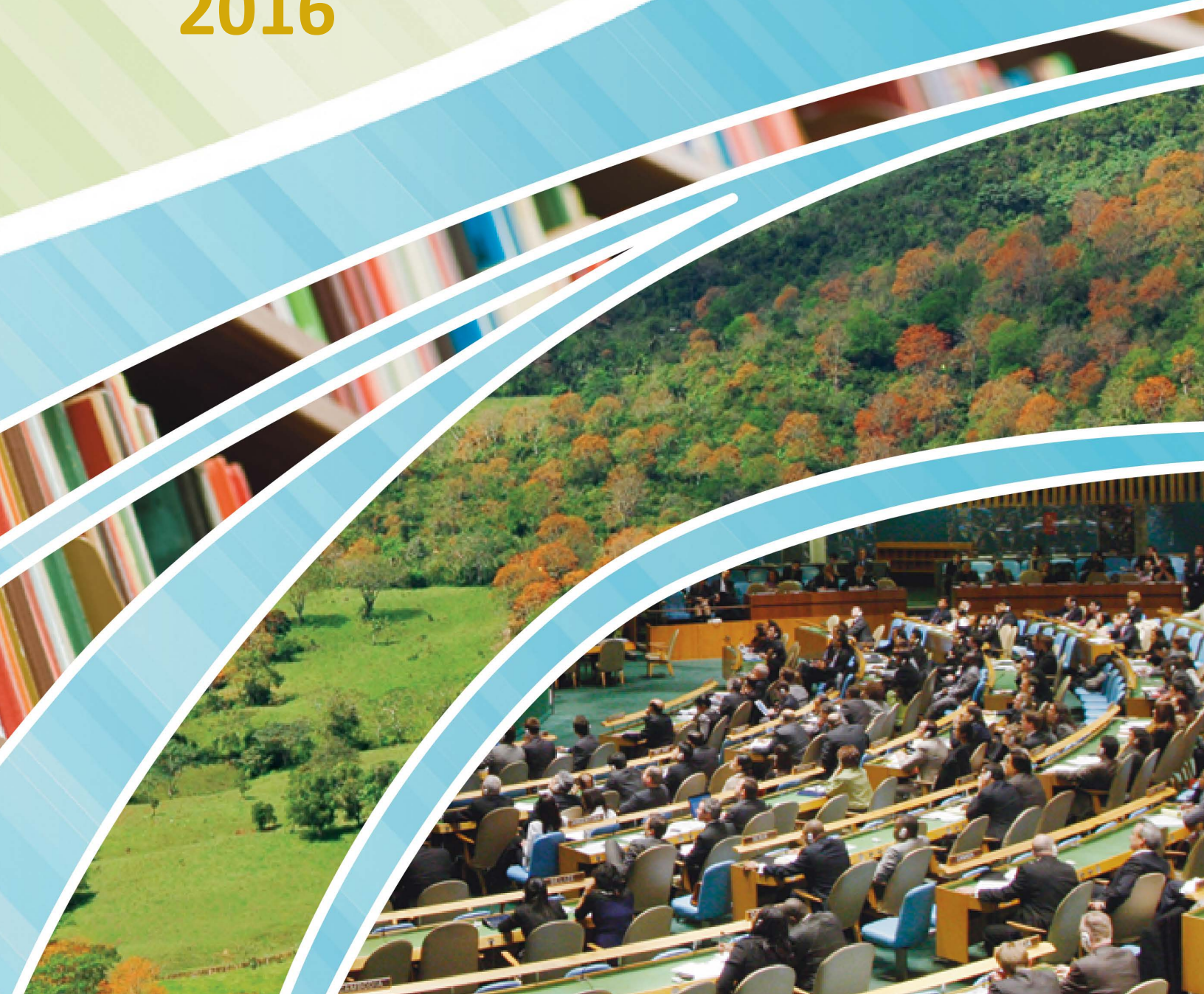




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It's been fourteen years now since Global Foundation for Democracy and Development was launched with the mission of broadening the reach and impact of Funglode, its sister organization in the Dominican Republic, throughout the rest of the Western Hemisphere and the world. Since then, we have worked to enhance the local perspective on economic and social challenges faced by the Dominican Republic with information and knowledge on global trends and best practices, and in doing so help synthesize a set of specific policy solutions, influence public awareness and attitudes, and contribute to the country's and the regions' development in general.

GFDD's strategy involves leveraging our own research capacity as well as our connections to public, private, and multilateral bodies around the world to generate and disseminate knowledge; grow transnational networks for professional, economic, social and academic collaboration; and offer an events program that shines a spotlight on issues on which the Dominican Republic has an urgent interest in raising awareness and promoting action—the impacts of climate change, for instance, or the fostering of technological capacity at the level of both human and physical capital.

The success of this agenda has left GFDD in a unique position as a point of reference in the Americas among international organizations, governments, universities, media, the private sector, and even cultural figures. Our iconic Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival and surrounding initiatives, for instance, are helping to raise a new generation of environmentally conscious citizens, consumers, and creative professionals. Our Global Academic Exchange, Fellows and Internships programs add every year new nodes to a transnational network of intellectuals who take the Dominican experience into account and help elevate it to a new level. And the United Nations has repeatedly turned to GFDD, as an accredited observer for many UN agencies, for consultancy on a variety of issues impacting Latin America and the Caribbean and the world.

We are highly aware that our individual supporters and participants and institutional collaborators are the bedrock of our continued success. Thus we offer in this volume an overview of the great work you have helped us achieve during the year 2016 as both a congratulation and an invitation to carry on alongside us in this journey to share the Dominican experience and improve global wellbeing overall.

Dr. Leonel Fernández
President of GFDD

We at GFDD feel grateful and blessed for having had the opportunity to develop and expand numerous development programs and initiatives in the year 2016. It has been a fruitful year, full of exciting projects and enriching partnerships.



We are proud to say that GFDD was accredited to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and appointed chair of UNA-USA "Support and Promote a Sustainable Environmental Ecosystem" Subcommittee as well as vice chair of UNA-USA Council of Organizations.

The 6th Edition of the Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival (DREFF), that took place from September 13th to 18th, was the largest to date: 45 films, 140 screenings, over 40 venues all across the country and 12,000 spectators.

The educational programs associated to DREFF have impacted more communities in the Dominican Republic than ever. As an example: the Year Round Environmental Film Screenings Program reached 2,000 spectators in 24 venues around the country; EcoHuertos launched a pioneering workshop for teachers to introduce the creation of school vegetable gardens in the curriculum in 13 schools, and ReCreate partnered with educational and community centers to teach creative recycling to more than 2,000 people from all walks of life.

We are also pleased to have added many new institutions and individuals to our long list of partners, collaborators, sponsors and friends. A productive and enthusiastic collaboration with many new private, public, non-governmental and educational institutions brought an important additional leverage to our activities and programs. Among them, we could mention the CUNY School of Journalism, the World Bank Film4Climate, the Embassy of Germany and Italy in the Dominican Republic, Universidad de Antioquia, Universidad del Rosario, Timberland, Fashion Revolution and the POP Movement. And we have given special attention and dedication to growing and deepening our long-standing partnerships, on a local and global level.

It's surely a source of pride for us that the GFDD short films *Value of Life* and *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience* have continued to be screened at numerous international festivals, and that *Value of Life* was even awarded the Best Jury Award at Bangalore Short Films Festival.

So many things to be grateful for and even more to look forward to! We thank you all for traveling with us on this long and exciting journey called Global Foundation for Democracy and Development: Fostering Progress, Collaboration and Exchange and we are excited about everything we will still achieve together in the years to come.

Natasha Despotovic
Executive Director of GFDD



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

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

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

Mission

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

Vision

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

Areas of Interest

- Environment
- Sustainable economic and social development
- Education
- Communications
- Health
- Culture
- International relations
- Defense and security
- Knowledge management
- Information and communications technology
- Democracy
- Dominican studies
- Globalization and regional integration

GFDD in 2016

Word Cloud



USA

New York

- Dominican Get Together with Milly Quezada
- Dominican Film Showcase NY Edition
- Dominican Week
- 8th Golf Tournament
- Value of Life at FLEFF
- International Book Fair Dominican Women Writers
- Dominican Book Fair
- ReCreate: Workshop Series and UN presentation
- Manhattanville College Spring Job and Internship Fair
- Baruch College Work Abroad Fair
- NYDRMUN 2016
- President Launches RD2044 Initiative
- Presentation of *Lo Dominicano I All Things Dominican*
- Workshop on Social Networks at Salomé Ureña Educational Center

New Jersey

- Princeton Environmental Film Festival (PEFF)
- Rutgers University 2016 Internship & Summer Jobs Fair
- Presentation of *Lo Dominicano I All Things Dominican*

New Mexico

- AAPLAC 2016

Seattle, WA

- GDAE at University of Washington School of Law

Miami, FL

- Dominican Get Together with Fernando Villalona
- Dominicans You Should Know with Yunel Cruz
- 9th Golf Tournament
- Dr. Fernández Delivers Lecture at Miami Dade College

St. Petersburg, FL

- Blue Ocean Film Festival

Tampa, FL

- Presentation of the Report "Dominican Republic—State of Florida Strategic Alliance"

Washington, DC

- Dominican Film Showcase DC Edition
- DFS Embassy Edition
- DCEFF
- Passport DC
- Death by a Thousand Cuts Premiere
- Dr. Fernández Meets with the OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro

Mexico

Queretaro

- New Perspectives: Dominican Republic Photography Exhibition

Cuernavaca

- Cinema Planeta

Mexico City

- President Attends XXII Meeting of the Montevideo Circle
- Lecture "The Left in Latin America in Times of Global Crisis" at UNAM by Dr. Fernández

Some Places
We Have
Been —



Dominican Republic

- All over the country - ALL THE PROGRAMS

Cuba

Havana

- President Delivers Keynote Speech at the II International Conference "Con todos y para el bien de todos"

Holguín

- Cine Pobre Film Festival in Gibara

Costa Rica

San José

- Dr. Fernández at Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs)



Venezuela

Caracas

- Dr. Fernández Part of UNASUR's Electoral Mission

Colombia

Medellín

- President Attends the World Economic Forum on Latin America

Bolivia

La Paz

- Dr. Fernández Part of the OAS Constitutional Referendum Observation Mission

Argentina

Buenos Aires

- Festival Internacional de Cine Ambiental (FINCA)

Sweden

Stockholm

- Dr. Fernández Attends the III Academic Summit of Latin American and Caribbean States and European Union (EU-CELAC)

United Kingdom

London

- President Delivers Keynote Speech at Third Annual CAF-LSE Global South Conference

Oxford

- President Participates in Roundtable Discussion "Media Reform Policies" at University of Oxford

Germany

Berlin

- Lecture "Europe—Latin America and the Caribbean: Strategic Association or Gradual Estrangement?" by Dr. Fernández

France

Paris

- President Attends Latin American Caribbean Week

Spain

Salamanca

- President Signs Agreement Between EU-LAC Foundation and CEISAL
- Dr. Fernández at 8th Congress of the European Council for Social Research on Latin America

Valladolid

- Dr. Fernández Signs Educational Partnership with Fundación Santillana, and Castilla y León Government

Madrid

- Lecture "The Future of Higher Education," held at the University of Alcalá, by Dr. Fernández

Morocco

Marrakech

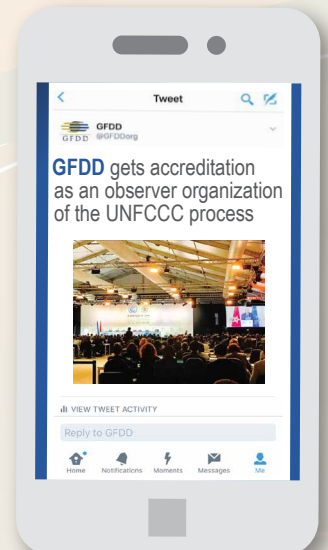
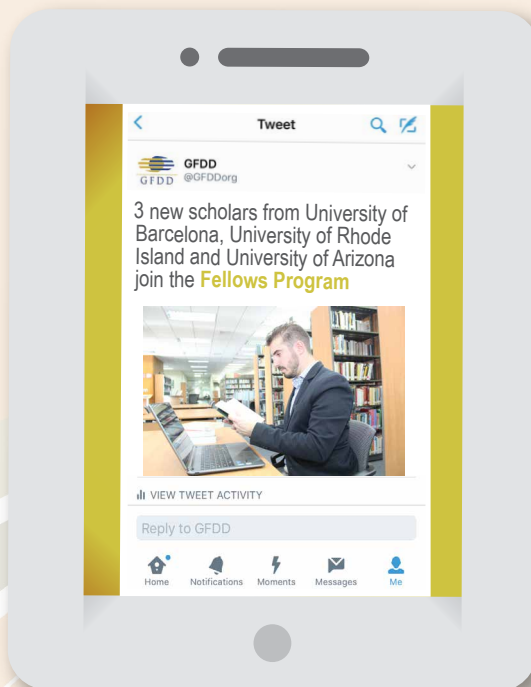
- Conference of the Parties (COP22) organized by UNFCCC

India

- *Value of Life* Awarded Best Documentary Jury Prize at Bangalore Shorts Film Festival 2016
- *Value of Life* at 5th Mumbai Shorts Film Festival 2016



Some Things We Have Done





Panel Networking

Women in Film and Video
of Washington DC



ReCreate Workshop

Gas Natural Fenosa Generadora
Palmar La Vega, and Generadora
Palmar Santo Domingo



ReCreate Workshop

CUNY Graduate School
of Journalism



Death by a Thousand Cuts Premiere in Washington, DC in
collaboration with IDB and DCEFF

Inter American Development Bank



Screening of Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic
Experience, The Change and The E-Waste Tragedy at the
headquarters of the Ministry of the Environment

Ministerio de Medio Ambiente
y Recursos Naturales



15th Educational Expedition to Pico Duarte

Fundación Siempre Más,
Fundación Puntacana, and Angel Guard

4CLIM



World Bank Film4Connect



Embassy of the Dominican Republic in the USA



New York Film Academy



United Nations Association of the United States (UNA-USA)



Timberland



Fundación para el Saneamiento Ambiental de la Zurza (FUNSAZURZA)



Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital (DCEFF)



National Supermarket Association (NSA)

Some of Our Partners



Dominican Get Together,
Milly Quezada, New York



Dominican Get Together,
Fernando Villalona, Miami



Dominican Film Showcase,
Flor de Azúcar, Washington DC



Employees in the Gas and Energy Sector
Learn About Creative Recycling with
ReCreate



75 Students Climb Pico Duarte with
RDescubre



DREFF 2016: 11 cities, 40 venues,
45 films, 140 screenings



Workshop on Social Networks at Salomé Ureña
Educational Center in New York



Year Round Environmental Film Screening, LandFill Harmonic, Staff of the Constitutional Court



Students at **Globo Verde Dominican Lab**



University of Rhode Island (URI) Students at **InterDom** Winter Program in Santo Domingo

Our Audience and Our Students



New Families Join **EcoHuertos** Program in La Zurza



Launching **Lo Dominicano I**
All Things Dominican in New Jersey



New York City High School Students, Swim or Sink: Learning to Crawl in the Maldives, **UN**





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.



