious New York Film Academy (NYFA), Michael Young. With this agreement, Dominican film students pursuing academic film programs in the U.S. will receive a 25% tuition fee discount and will also have the possibility of taking courses in the Dominican Republic. The alliance represents a milestone in the history of the Dominican film industry. This agreement opens a space for the young Dominican film industry, to be able to support local talent through better training.



Participation in Sustainable Development Solutions Network

January 26 - Santo Domingo, DR

Dr. Fernández was invited to join the Leadership Council overseeing the work of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), an initiative designed by the Secretary General of the United Nations (UN) to assist in solving global problems. The invitation was issued by the Director of the network, leading U.S. economist Jeffrey Sachs, who is also Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University and Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General on anti-poverty measures known as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).



Encouraging Latin America to Teach More Scientific Research Methodology

April 16 - Miami, US

Fernández made this statement during a visit to Unicaribe College, an institution of higher education established in Florida by Dominican entrepreneurs with the aim of providing vocational training to Hispanics in the United States. According to Dr. Fernández, both the Dominican Republic and Latin America in general have serious deficiencies with respect to the field of scientific research methodology, so it is urgent to strengthen this area of higher education.



President Highlights the Achievements of the DR in Strategic Alliance with Florida

April 17 - Miami, US

Dominicans and Florida business professionals, cultural, and academic leaders meet at Florida International University (FIU). Leonel Fernández said that projects like the NAP of the Caribbean in Santo Domingo's Cybernetic Park and the Instituto Técnico Superior Comunitario of San Luis arose as a result of the Strategic Alliance Dominican Republic - State of Florida initiative, launched by his government a decade ago.

SBS Agreement, New Films to be Made in the DR

May 6 - Miami, US

Dr. Leonel Fernández oversaw an inter-agency partnership with the Spanish Broadcasting System (SBS) to produce and market a series of films through the Dominican film industry. Dr. Fernández met with Cuban-American businessman, Raúl Alarcón, president of the SBS group, at the company headquarters. They stressed that this partnership agreement, which will involve an initial \$25-million-dollar investment, seeks to provide decisive support to the development of the film industry in the Dominican Republic.



Urging Educators Not to Replace Arts for Science and Technology

February 16 - Santo Domingo, DR

The opening of the 26th Annual Conference of the Association of Academic Programs in Latin America and the Caribbean (AAPLAC) marked the beginning of a 4-day conference for more than 50 representatives of international exchange programs in the U.S. and Latin America. President Fernández gave the plenary address, while Minister of Higher Education, Science, and Technology, Ligia Amada Melo, gave a summary of the country's international scholarship program in the auditorium of Funglode. Sessions were also held at the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo (UASD), Instituto Dominico-Americano, and Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE).

Global Leaders Discuss How to Engineer a Resilient Economy

April 14 - Miami, US

Dr. Leonel Fernández and 200 other global leaders met in Miami to discuss, within the framework of the fifth edition of the World Strategic Forum, the way to engineer a resilient economy in an environment rich in opportunities and political, economic, and environmental challenges.

Cooperation Agreement Signed with Inter-American Defense Board

May 15 - Santo Domingo, DR

The agreement was signed by Dr. Leonel Fernández, and Vice Admiral Bento Costa Lima Leite de Albuquerque Junior, in his capacity as Director General of the Secretariat of the Inter-American Defense Board. It aims to encourage an exchange of information, publications, books, documents, research papers, and experiences between the two organizations.

Lecture on Political Science at Catholic University of Santo Domingo

May 28 - Santo Domingo, DR

Dr. Leonel Fernández welcomed the fact that many Dominicans are studying various aspects of Political Science at the Catholic University of Santo Domingo (UCSD), in a lecture marking the official launch of the Political Science Degree Program being offered by the University.

Dr. Fernández joins UNSDSN, a Global Initiative for the United Nations

June 5 - Paris, France

Dr. Leonel Fernández was elected member of the Leadership Council of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UNSDSN). This organization mobilizes global scientific and technological expertise to promote practical problem solving for sustainable development, including the design and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, at the local, national and global level.