Dominican Republic–Florida Strategic Alliance

October 17: Book launch in Tampa Bay

October 17: Book launch in Fort Myers

October 18: Book launch in Miami

Research and Ideas Series

August 31: *Challenges for Sustainable Growth through Tourism in the Dominican Republic*
Launch in Washington, DC

Lo Dominicano | All Things Dominican

February 19: Libreria Cuesta, Santo Domingo

February 24: 809 Sangria Bar & Grill, New York

May 5: Centro León, Santiago de los Caballeros

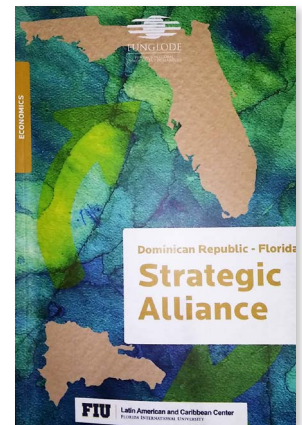
May 6: William V. Musto Cultural Center, New Jersey

OPD Publication

Assessment of the Border Development Law: Between Obscurity and the Need for Progress

Dominican Republic–Florida Strategic Alliance

The *Dominican Republic–Florida Strategic Alliance* outlines opportunities for the Dominican Republic to fortify its commercial, cultural, and academic links with the state of Florida. This updated edition of the report aims to further strengthen the bonds between both places and foster new achievements in trade, investment, telecommunications, education, and culture. While it's true that relations between these two neighboring states have made huge steps forward, it's important to consolidate the achievements to date. It's also vital to focus on promoting new links to deepen a relationship that, due to geographic proximity and cultural affinity, should well be an intimate one.



Leaders of the Tampa Bay Area Welcome Dr. Leonel Fernández

October 17, Tampa Bay , FL

President Fernández introduced the publication *Dominican Republic–Florida Strategic Alliance*, to the political, business, and civic leaders from the Tampa Bay Area during a breakfast hosted by Mayor Robert “Bob” Buckhorn and Paul Anderson, CEO of Port Tampa Bay. Attending the launch of the report was former United States Undersecretary of International Trade, Francisco Sánchez. During his presentation on

the advances made from this alliance, Fernández noted that the cooperation between Florida and the Dominican Republic is already tangible in the form of the NAP, an equal access technological center, through academic exchange, medical research, cinema and culture, and sea and air connections.

President Fernández Gifted with the Key to the City of Fort Myers during Book Presentation

October 17, Fort Myers, FL

Dr. Leonel Fernández and GFDD Executive Director Natasha Despotovic met in Tampa Bay with members of the business, academic, and political communities as well as Florida government representatives and Dominican cultural leaders to launch the report *Dominican Republic–Florida Strategic Alliance*. The presentation took place at Hodges University, Fort Myers Campus, during a lunch attended by Theresa Wilkins, mayor of Fort Myers, and Peter Simmons, mayor of Bonita Springs. Mayor Wilkins offered Dr. Fernandez the key to the city in recognition of his efforts to foster the ties between the Dominican Republic and the state of Florida.

Dr. Fernández Introduces Report to Latin Builders Association

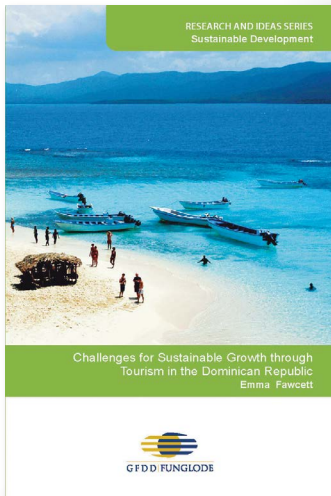
October 18, Miami, FL

Members of the Latin Builders Association and the business community of Greater Miami welcomed President Fernández with enthusiasm. Politicians and members of the community were also present at the event hosted by Mayor Carlos Giménez and Juan M. Kuryla, CEO of Port Miami. During the morning meeting that took place on the premises of Port Miami, Fernández highlighted the importance of strengthening the bonds between Florida and the Dominican Republic, underlined the achievements made over the years, and introduced the new edition of the *Dominican Republic–Florida Strategic Alliance* report.



Research and Ideas Series

GFDD and Funglode promote research and awareness in areas crucial to the democratic, social and economic sustainable development of the Dominican Republic and the world. The series includes research papers, articles, speeches and keynotes that discuss pressing contemporary issues from national, regional, and global points of view. This year GFDD published *Challenges for Sustainable Growth through Tourism in the Dominican Republic*.



Challenges for Sustainable Growth through Tourism in the Dominican Republic

The Dominican Republic has long been viewed primarily as an exporter of sugar, coffee, and tobacco, but in the last decades the service sector has overtaken agriculture as the economy's largest employer, due in part to growth in the tourism industry. This report explores tourism sector governance in the Dominican Republic, identifying key challenges in establishing sustainable, inclusive growth through tourism. The author offers practical policy solutions that highlight the need for capacity building, partnership creation, and public participation of all relevant stakeholders within the tourism industry at the national, regional, and local levels.

"We Need to Ensure That Economic Development Reaches the Country's Poorest," States GFDD Fellow Emma Fawcett During Publication Launch

August 31, Washington, DC

GFDD Fellow Emma Fawcett was joined by a panel of experts for the launch of the latest publication from the Fellows Program, entitled *Challenges for Sustainable Growth through Tourism in the Dominican Republic* at GFDD headquarters in Washington, DC. Fawcett emphasized that "tourism is the oil of the Dominican Republic" to highlight the need for the government to sustainably manage this important industry. She recommended revising the incentive framework and addressing the concerns of local residents, diversifying tourism products, and improving environmental management through more capacity and more effective regulation of the industry.





Lo Dominicano All Things Dominican

This book 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 wealth, all from a modern and innovative perspective that's easy to understand, with an emphasis on intriguing and little-known details.

Throughout the year, *All Things Dominican*, published in 2015, has been launched in multiple cities around the world.



Available on Amazon

Dominicaness Honored by the New GFDD/Funglode Publication

February 19, Santo Domingo

During this event, which took place at Foro Pedro Mir in the Librería Cuesta, the Dominican anthropologist and art critic Delia Blanco – who is also vice president of the Association of Caribbean Writers and recognized for her contributions to the study of Dominican identity and Dominicaness – highlighted the publication's great contribution to Dominican culture. Historians, writers, and renowned experts in different areas of Dominican culture participated in the launch, including Xiomara Fortuna, Reina Rosario, and Avelino Stanley, among others. To conclude the evening the audience shared a toast and exchanged opinions on the book.



Lo Dominicano | All Things Dominican Launched in the Heart of Santiago de los Caballeros

May 5, Santiago de los Caballeros

Lo Dominicano | All Things Dominican, a unique GFDD/Funglode publication, was launched in Santiago de los Caballeros at the iconic Centro León before an avid and diverse public interested in learning about some of the lesser-known and more picturesque aspects of Dominicaness. The general coordinator of education, entertainment, and communications at Centro León, María Belissa Ramírez, welcomed the audience and stressed the importance of a publication with these characteristics, as it "combines a number of facets of Do-

minicans and brings us closer to our roots and customs, as well as reinforces our values and appreciation for what we have."

GFDD Launches Its Latest Publication *Lo Dominicano | All Things Dominican*

February 24, New York

GFDD's latest publication, *Lo Dominicano | All Things Dominican*, compiles 5 years of research and presents the essence of the Dominican Republic through fun facts, images, and perhaps unknown information to the new generations. The book was presented at 809 Sangria Bar & Grill in New York City in an event featuring the participation of Dominican singer José Fernando Capellan and the presence of an enthusiastic audience, despite the rain. The event was attended by leading members of the New York Dominican community such as Mr. Tilo Rivas, who urged the public to study each chapter carefully and pass on this knowledge to the new generations.



Music Performance, Special Guests and Dominican Pride at the Launch of *Lo Dominicano | All Things Dominican* in New Jersey

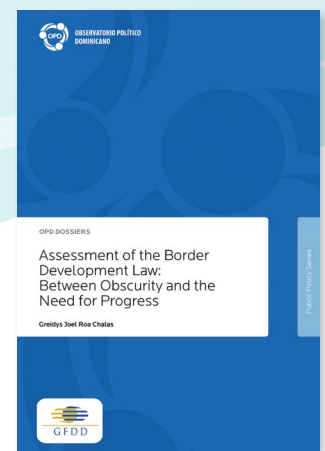
May 6, New Jersey

Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) presented its newest publication at the William V. Musto Cultural Center in Union City, New Jersey. The event was organized in collaboration with leading members of the New York Dominican community such as Mr. Tilo Rivas, businessman, journalist, and member of the Hispanic Culture Foundation in Hudson County, New Jersey; and Eliezer Bueno, cultural appointee and community activist of the Dominican Diaspora in New York. The event began with Dominican singer and songwriter Tony Bravo playing famous songs from various Dominican composers such as Juan Luis Guerra, Victor Victor, Anthony Rios, Charlie Mosquea, Mickey Taveras, and Rafael Solano. The audience was delighted and sang along with Tony during some of the melodies.

OPD Publication

Assessment of the Border Development Law: Between Obscurity and the Need for Progress by Greidys Joel Roa Chalas

This publication contains a study prepared by the Dominican Political Observatory (OPD) of Funglode. This analysis uses available data to examine whether Law 28-01 on Border Development has fulfilled its mission. The author inquires its results in terms of employment and productive development; problems surrounding its implementation; and how these data contrast with the opinions of involved actors. This study reveals that the arguments for and against the law both have merit, and that the law itself has come up short in attaining its objectives, thus warranting a comprehensive reform that takes into account the changed circumstances in the country at present. Fourteen years after its enactment, Law 28-01 remains a controversial development instrument.



In partnership and collaboration with:

- 809 Sangria Bar & Grill
- Centro León
- Librería Cuesta
- William V. Musto Cultural Center
- Dominican Political Observatory (OPD) of Funglode





International Affairs

Global Roundtables



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



GRT acts as a discussion forum with notable figures from the global stage on a variety of issues related to international affairs.



February 26: Ambassador Andrés González Díaz on Public Health, Washington, DC

June 7: Mark Weisbrot on Economic Development, Washington, DC



Public Health

February 26, Washington, DC

H.E. Andrés González Díaz
Ambassador of the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the Organization of American States.

"The most important thing is for the international community to work together and do our utmost to prevent and reduce the consequences of the Zika virus outbreak.... There is a need for global cooperation to prevent future outbreaks."

The session considered the recent outbreak of the Zika virus and its socioeconomic consequences in Colombia and the Americas. Ambassador González Díaz explained that, in Colombia, over 30,000 cases of the virus had been reported and the government's goal had been to take immediate preventive actions. The Ambassador highlighted that key to these actions was identifying particular zones where the mosquitoes were breeding and also stated that a basic education campaign was underway with local communities, a crucial step in the fight against the outbreak of this virus.



Economic Development

June 7, Washington, DC

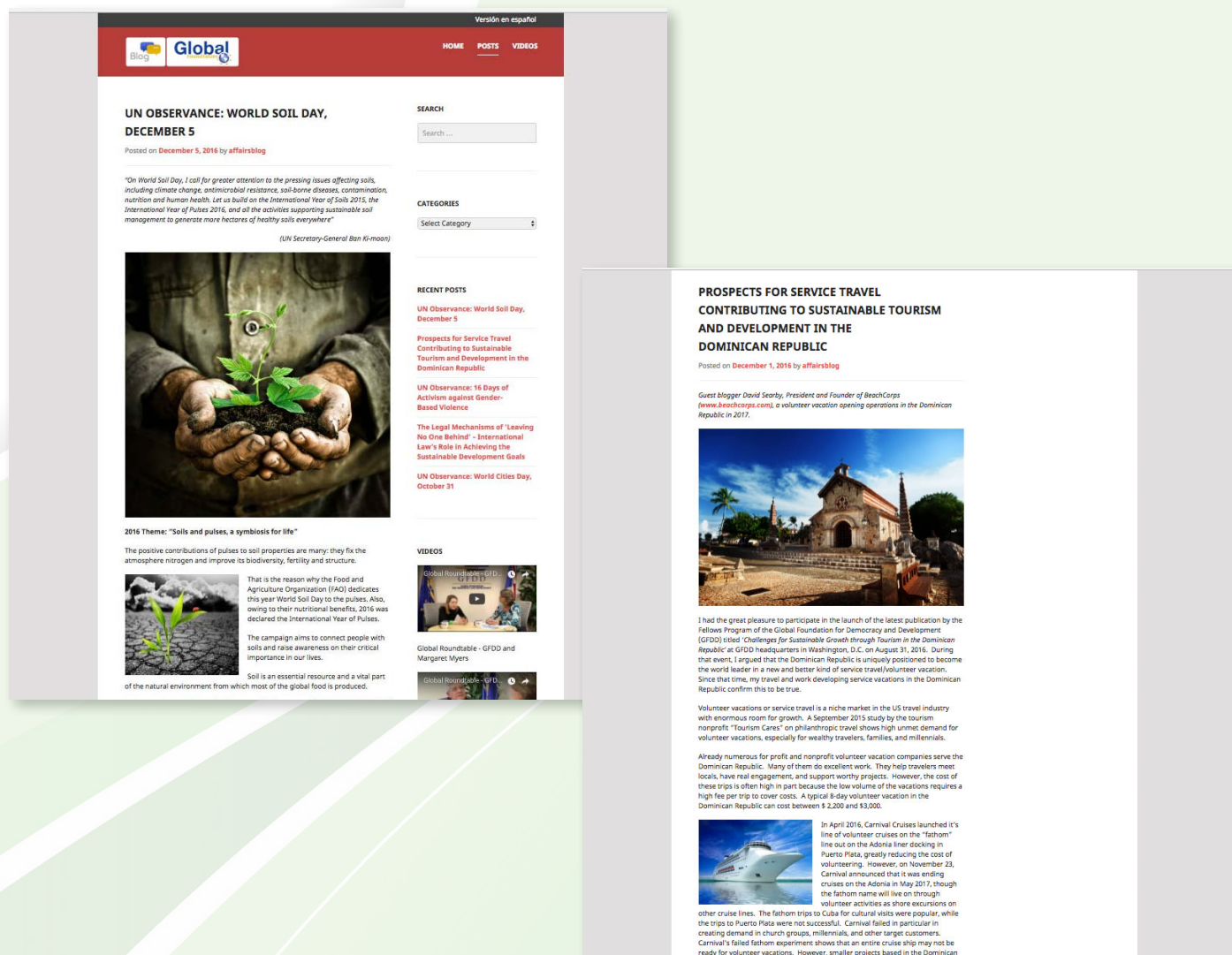
Mark Weisbrot
Co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research.

"As long as sovereignty and democracy persist, Latin American countries can continue to grow and develop."

During this session, Mark Weisbrot discussed the findings of his latest book *Failed: What the "Experts" Got Wrong About the Global Economy*. He also engaged in a debate about the long-term economic failures and changes that have taken place in the last couple of decades and how these have impacted Latin America.

The Global Roundtable Issues Blog

(<http://globalroundtableissues.wordpress.com/>) was launched in February 2014 to complement the GFDD Global Roundtables initiative. The blog aims to provide its readers with updates on international policy events and reports, pertaining to the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other sustainable development targets being realized worldwide. Each month throughout 2016, a wide variety of guest bloggers contributed to the site. The guest bloggers covered a wide array of current affairs issues, ranging from the financing provisions of the Paris Climate Agreement (Narayan Subramanian, climate policy officer) to an analysis of the economic relationship between China and countries from the Latin America Caribbean region (Yuan Li, 2013 GFDD Fellow and Author of *Dominican Republic and P.R. China: Exchange, Trade and Investment*).



In partnership and collaboration with:

- Permanent Mission of Colombia to the Organization of American States
- Center for Economic and Policy Research in Washington

Collaboration with the United Nations



G FDD and Funglode are non-profit organizations with consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Department of Public Information (DPI), the Global Compact Office, the Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the World Summit of Information Society (WSIS) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Both Foundations are dedicated to promoting and advancing issues at the forefront of the United Nations' agenda. GFDD and Funglode regularly participate in UN agencies' discussions and meetings and contribute substantively to reports and position papers.



Dedicating research and advocacy to the promotion and advancement of issues at the forefront of the UN agenda.

January 13: GFDD Chairs UNA-USA Subcommittee, New York

February 4: GFDD Hosts UN Panel Discussion, New York

February 10: GFDD Presents Statement at ECOSOC Second Dialogue with Civil Society, New York

February 12: 54th Session of the Commission for Social Development, New York

March 17: Roundtable Discussion with UNEP on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Washington, DC

March 18: UN Panel Discussion on Violence Against Women, New York

March 25: CSW 60 Statement at the UN, New York

April 13: World Bank Civil Society Policy Forum, Washington, DC

April 21: 49th Session of the Commission on Population and Development, New York

May 25: UN Tour & Film Screening on Climate Change for NYC High School Students, New York

June 13: UNA-USA Annual Leadership Council 2016, Washington, DC

June 16: GFDD Appointed Vice Chair of UN Association of the USA Council of Organizations, Washington, DC

June 14 - 17: 9th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, New York

July 20: GFDD Delivers Oral Statement at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, New York

October 5: Publication Launch & Panel Discussion at the UN on Role of Civil Society in International Development, New York

November 11: GFDD Accredited to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Marrakesh, Morocco

November 17: Panel Discussion on the Impact of Climate Change on Children's Health, New York



GFDD Appointed Chair of UNA-USA Subcommittee Promoting Sustainable Environmental Ecosystems

January 13, New York

GFDD was appointed chair of a new subcommittee by the United Nations Association of the United States (UNA-USA) Council of Organizations entitled "Support and Promote a Sustainable Environmental Ecosystem." The subcommittee will be made up of UNA-USA members, which are NGOs engaged in promoting environmental advancement. It will serve to advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN's 2030

Agenda for Sustainable Development (Agenda 2030), which provides the guiding framework for international development over the next 30 years.

"The Addis Ababa Action Agenda Set Up a More Robust Mechanism than Its Predecessors," Comments Ambassador Talbot, Co-facilitator of the Financing for Development Conference, during GFDD Side Event

February 4, New York

GFDD hosted a panel discussion at the UN to celebrate the 54th Session of the Commission on Social Development (CSocD54). The event, entitled "Financing Tools for Reducing Social Inequalities," aimed to contribute to the priority theme of CSocD54: "Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world." Reflecting on the financing achievements of UN development policy-making in 2015, the panelists looked back at the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and the recent Paris Climate Meeting and attempted to address one central question: How can the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA) serve as an instrument to reduce inequalities and encourage a people-centered approach to strengthening social development and care for the future of our planet?



GFDD Calls for Greater Cooperation in Technology Transfer and Innovative Financing for Development Mechanisms at ECOSOC Second Dialogue with Civil Society

February 10, New York



The oral statement called for the need to strengthen technology transfer in developing countries and highlighted the importance of innovative partnerships to free up new sources of development finance. It also emphasized the need for the international community to "promote North-North, South-South, and triangular cooperation, so that the technological gap between North and South does not widen," and sustainable development is promoted in the South. GFDD concluded by issuing a word of caution that current investment patterns will fall short of what is required to meet the targets laid out in the ambitious Sustainable Development Goals.

"Progress Cannot Be Achieved While Social and Economic Deprivations Persist" States GFDD During the 54th Session of the Commission for Social Development



February 12, New York

GFDD participated in the 54th Session of the Commission for Social Development, with the priority theme "Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world." In its oral statement, the foundation called for a new social development agenda, where public participation of communities is enhanced and economic decisions are conditioned by social and environmental outcomes: "Simply put, progress cannot be achieved while social and economic deprivations persist." It is crucial for all stakeholders, including civil society, to complement government efforts if the world is to eradicate poverty and achieve lasting sustainable development.

Talking About the Environmental Dimension of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda During UNEP Roundtable Discussion

March 17, Washington, DC

GFDD participated in the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) round table discussion and consultation ahead of the UN Environment Assembly entitled "Delivering the Environmental Dimension of the UN's 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda." As a UNEP-accredited NGO, GFDD and approximately 20 other selected stakeholders discussed the environmental issues of the 2030 Agenda, analyzing the critical linkages between the environment, public health, and sustainability. The participants' suggestions were later presented at the United Nations Environment Assembly, held in May 2016 in Nairobi, Kenya.



"Women and Girls Have Dreams, But Femicide Steals Those Dreams," States the Dominican Deputy Attorney General for Women's Affairs During GFDD UN Event

March 18, New York



GFDD hosted a panel discussion to celebrate the 60th Session on the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW60). The event, entitled "Efforts to Reduce Violence against Women and Promote Gender Empowerment in the Dominican Republic and Abroad," contributed to the review theme of CSW60: the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls. Speaking before a packed auditorium, the panelists shared best practices to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in its efforts to achieve gender equality and promote women's rights and empowerment from the international to the local level.

"Gender-Based Violence Is an Impediment to the Empowerment of Women and the Dominican Republic's Sustainable Development," States GFDD During 60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women

March 25, New York

GFDD issued a statement to the Commission stressing that "gender-based violence is an impediment to the empowerment of women and the Dominican Republic's sustainable development." Translated into all six of the official languages of the United Nations, the document recounts how the Latin America and Caribbean region has been affected by gender-based violence, with 70% of women affected by different types of violence. The document also showcases the efforts of the Dominican Republic to overcome this issue and promote women's empowerment, calling on the international community to complement existing international and national legal frameworks with daily actions at the community level.



"We Need to Localize and Integrate International Policy Development into Local Development Agendas," States Ambassador Elisaia of Samoa During GFDD Event at World Bank

April 13, Washington, DC



GFDD co-hosted a panel discussion at the World Bank as part of the 2016 Civil Society Policy Forum. The event sought to engage the audience on a wide range of topics, including financing for development and international development. Reflecting on the financing achievements of UN development policy-making in 2015, the panelists looked back at previous UN conferences to address one central question: How can the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA) serve as an instrument to reduce inequalities and encourage a people-centered approach to strengthening social development and care for the future of our planet?

"I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to have our students participate in the viewing of the film *Sink or Swim: Learning the Crawl in the Maldives*. In addition, students also enjoyed a tour of the UN, which I am sure was very exciting for them. One of my teachers even said that he had never been to the UN and he was thrilled. Once again, thank you for the opportunity and we hope to have other students engage in the future!"

Francine Cruz, Principal, International School for Liberal Arts (I.S.L.A.)

Call for Protection of the Public Health Rights of All Women and Girls at the 49th Session of the Commission on Population and Development

April 21, New York

GFDD/Funglode delivered an oral statement to the Commission on the "close link between underdevelopment and maternal mortality," as "regions with the lowest levels of development recorded 99% of the maternal deaths occurring in the period 1990 to 2015," according to the World Health Organization. The foundations called for training and awareness-raising among health workers to provide quality and compassionate care to women before, during, and after pregnancy. It concluded with a call to the international community to protect the rights of all women and girls to public health and ensure implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



"If Seas Continue to Rise as Projected the Maldives Will Be Unlivable by 2100," States Jon Bowermaster During GFDD/Funglode Special Presentation of *Sink or Swim: Learning the Crawl in the Maldives*

May 25, New York

GFDD/Funglode put together a special film screening at the United Nations to educate New York City high school students about the impacts of climate change and incentivize them into action. The screening was followed by a panel discussion with the filmmaker and the Ambassador of Fiji to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, who urged the students to "take action against climate change to protect vulnerable small island states" like the Dominican Republic. The event concluded with a guided tour of the UN that provided students with the opportunity to learn more about the international organization.



"Mitigation and Adaptation Policies Without Money Are Just a Conversation," States Executive Vice President of the National Climate Change and Clean Development Mechanism Council at GFDD Event



June 13, Washington, DC

The event, entitled "Beyond the Road to Paris: Action for Climate Change," was a seminar and panel discussion on climate change led by GFDD during the 2016 United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA) Leadership Council. With the participation of international science and policy experts, it sought to inform UNA-USA chapter members about the regional impacts of climate change, both in the United States and the Dominican Republic, and the efforts made in Paris by the international community to help tackle this global issue.

GFDD Appointed Vice Chair of UN Association of the USA Council of Organizations

June 16, Washington, DC

The Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD), represented by its UN Programs & Outreach Manager, Marc Jourdan, was appointed Vice Chair of the United Nations Association of the United States (UNA-USA) Council of Organizations. For over six decades NGO members have counted on the Council of Organizations to serve as their critical link to the United Nations. Most importantly, the Council provides members with the ability to coordinate their advocacy and education efforts related to US-UN relations to maximize impact.



GFDD and Fundación Francina Hungría Attend 9th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities



June 14 -16, New York

Together with hundreds of disability advocates and government delegates, GFDD and its esteemed partner Fundación Francina Hungría participated in the 9th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), one of the largest and most diverse international meetings on disability in the world, from June 14 to 16, 2016, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City.

GFDD Calls on the UN at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development to Champion Innovative Practices that Engage Non-State Actors

July 20, New York

Taking the floor during the general debate section of the conference, Marc Jourdan, GFDD UN Programs & Outreach Manager, stressed that “an unprecedented amount of financial resources” would be needed to fulfil the 2030 Agenda objectives. Jourdan called on the Forum to “champion innovative practices that engage with non-state actors.” He noted that GFDD had “campaigned for two integral development reforms in its UN interventions: building capacity in developing countries through technology transfer to address national and regional priorities, and promoting the role of innovation and multi-stakeholder partnerships to meet the enhanced financing needs of this agenda.”



“Civil Society Organizations Should Independently Monitor Government and Donor Programs,” States Ed Elmendorf, Project Adviser at Partnership for Transparency Fund, During UN Study Launch



October 5, New York

Seeking to reflect the growing importance of NGOs in international development and the ways they can help implement and monitor actions to improve governance under the 2030 Agenda, GFDD – in partnership with the UNA-USA Council of Organizations (COO) – hosted a study launch at the UN Church Center. The event was divided into three segments, including a study presentation by co-authors Sarah Little and Ed Elmendorf on behalf of the Partnership for Transparency Fund, with additional remarks by Jeffery Huffines of CIVICUS and Sarah Dayringer of Global Policy Watch, an interactive

Q&A session with the audience and a networking session.

GFDD/Funglode Accredited to the UN Climate Change Community Following Its Attendance of the 22nd Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC

November 11, Marrakesh, Morocco

GFDD/Funglode was present at the 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Marrakesh, Morocco from Monday, November 7, to Friday, November 11, 2016. GFDD’s UN Programs & Outreach Manager, Marc Jourdan, attended the session together with 20,000 other climate change experts from across the globe, stemming from both the public and the private sector. During GFDD’s attendance of the main plenary session, COP 22 President Salaheddine Mezouar confirmed GFDD’s official accreditation as an observer organization of the UNFCCC process.



"There is a Strong Need for Improved Efficiency and Efficacy of Existing Medicines and Interventions to Protect Health from Climate Change" States Jules Mitchel of Target Health

November 17, New York

Seeking to highlight the impact of climate change on children's health, the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development in partnership with the United Nations Association of America (UNA-USA) Council of Organizations (COO) and the Institute for Life Sciences Collaboration hosted a panel discussion at the UN Church Center. The event was divided into three segments including a climate panel with remarks by Marc Jourdan of GFDD on the outcome of the recent UN Climate Conference in Marrakesh and Jon Lourie of Duane Morris LLP who considered the degree to which climate change is tackled under US environmental law. The second part of the debate looked at the impact of climate change on children's health through the experiences of four speakers, Sarah Graham, who talked about climate change and its impact on chronic health, Richard Lutes, who provided an overview of the challenges of developing therapeutics for children, Jules Mitchel who presented the view on this issues from the perspective of the FDA and biotech industry, and finally Larry Cass who spoke of the challenges of underwriting health risks.



"You know ... I've done several events with GFDD and they all are great, especially those at the United Nations. Fifty kids showed up today and that was fantastic, because they are so curious and enthusiastic and desiring of learning, I think [that] is the goal for all of us. What GFDD is doing today, it was fantastic, giving the kids the introduction, not just [to] the film, [but] a bigger issue on top."

Jon Bowermaster, filmmaker

In partnership and collaboration with:

- Academia Mexicana de Derecho Internacional
- BeachCorps Volunteer Vacation
- Center for Responsible Travel
- CIVICUS
- Conference on NGOs in Consultative Relationship to the United Nations
- Fundación Francina Hungría
- IMF Strategy Policy and Review Department
- League of Women Voters
- National Climate Change and Clean Development Mechanism Council of the Dominican Republic
- NGO Committee on Financing for Development
- NGO Committee on Social Development
- NGO Committee on Sustainable Development
- NYC Mayor's Office To Combat Domestic Violence
- Office of the Deputy Attorney General for Women's Affairs in the Dominican Republic
- Partnership for Transparency Fund
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- The New School
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- UN Department of Social and Economic Affairs
- United Nations Association of the USA Council of Organizations
- United Nations Association Southern New York Division
- United States Council for International Business
- UN Women
- World Bank

Collaboration with UNA-DR



The Dominican United Nations Association (ANU-RD) is a nonprofit NGO dedicated to supporting the work of the United Nations and helping to strengthen its mission by coordinating educational and cultural activities to raise awareness and foster civic involvement. Since 2001 the ANU-RD has designed and implemented mock debates and forums on national, regional, and international issues, impacting more than 60,000 young people. GFDD provides important support in organizing activities such as the Model UN, Model OAS, and Model Inter-American Human Rights System, which offer valuable learning and civic leadership experiences to thousands of young people.



Thanks to its partnership with UNA-DR, GFDD/Funglode provides valuable learning and networking experiences for thousands of youth across the country.



March 27 - 31: NYDRMUN 2016, New York

October 26 - 30: CILA 2016, Santo Domingo, DR

"The UN Is an Opportunity to Serve the General Public," States the Director of the UN Alliance of Civilizations During the Closing Ceremony of NYDRMUN 2016

March 30, New York

The Closing Ceremony of the Dominican Republic Model United Nations Conference (NYDRMUN) 2016, a conference organized by the United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic (UNA-DR) with support from GFDD and Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (Funglode) took place on Wednesday, March 30 before more than 400 model UN delegates from middle schools across the Dominican Republic, in the General Assembly Hall of the United Nations (UN). Matthew Hodes, Director of the UN Alliance of Civilizations, gave a statement inviting the young delegates to consider the opportunities and challenges of taking on a profession within the UN and wishing them luck in their future careers.



More Than 700 Students Discuss Sustainable Development at CILA 2016

October 26 - 30, Santo Domingo, DR

The UNA-DR, together with GFDD and Funglode, held the 12th annual edition of International Conference of the Americas (CILA) 2016 at the Hotel Barceló Bávaro Convention Center in the Dominican Republic. CILA is the student event on the most important global issues in Latin America and the Caribbean. More than 700 young students from the Dominican Republic and the region gathered in an environment of diplomacy and cooperation to seek solutions to the challenges facing the international community. The central theme of the conference was "Sustainable Development Goals: From Words to Action."



Collaboration with the Organization of American States



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



GFDD actively supports the organization and shares its objectives in the field of democracy, trade, environment, and education, among others.