Addressing Research Congress on Innovation

July 6 - La Vega, DR

Dr. Leonel Fernández was the keynote speaker at the closing of the First National Congress on Research, Innovation, Science, and Technology, organized by the Catholic Tech University of Cibao (UCATECI). In his speech, Dr. Fernández urged the country's universities to intensify their efforts to produce innovative knowledge that can be registered as patents, thereby gradually closing the technology gap the country is experiencing as compared to others around the world.

GFDD President Attends the Third International Conference on Sustainable Development in New York

September 24 - New York, US

Dr. Leonel Fernández attended the Third International Conference on Sustainable Development, activity in which he shared the stage with other co-members of the Leadership Council of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UNSDSN).

Optimism Regarding Future of Latin America and the Caribbean

September 25 - New Jersey, US

Dr. Fernández gave the keynote address at the School of Diplomacy of Seton Hall University in New Jersey, after signing a memorandum of understanding on the inter-institutional collaboration between the University, Funglode, and the United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic.

Urging Latin Americans to Lean More Toward the World of Technology

August 6 - New York, US

In his speech at a dinner at the Hispanic IT Executive Council Leadership Summit, Dr. Fernández referred to a report done by the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC in Spanish), which projects a mere 1% economic growth in Latin America for the coming years, mainly due to the slowing down of China's economy.



Leonel Fernández Connects Young Dominicans with Digital NYC Gust to Boost Their Talent

September 28 - New York, US

President of GFDD/Funglode met with dozens of young entrepreneurs of Dominican origin, who stand out in the technology field, with the purpose of connecting them, through Dominicana Tech, with Digital NYC, a hub of the New York City startup and technology ecosystem.



Dr. Fernández Unanimously Elected President of European Union–Latin America and the Caribbean Foundation (EU-LAC)

August 30 - Quito, Ecuador

Dr. Leonel Fernández took office as the new president of the European Union–Latin America and Caribbean Foundation (EU-LAC), a position to which he was elected this past August by the 33 countries that make up the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States. The inauguration took place during the eighth meeting of the Foundation's Executive Board, held at the Ministry of Foreign Relations and Human Mobility of the Republic of Ecuador.

Collaboration Agreement with Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn Signed

September 23 - Brooklyn, NY

Dr. Leonel Fernández signed an agreement with Medgar Evers College in New York to create a platform for reflection on Caribbean subjects, including perspectives on history, economics, politics, and the culture of his country as well as that of Cuba, Haiti, and Puerto Rico.

Roundtable at FIU with Dr. Fernández

October 22 - Miami, US

In Miami, Dr. Leonel Fernández participated in a roundtable discussion at the Florida International University (FIU), which was attended, among others, by members of the Black Student Union of the aforementioned academic institution.

Encouraging Latin America to Get Involved via Technological Innovations

October 23 - Miami, US

In a roundtable discussion entitled "Migration, Diaspora, and Communities in Transit" held at Florida International University, Dr. Fernández said that in recent years, Latin America has had tremendous economic growth, mainly attributable to the region's connection to China through the export of raw materials.

Chairing Global Agenda Council on Latin America at World Economic Forum

October 30 - Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Leonel Fernández chaired the Global Agenda Council on Latin America, invited by the World Economic Forum (WEF). The meeting was part of the WEF's Summit on the Global Agenda, held prior to the Forum's Annual Assembly to take place in Davos, Switzerland, in January 2016. During this Summit, the former Dominican president was accompanied by Funglode's executive director, Dr. Marco Herrera.

Collaboration Agreement with Emirates Policy Center Signed

November 2 - Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Leonel Fernández represented GFDD/Funglode in an interinstitutional collaboration agreement with the Emirates Policy Center (EPC). The agreement provides for cooperation between the foundations and the EPC on field investigations, academic exchanges, and joint sponsorship of events promoting connections between Latin America and the Caribbean and the Arab Gulf states. Signing on behalf of the EPC was its president, Dr. Ebtesam Al-Ketbi.