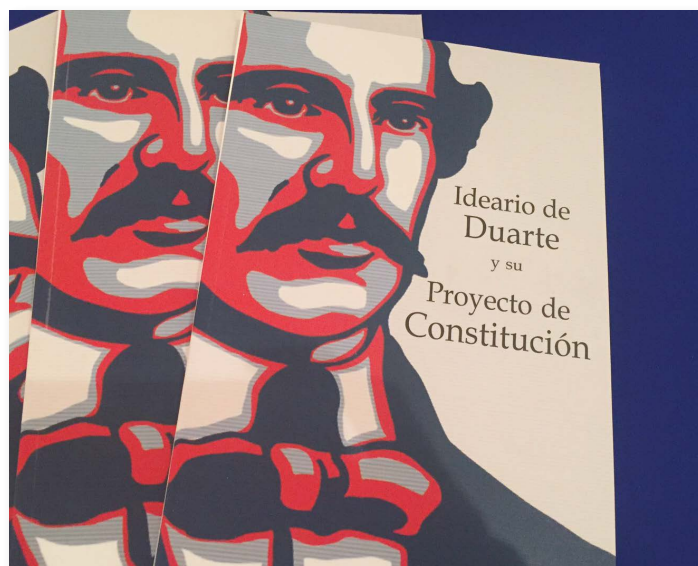
February 9: GFDD Celebrates National Dominican Hero at the OAS, Washington, DC

June 12: Santo Domingo Hosts the 46th General Assembly, DR

Praising the Memory of Dominican Founding Father Juan Pablo Duarte

February 9, Washington, DC

GFDD was present at the conference hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the Organization of American States (OAS), in collaboration with the Embassy of the Dominican Republic in the US, and the Instituto Duarteano, in memory of the father of the Dominican nation, Juan Pablo Duarte. Diplomatic Dominican and Latin American authorities, representatives of international organizations, young Dominican professionals resident in the area, and members of the Dominican community enjoyed this activity highlighting patriotic values and the historical legacy of a hero.



GFDD and Funglode Take Part in the General Assembly of the OAS

June 12, Santo Domingo, DR

GFDD and Funglode, along with 70 other organizations, participated in a forum on democracy and sustainable development at the 46th General Assembly of the Organization of American States, held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. GFDD representative, María Victoria Abreu, emphasized the importance of strengthening the role of civil society in promoting innovation in alternative sources of financing to enable the successful implementation of Agenda 2030 and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as well as the importance of promoting a culture of sustainability and individual attitudes and organizational approaches that encourage such a culture. Abreu also stressed the importance of civil society in the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the SDGs.



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.

January 19: Third Annual CAF-LSE Global South Conference, London, UK

January 25-28: Keynote Speech at the II International Conference "With All and for the Good of All", Havana, Cuba

February 3: OAS Electoral Observation in La Paz, Bolivia

February 11: UNASUR's Electoral Mission to Caracas, Venezuela

March 15: Funglode/GFDD Awards, Santo Domingo, DR

April 25: Cuban Film Premiere in New York

April 25: Meeting with Dr. Rajendra Pachauri, New York

April 26: Launch of the Novel *Idolatría*, New York

April 27: New Partnership with CUNY School of Journalism, New York

May 31: Latin America and Caribbean Week in Paris, France

June 2: Meeting at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Paris, France

June 3: 8th International Economic Forum on Latin America and the Caribbean, Paris, France

June 15: Meeting with Juan Manuel Santos, President of Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia

June 16: World Economic Forum on Latin America, Medellín, Colombia

May 31 - June 20: New Academic Alliances in Colombia

June 29: Roundtable Discussion "Media Reform Policies" at University of Oxford, UK

July 1: Agreement Between EU-LAC Foundation and CEISAL, Salamanca, Spain

July 1: 8th Congress of the European Council for Social Research on Latin America, Salamanca, Spain

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July 27: Meeting with the OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro, Washington, DC

September 12: Dr. Leonel Fernández Honored by the Central American Parliament, Santo Domingo, RD

September 12-13: Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) in San José, Costa Rica

September 27: Presentation of RD2044 Initiative in New York

October 4: Hispanic Heritage Month at Miami Dade College, Florida

October 7: III Academic Summit of Latin American and Caribbean States and European Union (EU-CELAC), Stockholm, Sweden

October 10: Educational Partnership Agreement Between GFDD/Funglode, Fundación Santillana, and Castilla y León Authorities, Valladolid, Spain

October 17: Presentation of the “Dominican Republic–State of Florida Strategic Alliance” Report in Tampa, Florida

October 25: Signing of EU-LAC Foundation Constitutive Agreement, Santo Domingo, DR

November 3: XXII Meeting of the Montevideo Circle in Mexico City, Mexico

November 5: Lecture “The Left in Latin America in Times of Global Crisis” at UNAM in Mexico City, Mexico

November 28: Conference on “The Future of Higher Education” at University of Alcalá, Madrid, Spain

November 30: Lecture “Europe–Latin America and the Caribbean: Strategic Association or Gradual Estrangement?”, Berlin, Germany

"Multilateral Organizations Need to Undergo a Process of Profound Change", Says GFDD President

January 19, London, UK

The theme of the conference was "Global Governance in an Era of Uncertainty" and in his keynote speech Dr. Fernández stated that multilateral organizations must adapt to new circumstances, guided by complex global forces, and noted that in today's world sovereign states must act together to control, regulate, and coordinate actions related to global issues of common interest.

This way, he added, new stakeholders such as NGOs, civil societies, social movements, transnational corporations, academics, and the media will also be involved through collaborative networks and public-private partnerships.



Latin America and the Caribbean Must Rethink Their Production Model



January 25 - 28, Havana, Cuba

Dr. Leonel Fernández affirmed that, in order to resume economic growth and face global challenges, the Latin America and Caribbean region cannot continue depending on commodity exports without value added. The statesman explained that this situation is due to the fact that in the last 10 years the region's production has been characterized by the export of oil, natural gas, copper, soybeans, and other products to China, whose economy has slowed down due to economic stagnation in Europe. The region's future will be based on how it transforms its natural resources into products with higher value added and integrates into global value chains. "We are talking about an economy of knowledge, and knowledge is higher

education, science, technology and innovation, where Cuba has given great lessons to the whole world," said Fernández.

Observing the Constitutional Referendum in Bolivia

February 3, La Paz, Bolivia

As part of his agenda, Dr. Fernández met with Bolivian president Evo Morales and members of Bolivia's Supreme Electoral Tribunal. The former Dominican Republic president also met with members of political organizations that support the different options in the planned referendum. The observation mission under his supervision was composed of experts and international observers deployed in the Bolivian state's nine departments. Under Fernández's guidance, a group of specialists carried out a substantive analysis of the process in terms of electoral organization, political analysis, media information, and equity in the mechanisms of direct democracy.





Meeting with Venezuelan Head of State

February 11, Caracas, Venezuela

GFDD president Leonel Fernández and Ernesto Samper, former president of Colombia, met with Venezuelan head of state Nicolás Maduro prior to the release of a final report on the legislative elections held on December 6, 2015, in the South American country. During the meeting, Samper acted in his capacity as Secretary General of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR), and Fernández as Special Representative of the UNASUR mission as international observer of the electoral process in nine Venezuelan states.

Presentation of the GFDD/Funglode Awards 2015

March 15, Santo Domingo

Dr. Leonel Fernández led the ninth awards presentation alongside Marco Herrera, executive director of Funglode; José Rafael Lantigua, director of Funglode's Center for Cultural Studies; and Catherine Florentino, director of the Funglode/GFDD Awards. Funglode and GFDD presented their 2015 Awards in the categories of Story, Poetry, Journalism, and Documentary.



Vuelos Prohibidos Premiere in New York

April 25, New York

The production from Cuban director Rigoberto López, *Vuelos Prohibidos*, premiered at the Lincoln Center in New York City. The director and cast attended the premiere alongside the president of Funglode/GFDD, Dr. Leonel Fernández, and the executive director of GFDD, Natasha Despotovic, whose institutions organized the event in the Big Apple. The film is a co-production of the Cuban Institute of Art and Cinematographic Industry (ICAIC for its acronym in Spanish), with the collaboration of the Ministry of Culture of Cuba, and Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (Funglode) of the Dominican Republic.

Meeting with Dr. Rajendra Pachauri, Former Head of Nobel Prize-winning IPCC

April 25, New York

Rajendra Pachauri visited the GFDD offices in New York, where he met with Funglode/GFDD president Dr. Leonel Fernández and the GFDD executive director Natasha Despotovic. Pachauri led the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) from 2000 to 2015, the organization which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. During the meeting, Dr. Pachauri and Dr. Fernández discussed several collaborative projects in the areas of environment and sustainable socioeconomic development. Dr. Pachauri highlighted the "astonishing job that GFDD and Funglode carry out in the areas of environment and sustainable development, under the leadership of a person of the stature of Dr. Leonel Fernández."



Praising Jimmy Sierra's Intellectual and Literary Career

April 26, New York

Dr. Leonel Fernández attended the launch of the novel *Idolatría* by the well-known Dominican writer and filmmaker Jimmy Sierra, with whom Fernández has maintained a 40-year friendship. Jimmy Sierra's new book is inspired by the figure of Liborio Mateo (Papá Liborio), a mythic political-religious character who lived in the Valley of San Juan de la Maguana between late 19th century and the third decade of the 20th century. After introducing the author, Sierra and the former Dominican president took the floor for a dialogue on the context and content of the literary work.



GFDD/Funglode Signs an Agreement with CUNY Graduate School of Journalism

April 27, New York

On behalf of GFDD and Funglode, Dr. Leonel Fernández signed a memorandum of understanding with the Graduate School of Journalism at City University of New York (CUNY) with an eye to future inter-institutional academic collaborations. This commitment aims to promote and develop opportunities for academic collaboration between the two institutions, mainly with regard to granting opportunities to Dominican journalists to take communications courses, including studies in digital journalism, audiovisual techniques, social network strategies, etc.

Opening Ceremony of UNESCO's Latin America and Caribbean Week

May 31, Paris, France

Fernández gave an address praising renowned literary figures from Latin America and the Caribbean, who spread optimism and became cultural points of reference around the globe. Among these men of letters he mentioned the Cubans José Martí and Nicolás Guillén, the Nicaraguan Rubén Darío, and the Chilean Pablo Neruda. Fernández, appearing in his capacity as European Union–Latin America and Caribbean (EU-LAC) Foundation president, declared that the region could not be ignored worldwide, given that – in addition to its cultural contributions – it also holds the greatest reserves of potable water, oil, and natural gas on the planet, among other features of global relevance.



"Global Crisis Continues to Buffet Latin America's Economies", States Fernández at the OECD

June 2, Paris, France

Dr. Leonel Fernández stated that the global economic crisis continues to negatively impact the economies of most Latin American and Caribbean countries, causing a significant reduction in investment, job growth, and state revenues. Former president Fernández's statements came during a speech at the 3rd High-Level Meeting at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development's (OECD's) Development Centre, where he appeared in his capacity as European Union–Latin America and Caribbean (EU-LAC) Foundation president. The event was part of the program of Latin America and Caribbean Week, taking place May 30 to June 3.



Discussing the Latin America Region's Relationship with the World's Main Economic Powers

June 3, Paris, France

Dr. Fernández appeared in the panel "Redefining Partnerships to Support Inclusive and Sustainable Growth" at the International Economic Forum on Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Paris. Fernández's attendance at the event was accompanied by that of dozens of politicians, representatives of international bodies, businessmen, economists, and academics, including Paraguayan president Horacio Cartes and Inter-American Development

Bank (IDB) president Luis Alberto Moreno. Fernández asked the world's main economic powers to adopt a unified policy to address the damaging effects of the global economic crisis, which he said has plunged Latin America and the Caribbean into uncertainty with regard to the future.

Dr. Fernández and the President of Colombia Examine the Dialogue Process in Venezuela

June 15, Bogotá, Colombia

Dr. Leonel Fernández met with Juan Manuel Santos and talked about the efforts carried out jointly with other former rulers in pursuit of a peaceful solution to the crisis affecting Venezuela. During the meeting, the Colombian president showed particular interest in learning about the evolution of the dialogue sponsored by the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) to find a solution to the Venezuelan crisis. Fernández explained to the Colombian president that the talks focus on three basic aspects: the economic and social issues including food and drug supply; the respect between the public authorities, primarily between the executive, judiciary, and the national assembly; as well as the establishment of a commission on truth, justice, and reconciliation.



"China's Economic Slowdown Could Be Leveraged by Latin America", Said GFDD President

June 16, Medellín, Colombia

Former Dominican head of state stated, during a panel in the World Economic Forum on Latin America, that the slowdown in the Chinese economy could pose an opportunity for Latin American and Caribbean countries, many of which now face serious difficulties following several years of economic bonanza. Expanding on his statements, Fernández stressed that the Chinese deceleration could prompt a shakeup in manufacturing in favor of Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as strategic alliances aimed at reactivating the economy and accelerating development in the region. Alongside Fernández, the expert panel included former presidents Felipe González of Spain and Ernesto Samper of Colombia, as well as executive vice-president of Itaú Unibanco Brasil, Ricardo Villela.



New Academic Alliances in Bogotá and Medellín

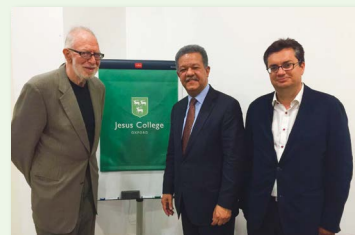
May 31 - June 20, Colombia

Dr. Leonel Fernández made contacts with important academic institutions in Bogotá and Medellín to support the work done by the foundations he presides over. In Bogotá, Fernández visited the University of Rosario, which provides institutional support for collaborations with Funglode in the areas of health, criminal violence, peace and conflict, development and innovation, urban development studies, and management. While in Medellín, Fernández visited the University of Antioquia where several important issues were addressed, including the research group on tropical diseases and dengue and areas with potential for inter-agency exchange. They agreed to create a course on Dominican national poet Pedro Mir and provide support to Funglode's Juan Bosch Library, for the process of digitizing and creating databases on Dominican themes.

Dr. Leonel Fernández Says Latin America Is Moving Towards Regulation of Audiovisual Media

June 29, Oxford, UK

The president of the EU-LAC Foundation spoke during the roundtable discussion "Media Reform Policies," an event organized by the Center for Global Communication Studies at the Annenberg School of Communication and the Programme in Comparative Media Law and Policy at Oxford University. The Caribbean leader said that so far in Latin America there are only laws on print media, but with the arrival of the Internet and the rise of digital media it has become necessary to create regulations for other types of media. Fernández stated that the legislative challenge faced by the region is to differentiate regulations for telecoms, print media, electronic media (radio and TV), the Internet, and social networks.



New Partnership Between EU-LAC and CEISAL

July 1, Salamanca, Spain

Dr. Leonel Fernández led the signing of a basic partnership agreement between the European Union–Latin American and Caribbean (EU-LAC) Foundation and the European Council for Social Research on Latin America (CEISAL). The fundamental aim of the agreement is to confirm both institutions' interest in maintaining a relationship of mutual support to develop and advance a technical partnership. One of the agreement's clauses indicates that this space for joint CEISAL–EU-LAC Foundation collaboration will focus on subject areas relevant to the biregional association.

Leonel Fernández Calls for Global Action in Support of Production in Latin America and the Caribbean

July 1, Salamanca, Spain

At the closing conference of the Congress of the European Council for Social Research on Latin America (CEISAL 2016), the Dominican political leader warned that Latin America and the Caribbean would not progress in sustainable development unless the financial sector resumes its original role of financing productive activities. In his speech, Fernández said that the economic and political crisis currently shaking several countries in the region has created some perception that Latin America and the Caribbean has been closing the cycle of economic progress and political stability begun in the 1990s.