A Call for Restructuring of Global Economic Institutions to Improve Equity

November 5 - Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Leonel Fernández called for the restructuring of the global economic order to ensure more equitable representation for all countries. He made the proposal while participating in a panel at the meeting of the Abu Dhabi Strategic Debate, organized by Emirates Policy Center (EPC).

Acting as UNASUR Special Representative in Venezuela Elections

November 17 - Venezuela

Dr. Leonel Fernández formally assumed his role as special representative of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) for the parliamentary elections, which were held on December 6 in Venezuela. The formal installation of the international observer mission occurred during an event held at the headquarters of Venezuela's National Electoral Council (CNE), headed by former Colombian president Ernesto Samper, current secretary general of UNASUR.

President Named Professor Honoris Causa by Ecuador's Technical University of Loja

November 20 - Loja, Ecuador

Dr. Leonel Fernández was named Professor Honoris Causa of the Technical University of Loja (Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja-UTPL), a higher education institution based in this south Ecuadorian city. The distinction was conferred on Fernández by the Youth and Upper Education Council at UTPL. Dr. Santiago Acosta Aíde, acting dean of UTPL, lauded the figure of Fernández and praised the qualities that made him deserving of the distinction. Dr. Rosario de Rivas Manzano, vice dean of Open and Distance Learning, then highlighted Fernández's contributions to the region.



In partnership and collaboration with:

- New York Film Academy
- Sustainable Development Solutions Network, New York
- World Strategic Forum, Florida
- Florida International University
- Catholic Tech University of Cibao (UCATECI), Dominican Republic
- European Union – Latin America and the Caribbean Foundation (EU-LAC Foundation)
- Medgar Evers College, New York
- School of Diplomacy of Seton Hall University, New Jersey
- Global Agenda Council on Latin America
- Emirates Policy Center, Abu Dhabi
- Union of South American Nations (UNASUR)
- Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja in Ecuador
- Hispanic IT Executive Council Leadership Summit
- Inter-American Defense Board
- Unicaribe College
- Spanish Broadcasting System
- Catholic University of Santo Domingo
- Association of Academic Programs in Latin America and the Caribbean (AAPLAC)

GFDD/Funglode Awards



GFDD/Funglode, through its Cultural Studies Center, celebrated the 9th edition of its Annual Awards for Short Story, Poetry, and Documentary. A total of 180 entries were submitted this year, including 177 in short stories, 15 of which coming from New York; 10 in documentaries; 30 in poetry, 7 of which from New York and Spain; and 23 in journalism. The winners in the first three places received cash prizes, ranging from RD \$30,000.00 up to RD \$100,000.00. 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.

Pedro Mir Poetry Award

First Place: *Santuario*, José Frank Rosario, under the pseudonym of Conde Rocamadour.

Juan Bosch Short Story Award

First Place: *El síndrome Heinz*, Leo Silverio, under the pseudonym of El gatopardo del Caribe.

Second Place: *Ni centurión ni pretoriano*, Estanislao Peña, under the pseudonym of CCA.

Third Place: *Dead man doesn't speak*, by Víctor de Frías, under the pseudonym of Mauricio Babilonia.

Honorable Mentions:

- *Un mundo gris*, Yaina Melissa Rodríguez Ramírez, under the pseudonym of Arcoiris.
- *Librisfuss*, Aracelis Mireles, under the pseudonym of Magdala.
- *Crónica de un día cualquiera*, de Katusca Vargas, under the pseudonym of Medea.
- *La Señora Lake*, de Elizabeth Amelia Villamán Herrera under the pseudonym of Yamelie.
- *Típica historia de fea rica que se casa con un bello pobre*, Yaina Melissa Rodríguez Ramírez, under the pseudonym of Betty la fea.
- *¿Qué no es fútil en la vida?*, Keiselim A. Montás, under the pseudonym of Sísifo.

"Contests like the GFDD/Funglode Awards are very important, especially in a country that does not usually reward thoughts."

Angel Palacio
Winner of the Essay Prize 2014

Max Pou Documentary Award

First Place: *Gente como tú*, Celestino González, under the pseudonym of Tino.