Discussing Regional Issues at the OAS

July 27, Washington, DC

GFDD/Funglode president Dr. Leonel Fernández met with Luis Almagro, Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), to discuss several regional issues. Fernández presented the OAS Permanent Council with the final report on his electoral observation mission during the constitutional approval referendum held February 21 in Bolivia. The report detected some irregularities during the referendum on president Evo Morales's reelection, but the mission discarded the consideration of such irregularities as evidence of electoral fraud.

PARLACEN Awards Leonel Fernández with the Francisco de Morazán Rank

September 12, Santo Domingo, DR

Central American Parliament (PARLACEN for its Spanish acronym) awarded Dr. Leonel Fernández the Francisco de Morazán rank of the Gran Cruz, the regional body's highest distinction, for his outstanding contribution to Central American and Caribbean integration, with the goal of providing the entire region with an increasingly strong voice within various international bodies. After presenting Dr. Fernández with the award, PARLACEN president José Antonio Alvarado Correa said that in addition to being an excellent example of democratic governance in the region, Fernández has always been an enthusiastic supporter of Central American and Caribbean integration, has played a vigorous role in restoring institutionalism in Honduras, and has made significant contributions to achieving a peaceful solution to several conflicts among Latin American countries.



Keynote Speech at ECLAC Event in Costa Rica

September 12 - 13, San José, Costa Rica

Former Dominican Republic president Dr. Leonel Fernández participated as keynote speaker at the Second Session of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). "Areas of Cooperation for the Development of Innovation and Digital Ecosystem in Latin

America and the Caribbean" was the central topic of the event, which Dr. Fernández attended in his capacity as president of the EU-LAC Foundation. At the intergovernmental meeting, Dr. Fernández shared the stage with numerous economic, political, and academic experts from around the hemisphere.

DR to Reach Development Levels of the World's Great Nations with RD2044 Initiative

September 27, New York

Dr. Fernández launched República Dominicana 2044 (RD2044), a 30-year plan for development and infrastructure to be undertaken in the country's 32 provinces leading up to the country's Bicentennial Celebration in 2044. In his speech Dr. Fernández told a packed house at New York City's Symphony Space that Santo Domingo, the Dominican capital, is not only the oldest city in the Americas, but also contains a palpable sense of history and projects a clear vision for the future.





Emphasizing the Standout Role of the Latin American Community in the United States

October 4, Miami, Florida

In observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month, Dr. Leonel Fernández gave a lecture in the main auditorium of Miami Dade College on the role of Latinos in the United States and their relevance to America's future, stressing that the presence of 56.6 million Latinos in the United States makes them a determinant demographic force in economic and social as well as political terms. Before a large academic and political audience, which included the presence of noteworthy figures such as the composer and producer Emilio Estefan, Fernández explained that while in 2013 Latinos made up 16% of the labor force in the United States, by 2050 they should reach 24%, with an economic clout reflected in their current purchasing power, at US\$1.5 trillion, and business value, at US\$3.3 million.

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"More Action Needed to Improve Quality of Universities in Latin America and the Caribbean", Says Dr. Leonel Fernández

October 7, Stockholm, Sweden

In a speech at the opening ceremony of the Second Preparatory Seminar of the III Academic Summit of Latin American and Caribbean States and European Union (EU-CELAC), Dr. Fernández expressed great concern about higher education in Latin America and the Caribbean, noting that universities in the region hold inadequate positions in world educational rankings. He said this situation is also evident on the global index for competitiveness and innovation and in annual patent registration rates, including the area of intellectual property protection. Fernández added that the key role research centers and universities are being asked to play in the region is to be part of an international network – but they cannot do it alone.



Educational Partnership Agreement Signed Between GFDD/Funglode, Fundación Santillana, and Castilla y León Authorities

October 10, Valladolid, Spain

The collaboration agreement was made official during a meeting held by Dr. Leonel Fernández, representing GFDD/Funglode; the Education Minister of the Government of Castilla y León, Fernando Rey; and the general director of the Fundación Santillana, Mariano Jabonero. According to the agreement, the partnership should consist concretely of the provision of training materials

and technical assistance by the Castilla y León Ministry and the Fundación Santillana; joint organization of events by the three entities; and shared awareness-raising, dissemination, visibility, and social incorporation and local implementation by GFDD/Funglode.

Dr. Leonel Fernández Suggests Strengthening Strategic Alliance between Dominican Republic and Florida

October 17-18, Florida

The *Dominican Republic–State of Florida Strategic Alliance* report outlines opportunities for the Dominican Republic to fortify its commercial, cultural, and academic links with the state of Florida. During his visit Dr. Fernández introduced the publication to the business, academic, and political communities of Fort Myers, Tampa Bay, and Miami, where he met with Mayor Robert “Bob” Buckhorn; Mayor Theresa Wilkins, who presented Fernández with the key to the city of Fort Myers; and Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Giménez. During his presentations on the advances made from this alliance, Fernández noted that the cooperation between Florida and the Dominican Republic is already tangible in the form of the NAP, an equal-access technological center, as well as through academic exchange, medical research, cinema and culture, and sea and air connections.



Signing of the International Constitutive Agreement of the EU-LAC Foundation in Santo Domingo

October 25, Santo Domingo, DR

Dr. Leonel Fernández led the signing of the International Constitutive Agreement of the EU-LAC Foundation, an institution for which he serves as president created in 2011 to fulfill an order from the European Union and heads of state and governments in Latin America and the Caribbean. The signing of the agreement, which took place at the Ministry of Foreign Relations (MIREX) Convention Center, came as part of the Meeting of Foreign Relations Ministers and the XLVIII Meeting of Senior Officials of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) and the European Union. After the signing of this agreement by 61 Caribbean, Latin American, and European nations, and once the necessary ratifications are obtained, the EU-LAC Foundation will officially become an international body of intergovernmental character.

GFDD President Discusses Latin America's Weakness in Science and Innovation

November 3, Mexico City, Mexico

Fernández made comments during a lecture at the XXII Meeting of the Montevideo Circle, an event held in the Mexican capital, on the weaknesses dragging down the Latin America and Caribbean region with regard to science, technology, innovation, and patent registration, which puts it at a disadvantage with respect to the rest of the world. Nonetheless, he stressed the positive fact that several Latin American and Caribbean countries have already designed their own science, technology, and innovation policies to boost their competitiveness in that realm.



Fernández Gives Lecture on Current State of the Left in Latin America

November 5, Mexico City, Mexico

On an invitation to discuss “The Left in Latin American in Times of Global Crisis,” the president of the GFDD and Funglode gave a lecture at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) for students, professors, and staff of the University’s Center for Latin American Studies. In his speech Fernández stated that in recent years the Latin American left has seen its power dwindle, suffering several electoral losses and the removal from office of certain progressive governments. He noted that the situation facing the Latin American left involves not just political but also economic and social factors, in particular the global financial crisis prompted, at root, by the financialization of the economy.



Internationalizing All Universities

November 28, Madrid, Spain

Dr. Leonel Fernández expressed the need for efforts to be made to internationalize all universities worldwide, with the aim of expanding student capacities as well as access to higher education, during a conference on “The Future of Higher Education,” held at the University of Alcalá in Madrid with the attendance of dozens of academics and students, as well as special guests. In his speech Fernández noted that his proposal would not just involve internationalizing universities through student exchanges and visiting professorships, but also reflecting on new interdisciplinary and inter-university degrees and training programs to be created in order to properly connect students and teachers with the new demands for global society.

Lecture “Europe–Latin America and the Caribbean: Strategic Association or Gradual Estrangement?”

November 30, Berlin, Germany

The intellectual and political leader pointed to the potential consequences of keeping the global financial system deregulated, as suggested by US president-elect Donald Trump, “worrying”, during a lecture entitled “Europe–Latin America and the Caribbean: Strategic Association or Gradual Estrangement?”, held as part of a Forum of Reflexion on relations between the European Union and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), sponsored by the EU-LAC Foundation. Fernández stated that “a deregulated financial system and shadow banking have become the hegemonic sector of the global economy,” which, he said, has prompted huge distortions in food and energy markets as well as other important segments of the global economy.







**Education,
Professional
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InterDom



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



InterDom contributes to the development of the nation's employment sector and the advancement of academic research in the DR.



January 4 - 15: Winter Program Hosts University of Rhode Island Students, Santo Domingo, DR

January 27: InterDom at Rutgers University, New Jersey

February 17 - 20: The 2016 AAPLAC Conference in New Mexico

March 25: The Manhattanville College Spring Job and Internship Fair, New York

June 9: Summer Program 2016, Santo Domingo, DR

June 18: Visit to the Colonial Zone in Santo Domingo, DR

July 2: Visit to the 27 Charcos de Damajagua, Puerto Plata, DR

August 13: Visit to Bahía de las Águilas, Pedernales, DR

September 6: Fall Program 2016, Santo Domingo, DR

October 20: Baruch College Work Abroad Fair, New York

November 11: "Building an International Network for the Future Workforce of the Dominican Republic" Conference, Santo Domingo, DR



A 360° Experience in the Dominican Republic for URI Students

January 4 -15, Santo Domingo, DR

In the words of Jody Lisberger, Associate Professor of Gender and Women's Studies at the University of Rhode Island (URI), the InterDom winter program, which concluded Friday, January 15, was "a superb trip" characterized by the "hard work and marvelous stewardship of the organizers." This year's participants in the InterDom winter program were 8 political science students from URI. The program did not limit itself to academics; in fact, the young students enjoyed several field trips, such as a visit to the Colonial Zone and a cacao plantation, among others.

Rutgers University 2016 Internship & Summer Jobs Fair

January 27, New Jersey



For the first time InterDom participated, alongside more than 44 organizations, in the 17th Annual Rutgers-Newark Internship & Summer Jobs Fair, hosted with the goal of building relationships with employers, graduate/professional schools, and alumni to maximize internship and career opportunities. InterDom made connections with student organizations interested in having InterDom present their three exchange programs at a club meeting; discussed with students and alumni their academic and professional goals, internship interests, and field of study; and presented the opportunities offered by the premier internship, research, and academic study program in the Dominican Republic.

"I was blessed to find the InterDom Program, because since the first day I started working with them, they did everything in their power to make sure that my dream of interning in Dominican Republic was fulfilled the exact way I envisioned. I have absolutely loved my time spent in the DR, and I know that I will finish my internship equipped with the skills and knowledge that will propel me in my goals to become a doctor. The support I have received from the InterDom family is more than I could have ever hoped for, and without them, none of this would have ever been possible."

Idaima Calderón, University of Kansas - International Exchange Program Fall 2016



Connecting with Latin American Study Abroad Program Professionals in New Mexico at the 2016 AAPLAC Conference

February 17 - 20, New Mexico

InterDom attended the 27th Annual Conference of the Association of Academic Programs in Latin America and the Caribbean (AAPLAC) at New Mexico State University. InterDom representatives had the opportunity to explore the rich culture and history of New Mexico, network with other international education professionals, and participate in workshops and seminars surrounding the conference theme, "Study Abroad ... Crossing Borders and Daring to Dream."

InterDom Promotes Summer and Fall Opportunities at the Manhattanville College Spring Job and Internship Fair

March 25, New York

InterDom representatives worked hard to bring the program to potential interns in time to apply by the April 15 application deadline for what promised to be an exciting summer and fall. In light of the upcoming deadline, InterDom participated in the fair, which boasted the participation of more than 60 organizations. Representatives collected resumes and spoke to many students interested in business, communications, international relations, and political science opportunities in the Dominican Republic.



Summer Program 2016 Kicks Off in Santo Domingo

June 9, Santo Domingo, DR

The 2016 InterDom Summer Program officially began on June 9 in Santo Domingo and welcomed a diverse group of students from the United States, Bolivia, and Namibia, significantly expanding our reach to international students. The students accepted into the program represent a wide variety of interest areas, and experienced an action-packed summer of internships, activities, and get-togethers. They spent their first days preparing for their internships, participating in an orientation session and settling into their new environment while adjusting to Dominican culture.

Visit to the Zona Colonial and Colonial Gate 4D Cinema

June 18, Santo Domingo, DR

The Summer 2016 InterDom group visited the Colonial Zone of Santo Domingo led by tourist guide Trikke RD atop "new three-wheeled scooter[s] that allows you to have fun, exercise and transport yourself safely and in an environmentally friendly way," as its creators explain. During the visit, organized every semester for the incoming group, the students had the opportunity to get to know historic Santo Domingo through a route that allowed them to see and learn about the most emblematic places and monuments of the Colonial City, the oldest in the Americas. As part of the tour the students visited the Colonial Gate 4D Cinema where they were able to relive and enjoy a short film about the pirate Francis Drake's invasion of the walled city of Santo Domingo in 1586, as well as an intense ride along the Great Wall of China.





An Exciting Adventure for InterRDom Students at the 27 Charcos de Damajagua

July 2, Puerto Plata, DR

The group of students from the InterRDom Summer Program 2016 lived an unforgettable experience on July 2 during their visit to the 27 Charcos del Rio Damajagua in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic. This natural treasure has existed for thousands of years but was only recently discovered and is now one of the most visited tourist attractions in the country. For 3 hours the group of students, accompanied by InterRDom staff and lifeguards, toured the 27 charcos and were immersed in different activities. First they traveled a path for about 45 minutes to the waterfalls. Then the group climbed up to the 27th waterfall, and came back jumping, swimming, and sliding down natural slides.

"I want to thank InterRDom for a superb trip. Thank you a million times. I always felt we were in superb hands and cannot thank you enough for your planning, execution, and friendship. The seminars were excellent as were all the field trips and events. I hope this is the beginning of a long-term collaboration and friendship. Again, thank you for a fabulous trip, all your hard work, and your marvelous stewardship."

Jody Lisberger - Associate Professor, Gender and Women's Studies, University of Rhode Island

Students Visit One of the Most Majestic Beaches in the Country

August 13, Pedernales, DR

A group of students from the InterRDom Summer Program 2016 had the opportunity to travel to the province of Pedernales and visit Bahía de las Águilas, part of Jaragua National Park in the extreme southwest of the Dominican Republic. Established as a national park in 1983, it is now a UNESCO-recognized natural reserve. The beach is deemed by many Dominicans to be the most majestic beach in the world.



InterRDom Welcomes Fall 2016 Program Students in Santo Domingo

September 6, Santo Domingo, DR

The 2016 InterRDom Fall Program officially began on September 6, 2016, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and welcomed a diverse group of students, all from American universities, but from different cultural backgrounds. The students attend the Naropa University, Colorado; The New School, New York; and the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Missouri. Students had the opportunity to experience Dominican culture and customs

by taking courses at Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE), taking cultural tours around the country, and working closely with Dominican organizations and institutions.



At the Annual Baruch College Work Abroad Fair in New York for Fifth Consecutive Year

October 20, New York

The InterDom program has a long-standing and strong relationship with Baruch College, having participated in the Work Abroad Fair every year since 2011 as well as hosting interns at its New York headquarters and placing students in internships in the Dominican Republic. The fair was hosted by the Baruch College Weissman Center for International Business. The event attracted the participation of more than 40 students, mostly from the Zicklin School of Business at Baruch College, which includes the Marketing, Finance, and Accounting majors. The fair is a great opportunity for students to find about opportunities in careers overseas, as well as for program representatives to recruit students to join their programs abroad.