Rafael Herrera Journalism Award

First Place: *Series on Migration Policy*, Natali Faxas Guzmán (El Caribe).

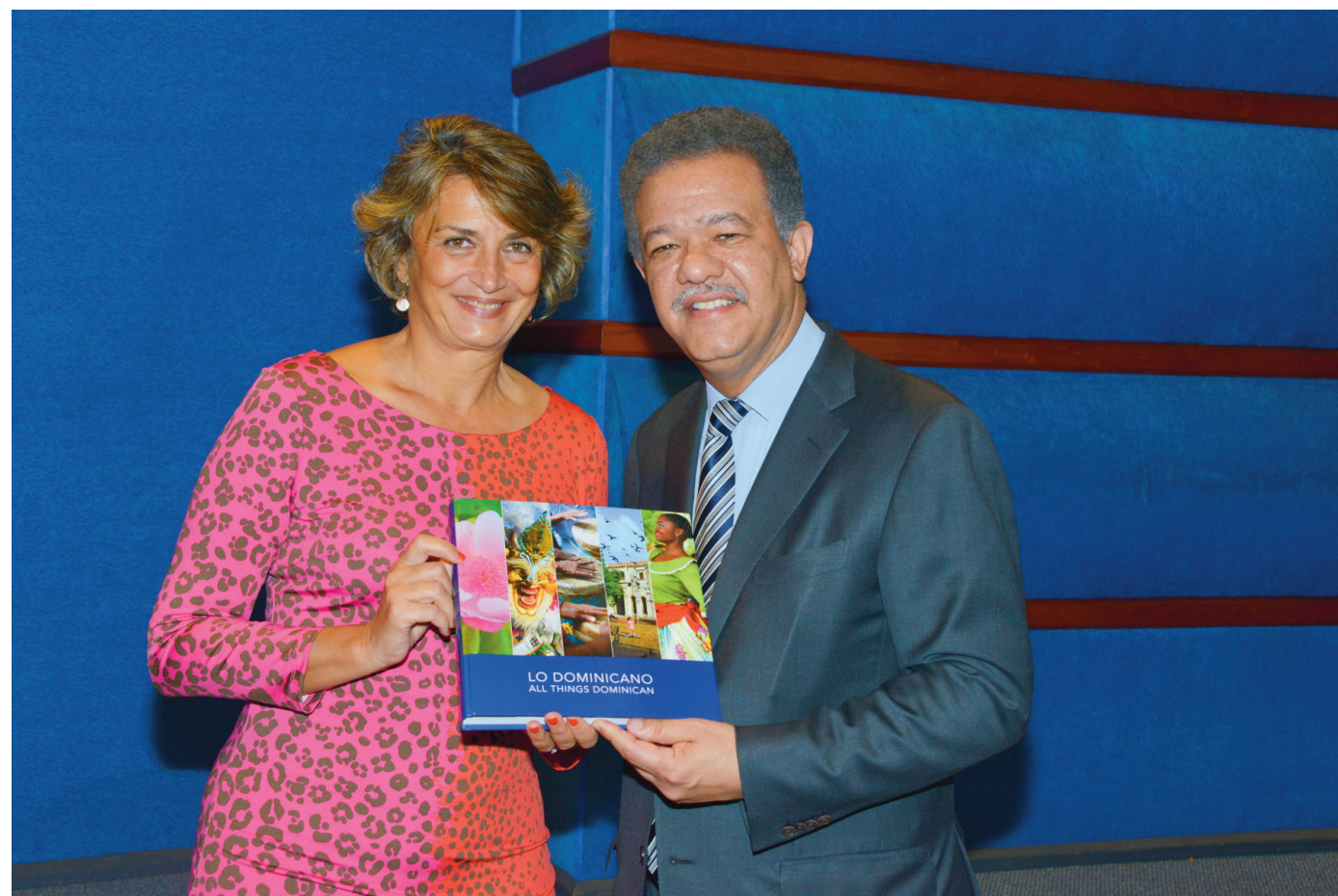
Second Place: *Series Cambios en la lectura*, Daniela Pujols Minyetty (Listín Diario).

Third Place: *Series Con el sudor de su frente*, Jhenery Ramírez Sosa (Listín Diario).

Honorable Mentions:

- *Series on the Energy Industry*, Senabri Hircania Silvestre Castro (El Día).
- *Series on the Social Security*, Kirsis Díaz (Diario Libre).
- *Series on Arts Schools*, Solangel Ortega and Elizabeth Martínez (Listín Diario).

Publications



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 and iTunes.



Research and Ideas Series

The 2012 Dominican Tax Reform in Historical and Regional Context, James Mahon
English and Spanish versions

Treating Parkinson's Disease Psychosis with Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Henry Montero
English and Spanish versions

Local Capacity Development: The Key to Benefiting from Globalization and Reducing Unemployment in the Dominican Republic, José Caraballo
Spanish version

Dominican Republic and P. R. China: Exchange, Trade and Investment, Yuan Li
English and Spanish versions

Climate Change Adaptation in the Dominican Republic: Impact on Coastal Resources and Communities, Hilary Lohmann and Mat Rosa
English and Spanish versions

Books

Lo Dominicano / All Thing Dominican
Bilingual Spanish and English

Status of Women: Studies and Reflections in the Dominican Republic and Latin America
OPD-GFDD/Funglode, English version

New Updated Editions

School and Community Gardens Manual

New Perspectives: Dominican Republic

Others

Calendar 2016

Research and Ideas Series



The 2012 Dominican Tax Reform in Historical and Regional Context by James Mahon

The book presents an analysis of the challenges and scope of the 2012 tax reforms, placing them in a historical and geographical context while proposing options and developing opportunities for their future development.



Dominican Republic and P. R. China: Exchange, Trade and Investment by Yuan Li

Researcher Yuan Li demonstrates through data and analysis the extent of Chinese economic influence in the Dominican Republic, including trade relationships, economic activity of the Chinese diaspora in the country, foreign direct investment, and policy recommendations to maximize the benefits of these relationships.



Treating Parkinson's Disease Psychosis with Cognitive Behavioral Therapy by Henry Montero

The publication contributes to the body of scientific research on Parkinson's disease and mental health development in Latin American and Caribbean countries, as well as the application of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) for psychosis due to Parkinson's disease, a common medical condition in the Dominican Republic.



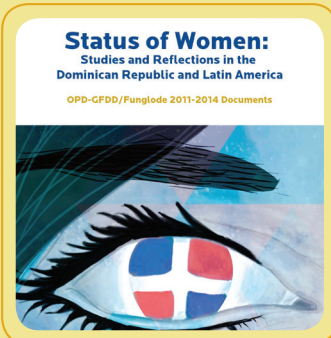
Climate Change Adaptation in the Dominican Republic: Impact on Coastal Resources and Communities by Hilary Lohmann and Mat Rosa

The study presents an analysis of the adaptive capacity of individuals involved in various sectors of employment in three Dominican coastal communities, as well as the status of governance factors driving climate change adaptation planning for coastal resources in Santo Domingo.



Local Capacity Development: The Key to Benefiting from Globalization and Reducing Unemployment in the Dominican Republic by José Caraballo

The book studies the Dominican economic model, in particular, it analyzes the impact of external sectors on the economy and the effect of economic growth on job creation and the labor market. In the same way, it discusses the conventional justification for a Free Trade agreement and explains why such an agreement can be counterproductive if there are asymmetries in the productive capacity.



Status of Women: Studies and Reflections in the Dominican Republic and Latin America

The publication contains a study prepared by the Dominican Political Observatory (OPD) of Funglode that analyzes Dominican women in four crucial areas: education, labor market, political participation and violence in its most extreme manifestation, femicide. The study considers the history behind the legal framework that provides equal conditions to Dominican women, as contained in laws, codes, treaties and international conventions. The publication is a co-edition by GFDD and Funglode. The book was launched at the UN on March 18. (see p. 117).