Conference on the Future of the Dominican Workforce

November 11, Santo Domingo, DR

InterDom participated in the "Building an International Network for the Future Workforce of the Dominican Republic" Conference hosted by ConnectDR, a program that aims to foster collaboration among the private sector, higher education, and government in the Dominican Republic. The event, held at Hotel Jaragua in Santo Domingo, was sponsored by the US Embassy. The two-day conference featured a series of working roundtable discussions, with panelists including representatives from foreign universities, the Ministry of Higher Education of the Dominican Republic (MESCyT), the Organization of American States (OAS), the Dominican Central Bank, and the private sector, among others.



In partnership and collaboration with:

- Baruch College
- Colonial Gate 4D Cinema
- Consorcio Ambiental Dominicano (CAD)
- EDUCA
- Fundación Aprendiendo a Vivir
- Hospital Infantil Robert Reid Cabral
- Manhattanville College
- Movimiento Socio-Cultural para los Trabajadores Haitianos (MOSTCHA)
- Mujeres en Desarrollo Dominicano (MUDE)
- Naropa University
- Observatorio Jurídico Dominicano (OJD)
- Rutgers University
- The Association of Academic Programs in Latin America and the Caribbean (AAPLAC)
- The New School
- Trikke
- Unidad de Análisis y Proyectos Especiales (UNAPE)
- United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic (UNA-DR)
- Universidad Iberoamericana de Santo Domingo (UNIBE)
- University of Connecticut
- University of Missouri-Kansas City
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Utah
- University of Westminster

Fellows Program



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



June 20: Program Welcomes New Fellows Melvin Álvarez-Ortez and Fenix Arias

October 5: Program Welcomes Fellow Sergio Morales



Fellow Aireona Bonnie Raschke Researches Ecotourism Development in the Caribbean Through the Whale Watching Industry in the Dominican Republic

February 11

During her two visits to the Dominican Republic, Aireona Bonnie Raschke, PhD candidate in Biology and Society at Arizona State University, has focused her research on ecotourism development and the whale watching industry in the Caribbean and its effect on native cetacean species and local communities in the Dominican Republic. Her fieldwork through the Fellows Program is conducted under the guidance of her in-country advisor, Mr. Oswaldo Vasquez, whale and dolphin conservationist with the Ministry of Environment in the Dominican Republic.



New Researcher Melvin Álvarez-Ortez Strengthens the Community of Scholars in the Dominican Republic

June 20

The Fellows Program welcomed Melvin Álvarez-Ortez, MA candidate in Marine Affairs at the University of Rhode Island (URI). Melvin will contribute to the expansion of academic research pertaining to social and economic development, the environment, and global governance, and will conduct his research in Santo Domingo and other provinces such as Samaná and La Romana. Álvarez-Ortez will be researching sustainability and development in the country in order to help underrepresented communities take part in the decision-making process when it comes to creating new legislation regarding marine ecosystems and coastal management.

"The Fellows Program provided me with excellent support and valuable connections to experts, communities, and high-level officials who made my fieldwork in the Dominican Republic enjoyable and feasible. The extraordinary support of the program coordinators and mentors began even before my arrival and continued throughout my stay in the country. My research goals would not have been possible without their guidance and help."

Melvin Álvarez-Ortez, Summer Fellows Program 2016



Fellow Fenix Arias: How the Level of Capacity Building in the Dominican Diaspora Affects Transnational Patterns of Remittances

June 20

Fenix Arias, PhD in Urban Education from City University of New York (CUNY) will highlight in her research how the level of capacity-building in the Dominican diaspora affects transnational patterns of remittances and influences political ties between host and home countries. The final output of the investigation will be a comprehensive report to be published. The research will be completed in coordination with GFDD and Funglode staff, National Advisors, and university professors.



Fellow Sergio Morales's Research Focuses on the Environmental Impact Assessment as a Tool for Environmental Risk Management

October 5

The Fellows Program welcomed its latest scholar, Sergio Morales, PhD candidate in Law and Political Science from the University of Barcelona, in October 2016. Sergio's research will focus on the environmental impact assessment as a tool for environmental risk management in situations of uncertainty in the scientific and legislative reality of Spain and in the fight against climate change around the Dominican Republic. His fieldwork through the Fellows Program will be conducted from October to December 2016.

In partnership and collaboration with:

- Arizona State University
- City University of New York (CUNY)
- IGlobal
- Universidad de Barcelona
- University of Rhode Island

Global Dominican Academic Exchange



GDAE introduces Dominican students to the American style of liberal arts education and encourages dialogue between Dominican students and their Dominican-American counterparts attending these institutions. The program promotes partnership and entrepreneurship initiatives which foster innovation and stimulate Dominican economic development and international understanding.



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September 2 - 16: Two-Week Program at the University of Washington School of Law in Seattle

Dominican Law Student Attends Summer Institute at the University of Washington School of Law

September 2 - 16, Washington, Seattle

For two weeks a Dominican law student participated in the Summer Institute in Transnational Law and Practice developed by the University of Washington (UW) School of Law in Seattle. The program provided all participants—who ranged from law students and legal professionals to researchers from all over the world—with a strong foundation in the structure, culture, and thinking of the US legal system and practice.



“This educational experience was, and will remain, an important event in my academic career. I would enthusiastically recommend it to any student of law with an interest in the American legal system, whether out of intellectual curiosity or because of a possible intention to study law in the United States.”

Kelmer Messina, Summer Institute in Transnational Law and Practice



Education



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



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



January 19: Workshop on the Importance of Teaching Geography, Santo Domingo, DR

February 13: Conference-Workshop during the 23rd Edition of Geography Week, Santo Domingo, DR

May 10: Master Class on Environmental Challenges and Best Practices at UASD, Santo Domingo, DR

June 4: Conference "Effects of Climate Change Globally and in the Dominican Republic", Santo Domingo, DR

July 18: David Marger Delivers a Lecture on "Deconstructing Location Light", Santo Domingo, DR

July 25: Workshop on Social Networks at Salomé Ureña Educational Center in New York

August 25: Keynote Speech by Dr. José Dunker, in collaboration with Plan LEA, Santo Domingo, DR



200+ Social and Natural Science Teachers Attend Workshop in Leadup to 23rd Geography Week

January 19, Santo Domingo, DR

As part of the events leading up to the 23rd annual Geography Week, the auditorium of the Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (Funglode) hosted more than 200 social and natural science teachers, who received information on the significance of the slogan for this year's event: "Let's Explore! The Power of the Island's Geography." The lecture was delivered by biologist and Grupo Jaragua assistant director Yvonne Arias, in a meeting that brought together 215 teachers from Regions 15, 10, and 04 of the Dominican Republic Ministry of Education (MINERD). The participants received technical and academic support in order to adequately address, recreate, and help students assimilate the presented content.

200 Dominicans Teachers Learn about Creative Ways of Recycling Waste

February 13, Santo Domingo, DR



GFDD/Funglode and Plan LEA, the educational program of Listín Diario, organized the conference-workshop "The Future of Food: Feed the World, Protect the Planet," where the main theme was raising awareness through school, family, and community, on the importance of caring for the planet to ensure future generations' food supply, as part of activities marking the 23rd edition of Geography Week. The conference, held at Funglode headquarters in Santo Domingo, was aimed at 200 natural and social science teachers. The artist and coordinator of GFDD's ReCreate program Bertha Santana led the workshop "More Food, Less Pollution."



UASD Environmental Law and Management Students Learn About Environmental Challenges and Best Practices in the Dominican Republic Through GFDD Short Value of Life

May 10, Santo Domingo, DR

The Lawyers Association for the Protection of the Environment (INSAP-ROMA for its acronym in Spanish), in coordination with FUNIBER and DREFF, offered a screening of the latest GFDD/Funglode production *Value of Life* at Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo (UASD). The screening accompanied a keynote speech by Fundación Empresa & Clima director Elvira Carles, who addressed climate change in both the local and international context. The activity – attended by around 30 students – aimed to create awareness among the participants about the impact of climate change and showcase proposals for its mitigation and adaptation, while clarifying what tools are needed to meet the related commitments and challenges. Emphasis was also placed on the need for all citizens to play an active role in environmental protection, and the implications of the recent Paris agreement.

GFDD and FUNIBER Join Forces to Raise Awareness for a More Sustainable Planet

June 4, Santo Domingo, DR

The Fundación Universitaria Iberoamericana (Funiber) organized the conference "Effects of Climate Change Globally and in the Dominican Republic," aimed at environmental sector professionals and companies interested in issues related to climate change and how to face it. As part of the activity, the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) and the Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival (DREFF) presented their latest documentary, *Value of Life*. The event aimed to create awareness among the participants about the impact of climate change, as well as showcase proposals for its mitigation and adaptation, while clarifying what tools are needed to meet the related commitments and challenges.



Funglode/GFDD Host the Conference "Deconstructing Location Lighting" by NYFA Scholar David Mager

July 18, Santo Domingo, DR

In collaboration with the Dominican Global Film Festival (FCGD), the New York Film Academy (NYFA), and the DR Film Commission (DGCINE), Funglode/GFDD hosted the conference "Deconstructing Location Lighting" with David Mager, director of the Photography Department at NYFA. The awarded photographer provided practical examples of deconstruction of the lighting schemes of several images, accompanied by a detailed description of the process and the equipment used. The event was part of the collaboration agreement between GFDD/Funglode and NYFA to encourage the organization of conferences and courses. It benefits Dominican students shortlisted by GFDD/Funglode, who receive a 25% discount on tuition for academic programs organized by the institution.



"Social Networks and Their Impact on Education": GFDD Workshop at the Salomé Ureña Educational Center

July 25, New York

GFDD organized a workshop entitled "Social Networks and their Impact on Education," led by Funglode's director of Education and Educational Technologies Paul Goris at New York City's Salomé Ureña Educational Center. The workshop was given to an audience with limited familiarity with social networks and included the reasonable and appropriate use of such networks; risks of misuse and overuse; educational uses of social media in schools and homes and in the area of func-

tional illiteracy, among other things. Goris addressed social networks as a "non-tech" issue. Workshop participants analyzed studies dating back to the 18th century and observed how technology has enabled the emergence of digital social networks such as Web 2.0.

Example, Stimulus, Punishment: Three Ways the Brain Learns Its Lessons

August 25, Santo Domingo, DR

The psychiatrist and family therapist Dr. José Dunker, during the "Lesson for Brain Learning" conference organized by the Education Studies Center at Funglode (Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo) and Listín Diario's Plan LEA, proposed three modes by which the brain absorbs new lessons: through example, through stimulus, and through punishment, which constitute the three channels for influencing individual conduct. Following Dr. Dunker's talk came the panel "Neuroscience: How Its Application Influences Our Children's Education?", composed of Leonor Elmúdesi, assistant director of the Lux Mundi School; Máximo de la Rosa, teacher at the San Judas Tadeo School; and Agripino Rosario of the Regional Federation of the Association of Fathers, Mothers, and Friends of the School (APMAE) and the Ministry of Education.







Environment & Sustainable Development Programs

Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival



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





The Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival is a platform for knowledge and debate on environmental and sustainable development issues.



March 15 - 26: DREFF Partners with DCEFF, Washington, DC

March 18: Dominican Night at the DCEFF, Washington, DC

April 19 - 24: Guest at Cinema Planeta, Cuernavaca, Mexico

June 1: DREFF Announces It Will Be Hosting Green Film Network Award

June 3: Panel on How to Organize a Film Festival During FINCA, Buenos Aires, Argentina

June 21: DREFF Signs Partnership with the German Embassy in the Dominican Republic

July 27: *Death by a Thousand Cuts* Premiere in Washington, DC

August 1: World Bank Initiative Film4Climate as a New Partner

September 13 - 18: 12,000 Spectators Attend the 6th Edition of the Festival

September 18: Dr. Rajendra Pachauri Meets with RAUDO and DREFF National Advisory Committee, Santo Domingo, DR

November 10 - 17: Natasha Despotovic Serves as Jury Member in Blue Ocean Film Festival, Tampa Bay/St. Petersburg, Florida

Stronger Bond with Our Partners at DCEFF

March 15 - 26, Washington, DC

For the fifth consecutive year, the Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival (DREFF) teamed up with the DC Environmental Film Festival (DCEFF) and participated to the fullest in the screenings and events that took place in the nation's capital. Among other things, Natasha Despotovic, executive director of GFDD and DREFF, shared a panel with two other renowned female directors, Sandy Cannon-Brown (*Beautiful Swimmers Revisited*) and Marilyn Weiner (*Dispatches from the Gulf*) at the breakfast hosted by Women in Film and Video, a tradition during DCEFF.



Praising Dominican Natural Beauty and Creating Environmental Awareness in Washington, DC

March 18, Washington, DC

Once more, a Dominican Night was hosted by DREFF at the Hispanic Gala Theater, as part of the DCEFF events. The three Dominican films screened were: *Value of Life* (latest GFDD production), *7 Gramos* (winner of the 2015 Globo Verde Dominicano Award), and *Reserva de la Biosfera: Jaragua, Bahoruco, Enriquillo* (directed by Máximo José Rodríguez). The evening was presented by María

Victoria Abreu along with the codirector of *7 Gramos*, Hadzael Gómez, and the wife of recently deceased Rodríguez, Lisette Fernández, who received a posthumous tribute on her husband's behalf.

Strengthening the Partnership Between DREFF and Cinema Planeta in Mexico

April 19 - 24, Cuernavaca, Mexico

DREFF was present during the 8th edition of Cinema Planeta, the Mexican International Environmental Film Festival, with the purpose of building links for collaboration with the Cuernavaca festival. Both festivals are part of the Green Film Network, the association that brings together the most important environmental film festivals in the world. This year under the motto "Because we can do something," there were 73 films screened and 20,000 attendees.



GFN Designates DREFF as Host of the "Oscar" of Environmental Film

June 1

DREFF and the Dominican Republic were announced as this year's hosts and organizers of the prestigious Green Film Network Award, held for the first time in a Latin American country. The award, often called the Oscar of Environmental Filmmaking, is in its third edition. The GFN brings together some of the major film festivals that happen annually around the globe with a focus on environmental issues. The network's objective is to coordinate the events for the associated festivals, promote and distribute films worldwide, and encourage initiatives and projects that motivate people to ponder on the environment.



The Power of Film Festival Networks: DREFF at the 2016 FINCA

June 3, Buenos Aires, Argentina

As part of the International Environmental Film Festival FINCA in Buenos Aires, the Multimedia DeHumALC Institute (IMD) of Argentina organized the meeting "The Power of Film Festival Networks" during the launch of the publication *How to Organize a Film Festival with a Social Commitment: A Handbook for Human Rights and Environmental Cinematographic Events*, where the DREFF Communications Director, Miryam López, participated in a panel among other experts in the area. The DREFF's director, Natasha Despotovic, was invited to participate in the publication with an article recounting the six years of experience organizing the only event of its kind in the region. The event, held in the Library of the French Alliance of Buenos Aires, offered a rich exchange of experiences between festivals of very different characteristics and expertise, but all with a strong social commitment to change and with a common goal of raising the consciousness of society.

Germany Collaborates in Promoting Sustainable Development and Environmental Awareness

June 21, Santo Domingo, DR



The German Embassy joined DREFF's partners and sponsors, allies, and friends of the festival that guarantee the success of this initiative every year, after Her Excellency Ambassador Sabine Bloch met at the Embassy in Santo Domingo with Yamile Eusebio, Director of GFDD's New York Office and DREFF Director of Operations, who was accompanied by María Victoria Abreu, DREFF Programming Director and GFDD's International Affairs and Socio-Economic Development Program Manager.