LO DOMINICANO / ALL THINGS DOMINICAN



All Things Dominican is a unique bilingual (Spanish and English) publication that offers a quick and fresh take on the main features of Dominicaness, and the country's cultural and natural endowments, all from a modern and innovative perspective that's easy to understand, with an emphasis on intriguing and little-known details.

The Dominican Republic is a country of enviable natural wealth and hospitable, kind, and lively people. Its cultural richness goes beyond its quaint and colorful artistic output, infectious rhythms, and deep displays of spirituality. The country harbors a stunning variety of flora and fauna with thousands of tropical species –many of them endemic– and boasts a historical patrimony covering many historical firsts of the Americas. It is a jewel in the middle of the Caribbean with fascinating contrasts and this book is a perfect testimony of it.

Foreword
Leonel Fernández
President of GFDD/Funglode

“The tangible and the intangible, the traditional and the modern, the spirit that creates new trends and the conservative emphasis on preserving our roots, the creative expressions that stimulate the finest senses of rhythm, sound, sight, smell, and taste, inviting us to think, feel, and dream – all this forms part of what we call lo nuestro, lo dominicano, which infuses our daily lives, our homes, our streets, our workplaces, and follows us when we travel abroad or live out of our home country. What brings us together identifies us, makes us proud, and inspires us to keep creating and contributing to this abundant and prolific heritage of very particular expressions of what we are – expressions also appreciated, enjoyed, and shared by people from all corners of the globe.”



“We invite you to enjoy this publication and embark on an exciting journey across the natural and cultural richness of this Quisqueyan land. The Dominican people, with all their rejoicing as well as their joyful and playful spirit, welcome you to LO DOMINICANO | ALL THINGS DOMINICAN (...)Dominicaness embodies beauty, devotion, joyful living, colorfulness, creativity, optimism, spirit of invention and spontaneity, or to put it succinctly: a love of life and the overwhelming desire to share it with others.”

Preface
Natasha Despotovic
Project Director and Editor in Chief, Executive Director of GFDD



This year GFDD updated two of its most celebrated publication!

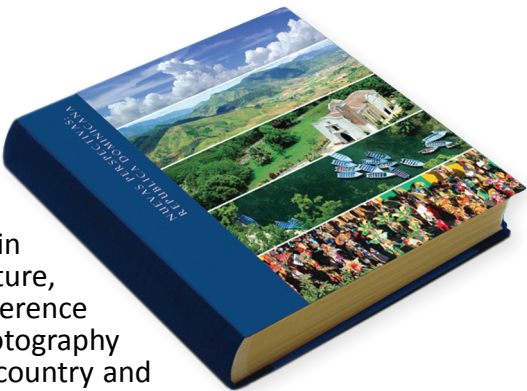


School and Community Gardens Manual

A practical guide through which GFDD/Funglode EcoHuertos Program shares the experience of the school and community gardens program, which has become a real national movement.

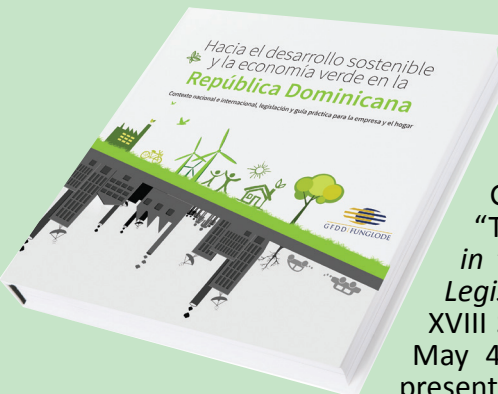
New Perspectives: Dominican Republic

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



2016 Calendar

Once again GFDD has put great effort into producing its yearly calendar to promote the Dominican Republic and its natural and cultural richness in all its nuances. The calendar embarks the viewer in a journey across the country's beauty and uniqueness, the result of the GFDD/Funglode publication LO DOMINICANO / ALL THINGS DOMINICAN, which offers a fresh and quick take on the main features of Dominicaness.