Death by a Thousand Cuts Screened in Washington, DC: "The ferocious and growing competition for natural resources is fertile ground for social conflict"

July 27, Washington, DC

In collaboration with the DC Environmental Film Festival (DCEFF) and the Interamerican Development Bank (IDB), DREFF held a screening of *Death by a Thousand Cuts* at the E Street Cinema in Washington, DC. Before a full house that required the opening an additional screening room, the movie's codirectors Juan Mejía Botero and Jake Kheel and producer Ben Selkow expressed their hope that the film would serve to call attention to the implicated parties and generate dialogue between Haiti and the Dominican Republic as well as promote transnational solutions. "Washington DC is the ideal place to present *Death by a Thousand Cuts* before an influential and active audience and gives us the chance to carry on the dialogue, while also sharing the discoveries of our investigation into charcoal trafficking and its consequences," they explained.

DREFF Joins the World Bank Initiative Film4Climate

August 1



The recent partnership with Film4Climate – an initiative launched by Connect4Climate, a global partnership program dedicated to raising awareness on climate change issues around the world created by the World Bank and a broad range of partners – aims to develop a concrete plan to reduce the environmental impact of film production as well as raise awareness about climate change through cinema. The film industry can set an example and save money by reviewing production methods to reduce the amount of energy and resources used. In addition, messages woven into an engrossing story on the big screen do change hearts and minds. This initiative brings together industry leaders who are already actively greening the silver screen, and believe it's time for a creative and influential alliance to contribute to the climate debate and help forge solutions.

DREFF a Success Story: Commitment and Enthusiasm to Promote Environmental Stewardship

September 13 - 18, DR

Under the slogan “Yo soy sostenible,” the 6th edition of the Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival was inaugurated in Santo Domingo on Tuesday, September 13, with a screening of the documentary *The True Cost*, a magnificent celebration of sustainable fashion in the Agora Mall and a green carpet.



DREFF came to an end on Sunday, September 18, after 6 wonderful days with 140 screenings in over 40 venues in 11 cities, making 2016 the largest and most influential festival to date. For the grand finale, which took place at Funglode’s headquarters in Santo Domingo, Dr. Rajendra Pachauri, recipient of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, alongside the movie, *Landfill Harmonic*, winner of the Green Film Network Award, the Oscar of environmental film, were the stars of the evening.

DREFF was a remarkable experience for young and old, activists and academics, experts and novices. In its effort to educate, entertain, and inspire all those who attended to take a more proactive approach to living a sustainable and environmentally friendly life and understand that many small changes will make a big one, DREFF organized special activities, including community events ranging from hiking, workshops, and creating recycled art murals, to photography and video competitions on social networks.

“I was delighted to take part in the closing event of DREFF and to meet so many wonderful human beings during my brief stay there. You had succeeded in collecting an enormous amount of talent for that excellent set of activities and events. I was very enthused to get a very warm response from all those with whom we discussed the POP Movement, and it is obvious that we would have many partners with enormous interest and commitment to work with us when we get started.”

Dr. Rajendra Pachauri - 2007 Nobel Prize recipient
India

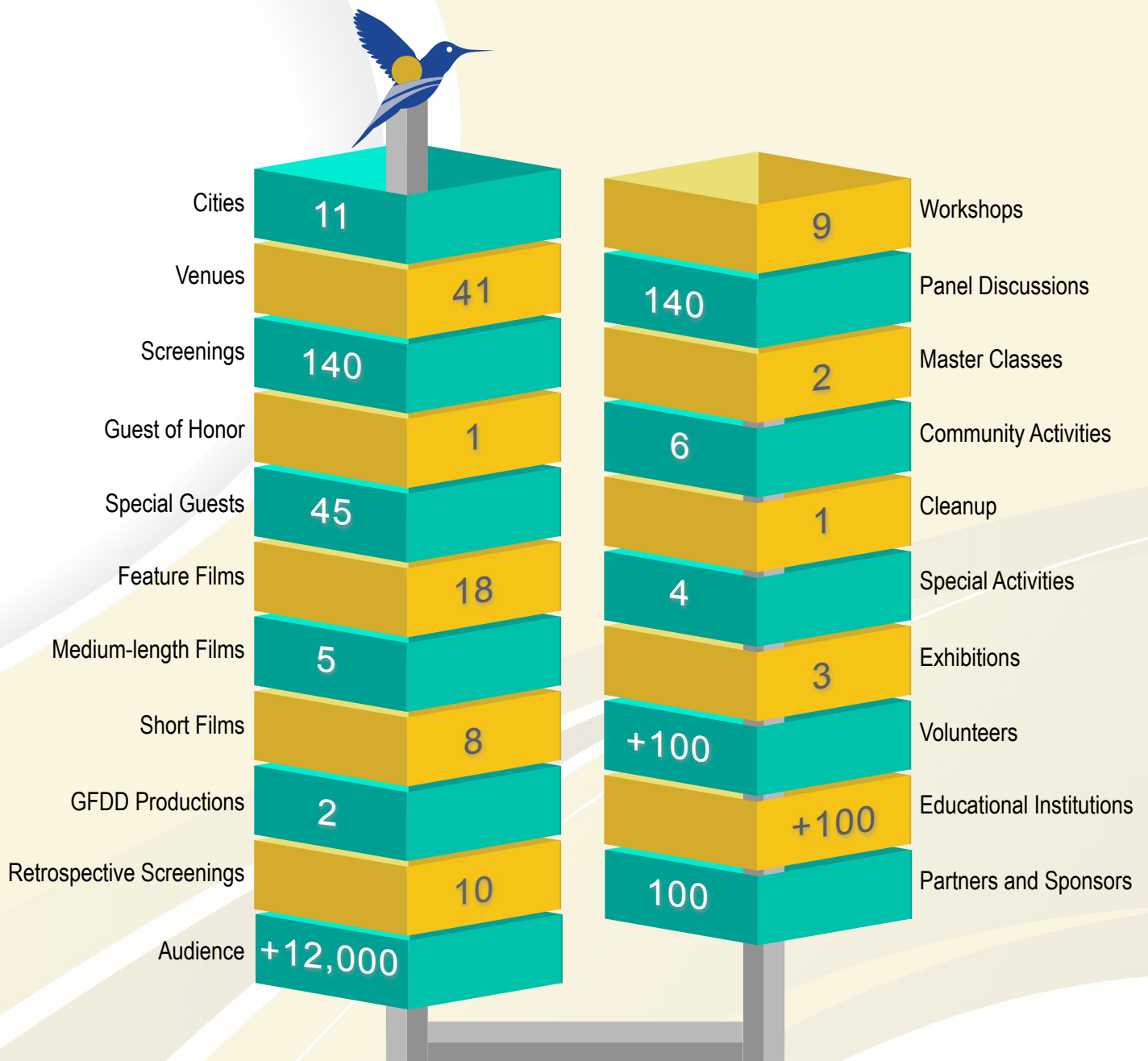
“By bringing together an exciting mix of creative, scientific, business, and professional experts from around the world and at a grassroots level over the years, we can see that you are on the verge of shifting local culture towards more conservation-minded practices in a big way. We believe the Dominican Republic will soon become a global leader when it comes to caring for the planet. It is both refreshing and unique to see that a former President of a nation is driving this movement. We will most certainly take this inspirational story home to our country! Congratulations, and thank you for having us.”

Danielle Ryan - Filmmaker
Australia

“The magic happened again! A special magic that lies in the passion and generosity of the organizers; the smile and the sparkle of the volunteers and the audience; and the alchemy that always happens among the guests. All together, it makes the DREFF a unique event in the world of environmental films. Thanks for inviting us to become part of this beautiful family!”

Denis Delestrac - Filmmaker
France / Spain

DREFF in Numbers



DREFF Gallery



Guest of Honor, Dr. Rajendra Pachauri



Opening Night: Sustainable Fashion



Dominican Night,
Meeting with the President



Green Film Network Award 2017, Landfill Harmonic



Audiences and Guest



Meeting between Nobel Peace Recipient and the RAUDO Network

September 18, Santo Domingo, DR

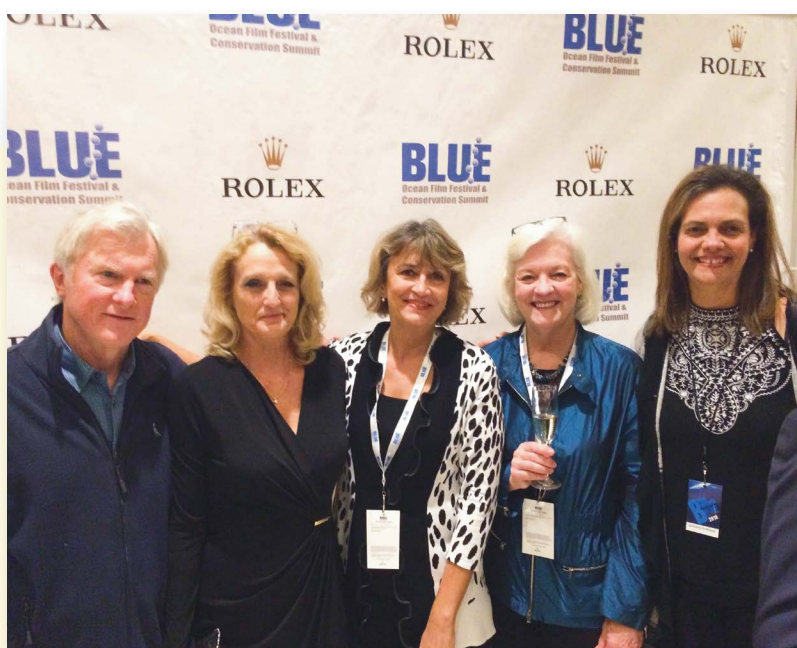
As part of DREFF and thanks to the alliance signed in 2015 with RAUDO (the Environmental Network of Dominican Universities), Dr. Rajendra Pachauri, former head of Nobel-Prizewinning IPCC and guest of honor at this year's film festival, met with representatives of several academic institutions to discuss the most pressing environmental issues as well as the Dominican launch of the Protect Our Planet (POP) movement. POP is a global initiative led by Pachauri that aims to go into classrooms to stimulate concrete actions and activities that contribute to reversing climate change in every country. RAUDO also extended an invitation to the Nobel prizewinner to the annual forum organized by the network to contribute to the country's sustainable development through teaching, research, and dissemination of knowledge on environmental issues. Members of DREFF National Advisory Committee also attended the meeting that took place at Funglode's headquarters.



DREFF Director Is Judge for the Third Time at Blue Ocean Film Festival

November 10 - 17, St. Petersburg, Florida

This was the third year that Natasha Despotovic, the Executive Director of GFDD and DREFF, served as a judge in the Blue Ocean Film Festival. In 2012 she was part of the Jury in the Foreign Language category, in 2014 in Ocean Sports and this year in Cinematography. Furthermore, the short film Value of Life was a finalist in the Short Production category. As collaborators and friends of the Blue Ocean Film Festival, Despotovic and Semiramis de Miranda, DREFF Director of Digital Media & Print Material, attended the event that took place from November 10 to 17 in St. Petersburg.



DREFF blog

The DREFF Blog is a platform for the exchange of opinions on issues related to the environment and sustainable socio-economic development that stimulates both individual and community actions within this field. Containing articles and photo reports by national and international experts, the DREFF Blog raises awareness about our planet and offers practical advice on addressing today's environmental challenges.



The Dominican Green Hub: A New Section at the DREFF blog

The Dominican Green Hub (Rincón Verde Dominicano) blog posts were launched on the DREFF's blog site in January 2016. Uploaded on a bi-monthly basis, the posts are authored by Omar Shamir, GFDD's environmental programs coordinator based in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. They focus on environmental protection issues that affect the Dominican Republic, ranging from marine biodiversity issues to sustainable urban transportation solutions. Among the topics presented were: Nature and Its Whimsy in Santo Domingo: The Birth of the First Albino Hawksbill Sea Turtle; The Wetlands; Humpback Whales: Fin Patterns like Fingerprints; Bike Circuit and the Incentives from Public and Private Companies; The Dominican Republic, Sadly a Country Far From Achieving Shark Conservation; Amazing Experience on Board the NOAA Ship Nancy Foster: Exploring the Eastern Basin of the Caribbean Islands, and The Fight for Survival and the Search for Dory and Nemo.

Blog Ambiental Dominicano
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"La magnífica experiencia vivida a bordo del Nancy Foster: Explorando la cuenca al este del Caribe insular"

Por Omar Shamir-Reynoso, Coordinador de Programas Medioambientales de GFDD en la República Dominicana.
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El pasado mes de junio un grupo de expertos en Ciencias Oceanográficas, entre los que me encontraba yo, realizó un estudio intensivo en la cuenca al este del Caribe insular, a bordo de la embarcación RSV Nancy Foster (NF1602). El objetivo de estas campañas de investigación es entender mejor la oceanografía de las aguas del Caribe, especialmente en la región de las Islas Vírgenes Norteamericanas. Yo estuve a bordo del Nancy Foster como "aprendiz,"

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- Academia de Cine Ambiental de Puntacana (ACAPC)
- ADOCEM
- Ágora Mall
- Alianza Caribeña para el Turismo Sostenible
- Alianza Francesa de Santo Domingo
- Ambientis
- Asociación de Hoteles y Empresas Turísticas de Samaná
- Asociación de Hoteles y Restaurantes de Sosúa y Cabarete (Ashoresoca)
- Asociación Dominicana de las Naciones Unidas (ANU-RD)
- ATEMAR
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- Biblioteca Infantil y Juvenil República Dominicana (BIJRD)
- Blog Cultura Green
- Cámara de Cuentas de la República Dominicana
- Cámara Oficial Española de Comercio, Industria y Turismo en República Dominicana
- Caribbean Cinemas RD
- Caribbean Nature Photography
- Caribbean Youth Environmental Network (CYEN) Dominican Republic
- Casa de la Cultura de Constanza
- Centro Cuesta Nacional (CCN)/Orgullo de Mi Tierra
- Centro Cultural Monina Cámpora
- Centro Cultural Narciso González
- Centro Cultural Perelló
- Centro de Convenciones de Sosúa
- Centro León
- Centro para el Desarrollo Agropecuario y Forestal (CEDAF)
- Centros Tecnológicos Comunitarios (CTC)
- Cinema Oasis
- Cinema Planeta
- Club Rancho Don Rey
- Clúster Apícola Dominicano (CLUSAPIDOM)
- Clúster Turístico de Samaná
- Clúster Turístico del Destino Puerto Plata (CTDPP)
- Colegio Dominicano de Santiago
- Colegio Loyola
- Connect4Climate (Grupo Banco Mundial)
- Consejo Nacional para el Cambio Climático y Mecanismo de Desarrollo Limpio
- Consorcio Ambiental Dominicano (CAD)
- Conuco Solar
- Counterpart International
- DACD Metal
- Dirección General de Cine de la República Dominicana (DGCine)
- Disneynature
- Eco Fashion in the Park
- Eco Mensajería
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- Embajada de Alemania en la República Dominicana / GIZ
- Embajada de Colombia en la República Dominicana
- Embajada de Francia en la República Dominicana
- Embajada de los Estados Unidos en la República Dominicana
- Entrenamientos Cinematográficos del Caribe (ECC-RD)
- Environmental Film Festival at the Nation's Capital (DCEFF)
- Esperanza Verde/Green Hope Dominican Republic
- Factor Verde
- Fashion Revolution
- Fundación de Saneamiento Ambiental de la Zurza (FUNDSAURZA)

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 - Fundación Héroes del Medio Ambiente
 - Fundación Propagas
 - Fundación Puntacana
 - Fundación Sabores Dominicanos
 - Fundación Siempre Más
 - Fundación Sur Futuro
 - Fundación Universitaria Iberoamericana (FUNIBER)
 - Fundación Vida Azul
 - FUNDEMAR
 - Green Film Network (GFN)
 - Green Planet Films
 - GreEnergy
 - Grupo Corporativo New Horizons (Colegio Bilingue New Horizons in Santo Domingo and Santiago)
 - Grupo Jaragua
 - Grupo Puntacana
 - Guardianes del Océano
 - Hotel Villa Serena
 - IECS Green Planet
 - Impulsar/Alianza ONG
 - INICIA
 - Instituto de Abogados para la Protección del Medio Ambiente (INSAPROMA)
 - Instituto Global IGLOBAL
 - Instituto Iberia
 - Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo (INTEC)
 - Instituto Tecnológico Las Américas (ITLA)
 - Instituto Tecnológico Superior Comunitario (ITSC)
 - Iván García Teatro Escuela
 - Jardín Botánico Nacional
 - La Red Nacional de Apoyo Empresarial a la Protección Ambiental (EcoRed)
 - Lantica Media/Pinewood Studios Dominican Republic
 - Liceo Científico Dr. Miguel Canela Lázaro
 - Liceo Francés de Santo Domingo
 - Listín Diario/Plan LEA
 - Ministerio de Industria y Comercio (Dirección de Combustibles no Convencionales)
 - Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales de la República Dominicana
 - Misión Comercial de Italia en la República Dominicana
 - Museo Nacional de Historia Natural
 - New York Film Academy (NYFA)
 - Oficina Técnica Provincial de Salcedo/Centro de Promoción Cultural de la provincia
 - One&One
 - Palacio del Cine
 - Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra (PUCMM)
 - Protect Our Planet (POP)
 - Radio Funglode
 - Rancho Baiguat
 - Red Ambiental de Universidades Dominicanas (RAUDO)
 - Reef Check
 - Revista Arquitexto
 - Revista RD Verde
 - Saint George School
 - Saint Michael's School
 - Sociedad Ornitológica de la Hispaniola
 - The Colonial Gate 4D Cinema
 - Timberland
 - Unicornio Films
 - Universidad APEC
 - Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE)
 - Universidad Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña (UNPHU)
 - Universidad Tecnológica de Santiago (UTESA) - Recinto Puerto Plata
- ...among others.