Book on Sustainable Development Presented at International Book Fair Santo Domingo 2015

GFDD/Funglode presented, in front of a very diverse audience, “Towards Sustainable Development and the Green Economy in the Dominican Republic: National and International Context, Legislation and Practical Guide for the Home and Office” at the XVIII Santo Domingo International Book Fair, held April 23 through May 4. Students and general public actively participated in the presentation of the book, discussing best practices and lessons learned around the world to promote sustainable development.



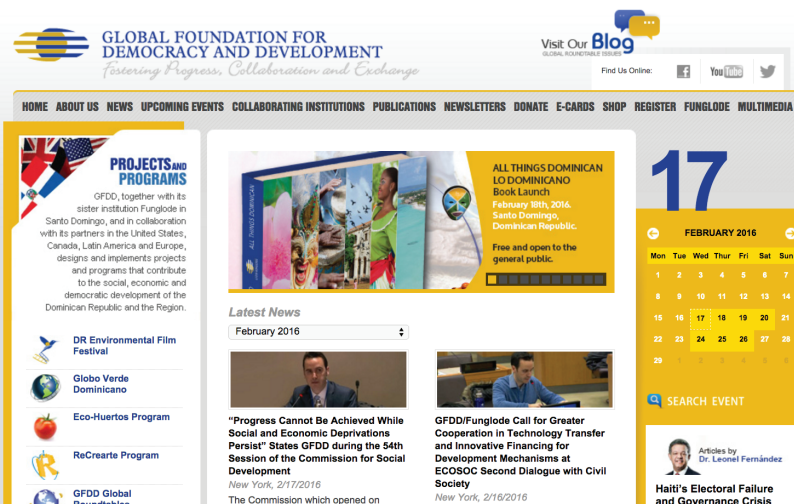
New Audio Book on Sustainable Development and Green Economy

GFDD launched in April the audiobook *Hacia el Desarrollo Sostenible y la Economía Verde en la República Dominicana* (Towards Sustainable Development and Green Economy in the Dominican Republic) which includes a brief analysis of the current sustainable development in a global context, a compilation of national and international legislation regarding said topics, and a practical guide to promote environmental sustainability and resilience from both business and household perspectives.

Fellows Book Launches in 2015

The Fellows Program had a busy year with several book launches and discussions both in the U.S. and the Dominican Republic.

Book							
	2012 Dominican Tax Reform in Historical and Regional Context	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy in Patients with Parkinson's			Local Capacity to Benefit from Globalization and Increase Employment: The Case of the Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic and P.R. China: Exchange, Trade and Investment	Climate Change in the Dominican Republic: Impact on Coastal Resources and Communities
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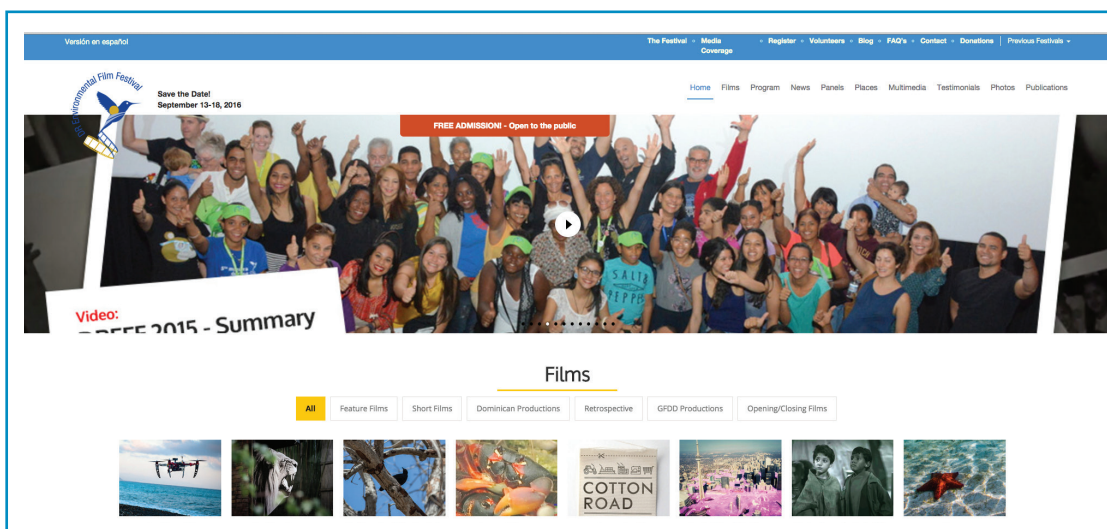
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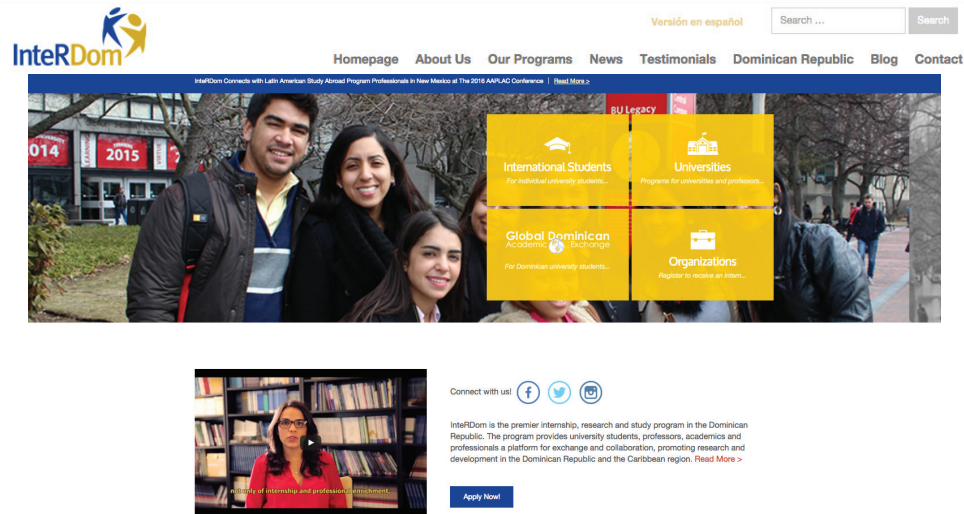
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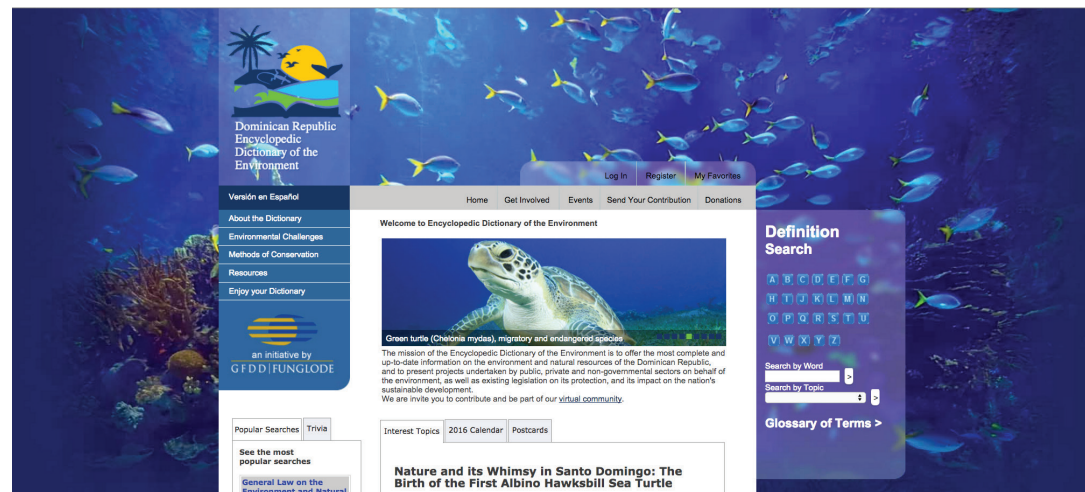
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