ReCreatearte



The ReCreatearte program works with the most disadvantaged members of the community, who receive training in the art of recycling and creating new objects from waste and simultaneously 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 and objects for daily use strengthen individuals and communities alike.



Participants implement sustainable resource management and often obtain an alternative source of income.

January 20, 22: Creative Recycling Workshop for Gas and Energy Companies, Santo Domingo, DR

February 16: Adults Make Crafts with Fabric, Wood and Seeds, Junta Vecinal La Pared de Haina, DR

February 25: Recycling Old T-Shirts, Plastic Bottles and Jeans, Junta Vecinal Pedro Brand, DR

February 29: Recycling T-shirts at CTC Boca Chica, Santo Domingo, DR

March 1: CTC Villa Mella Hosts ReCreate Workshop for Children and Adults, Santo Domingo, DR

March 4: Recycling T-Shirts and Jeans at CTC FAVIDRIO, Santo Domingo, DR

March 7: 20 Children Recycle T-Shirts, Plastic Bottles and Jeans at Colegio Bilingüe New Horizons, Santo Domingo, DR

March 15: Children's Recycling Workshop at Riverfront Library, New York

March 16: Juan Pablo Duarte School Hosts ReCreate Program in New York

March 17: Recycling Workshop for Women Artisans in New York

March 18: ReCreate's Presentation at the United Nations, New York

April 1 - 15: Workshop Series in Collaboration with Instituto de Derecho Ambiental de la República Dominicana's project Eco Escuelas

April 21 - 22: ReCreate at Cine Pobre Film Festival in Holguín, Cuba

May 6: Recycling Workshop at Pediatric Hospital Hugo Mendoza, Santo Domingo, DR

July 7 and 14: Creative Recycling Workshops in Collaboration with Plan Sierra

September 13 - 18: EXPO RD Recicla – Sustainable Fashion at DREFF, Santo Domingo, DR

August 4 and 18: ReCreate Visits San José de las Matas, DR

August 13: Teaching Children to Recycle at St. Michael's School, Santo Domingo, DR

August 20: Creative Recycling Workshop at St. Michael's School, Santo Domingo, DR

October 17: Recycling Workshop for Students at Colegio Loyola, Santo Domingo, DR

October 13 and 20: St. Michael's School Welcomes 2 Workshops, Santo Domingo, DR

October 28: Liceo Científico Dr. Miguel Canela Lázaro Hosts Recycling Workshop, Hermanas Mirabal, DR

October 29: Visit to the National Botanic Garden, Santo Domingo, DR

October 31: ReCreate and Vice Presidency of the Republic Join Efforts, Santo Domingo, DR

November 14: Students Make a Nativity Scene for Christmas at Colegio Loyola, Santo Domingo, DR

November 14 - 17: Four Workshops at Colegio Calasanz, Santo Domingo, DR

ReCreate Craft





Recycling Materials:

Plastic Bags • Seeds • Fabric Scraps • Recovered Woods

Employees in the Gas and Energy Sector Learn About Creative Recycling

January 20, 22, Santo Domingo, DR

Employees of Gas Natural Fenosa, Generadora Palmara La Vega, and Generadora Palmara Santo Domingo gathered at a creative recycling workshop to learn about environmental responsibility and repurposing discarded materials into new objects. Participants were enthusiastic about how excellent the workshop was and being able to learn while having fun, experimenting creative recycling by producing bags. Coordinated by Bertha Santana, the initiative focused on the 3Rs of sustainability: reduce, reuse, and recycle.



"When I first attended a Recreate workshop I had been unemployed for a while and what I've learned allows me to make a living for myself, my son, and my family. This helps me feel better about myself and with what I can give others. Because the better I feel, the better I'm going to project it onto others."

Joahanna Rivera

"It has been a very interesting process; we've learned to be creative and to reuse things we thought had no importance. It is a very hands-on course that allows us to transform waste into very beneficial objects."

Margarita Arambolés



Old T-shirts Become Tote Bags at CTC Boca Chica

February 29, Santo Domingo, DR

A group of 22 participants, mostly women, participated in a creative recycling workshop at the Centro Tecnológico Comunitario Boca Chica organized by ReCreate and coordinated by Bertha Santana. The activity began with a conversation on community empowerment. The brief talk was given to motivate the group to develop creative recycling as a way for each of them to support environmental protection efforts and earn additional income. The attendees then began the hands-on part of the workshop, reusing old T-shirts to make unique tote bags.

Creating Art from Trash at the Riverfront Library in Yonkers

March 15, New York

32 children learned to turn trash into new objects and create recycled art with a helping hand from project coordinator Bertha Santana. The children enthusiastically made bookmarks from old library flyers and buttons.



Parents and Children Get Involved with Creative Recycling at School

March 16, New York

Juan Pablo Duarte School opened its doors to around 60 parents and 30 children. This workshop by ReCreate coordinator Bertha Santana was made possible thanks to the collaboration of the school's Parents Association, in particular Carmen Rojas, and the Dominican Consulate in New York. Yamile Eusebio, Director of GFDD's New York Office, welcomed the participants and introduced Bertha, who gave a brief presentation of the program and its impact in the Dominican Republic.

Women Artisans Make Art from Waste at CUNY

March 17, New York

The City University of New York (CUNY) hosted a creative recycling workshop organized by the GFDD program ReCreate. The event, led by Bertha Santana, was aimed at women artisans, who learned to recover waste and transform it into new objects and designs. Participants made amazing personal accessories out of plastic bags and expressed their admiration for the work ReCreate does to help housewives, children, and families "so that they also learn to take care of nature and learn a skill to sustain themselves, live and get an alternative income."





ReCreate Presentation at the UN Celebrates 60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women

March 18, New York

GFDD hosted a panel discussion at the UN to celebrate the 60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW60). At the event, ReCreate coordinator Bertha Santana focused on local efforts to promote gender empowerment, and provided the final presentation on the results of GFDD's ReCreate program. She explained that more than 5,000 women have participated in the program,

highlighting that "it is not just about transforming waste – women have transformed their lives through the program." Operating in 98 locations throughout the Dominican Republic, she explained how the workshops create "a community of women that work together and feel special and empowered."

More than 300 Students Attend the ReCreate Workshop Series Hosted in Collaboration with Eco Escuelas Program

April 1 - 15, Santo Domingo, DR

The workshops were taught in a total of nine schools, with the aim of raising awareness about today's environmental challenges and promoting good practices on recycling and sustainable development. More than 300 students participated in the workshops taught by ReCreate coordinator Bertha Santana, who expressed satisfaction at the success of this collaboration with Eco Escuelas and the hospitality received from the academic institutions. According to the coordinator, "at the end students of the workshops mentioned with great enthusiasm [that] they were amazed, motivated, grateful, empowered, and wanted to learn more about creative recycling."



Cuba Enthusiastically Welcomes Dominican Environmental Films and Recycled Art

April 21 - 22, Holguín, Cuba

ReCreate, led by the prominent Dominican artist Bertha Santana, offered a series of workshops in Cuba during the Cine Pobre Film Festival in Holguín, where young people and adults learned about creative recycling. The workshop was also a chance to exchange experiences with local artists, who expressed their gratitude for the invitation to the festival.

Working with the Mothers of San José de las Matas in Making Recycled Crafts

July 7, 14, San José de las Matas, DR

ReCreate coordinator Bertha Santana met with members of Club de Madres de El Carrizal and introduced the program to more than 15 women showcasing crafts made from recycled materials and teaching them how recycling can be a vehicle to protect the environment. The coordinator met twice with Club de Madres de las Placetas and focused on improving the quality and designs of products and introducing the use of natural resources from the area such as bamboo, seeds, and wood. In the second session they participated in a workshop on collecting materials and were introduced to the design of tapestries, bags, and wall hangings with natural elements.



EXPO RD Recicla – A Space to Showcase Sustainable Fashion during DREFF

September 13 - 18, Santo Domingo, DR

ReCreate showcased clothing, accessories, and crafts promoting sustainable fashion and recycling in the country at Funlode Gallery during the last DREFF edition. This was an excellent opportunity to show how not all that is thrown away is garbage – it can be reimagined and created into something inspirational and beautiful. ReCreate coordinator Bertha Santana, along with Caridad Javier, Johanna Rivera, Soraya Torres, and Lucía Martes, all ReCreate students, made beautiful pieces from recycled materials especially for the occasion.

Improving the Community's Solid Waste Management by Educating Mothers of Las Placetas

August 4, 18, San José de las Matas, DR

Following the workshops held in July, ReCreatearte met again with more than 15 women from the Mothers Club of Las Placetatas to continue working on crafts started during the previous visit: bags, dreamcatchers, and ornaments for the house. During the second workshop the women perfected the finish of the objects and discussed presentation of their work to potential customers and sales strategies. At the end of the evening the women showcased their pieces at an exhibition, where they also spoke about their experiences with ReCreatearte.



Students at Colegio Loyola Learn to Make Paper Objects to Create a Nativity Scene

October 17, November 14, Santo Domingo, DR

For the second consecutive year, ReCreatearte taught creative recycling for dozens of students at Colegio Loyola. Professor Diana Murcia welcomed ReCreatearte's coordinator and showed her appreciation for the initiative. During the workshop the students put into practice the importance of reusing paper to avoid the pollution of our coasts. They made paper figurines to be used to make a nativity scene for Christmas in the follow up visit, which took place on November 14.



Creative Recycling Workshop Inspires Students at St. Michael's School to Submit a Short Film to the Globo Verde Dominicano Award

October 13, 20, Santo Domingo, DR

During the first workshop the students were introduced to creative recycling and learned about the 3 golden rules of sustainability – reduce, reuse, and recycle – while creating bags out of old T-shirts. The school principal attended the session and thanked GFDD for its efforts to raise awareness through education. On the second visit students were very enthusiastic and anxious to start the workshop and make necklaces with plastic bottles. The young students expressed interest in participating in the Globo Verde Dominicano Award with a short film.



High School Students in Salcedo Welcome the ReCreate Program

October 28, Salcedo, DR

Environmental Sciences teacher Carmen Cañizares welcomed more than 70 students from the Liceo Científico Dr. Miguel Canela Lázaro to the ReCreate workshop offered by program coordinator Bertha Santana. Students made bags from old T-shirts to learn about plastic contamination and environmental responsibility. They were shown that creative recycling is an inventive and artistic solution to solid waste management.



Exploring the Wonders of the Botanic Garden and Creative Recycling

October 29, Santo Domingo, DR

More than 30 children with functional disability enjoyed a day at the National Botanic Garden with ReCreate. The children, aged between 7 and 13, were accompanied by 4 adults who joined the workshop focused on paper recycling. They learned the three golden rules (3 Rs) for the proper management of solid waste: reduce, reuse, recycle. Specifically, the participants learned the consequences of contamination and the environmental benefits of reducing it. After lunch came the hands-on part of the workshop, where they made flowers and birds with newspapers and egg cartons. To conclude the day the children spent some time at the playground before taking a train tour around the garden.



ReCreate Partners with the Vice Presidency to Celebrate the Holiday Season with Over 60 Children

October 31, Santo Domingo, DR

The House of Culture of the Vice Presidency of the Republic, located in Parque Iberoamericano, opened its doors to ReCreate and offered a recreational space to children from low-income families. More than 60 students from the Prosolis program and the Community Technology Center made miniature Christmas trees with pine cones. The activity took place as part of the celebration of the Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis. A volunteer group called Leaders of Mercy from the Social Policy Cabinet of the Vice Presidency collaborated to the success of the initiative.



Celebrating Family Values with Creative Recycling

November 15, Santo Domingo, DR

To celebrate Family Month at Colegio Calasanz, ReCreate program coordinator Bertha Santana taught four workshops for children between 4 and 8 years old. More than 300 students and teachers from the school learned about creative recycling and the importance of proper solid waste management. The students paid close attention and were very excited to learn about the crafts they could make at home. In class they made beautiful tote bags with old T-shirts.

In partnership and collaboration with:

- Casa de Cultura de la Vicepresidencia de la República
- Cathedral International School
- Centro Montessori de Educación Personalizada
- Centro Tecnológico Comunitario Boca Chica
- Centro Tecnológico Comunitario Boca Chica Villa Mella
- Centro Tecnológico Comunitario FAVIDRIO
- Cine Pobre Film Festival
- Club de Madres de las Placetas
- Colegio Bilingüe New Horizons
- Colegio Babeque
- Colegio Calasanz
- Colegio Loyola
- Comunicad Educativa Conexus
- Dominican Consulate in New York
- Escuela Canadá de Baní del Centro Perelló
- Escuela Casabe
- Escuela Básica Formerio Rodriguez
- Escuela Básica República de Panamá
- Escuela Perantuén
- Escuela Pueblo Nuevo
- Escuela Punta Garza
- Escuela San Antón
- Gas Natural Fenosa
- Generadora Eléctrica La Vega
- Generadora Eléctrica Parmalara Santo Domingo
- Hospital Pediátrico Dr. Hugo Mendoza
- Instituto de Derecho Ambiental de la República Dominicana
- Instituto Politécnico de Haina
- Juan Pablo Duarte School
- Junta Vecinal La Pared de Haina
- Junta Vecinal Pedro Brand
- Liceo Dr. Miguel Canela Lázaro
- Politécnico Eugenio de Jesús Marcano Fondeur
- Riverfront Library
- The City University of New York (CUNY)
- United Nations

EcoHuertos



The EcoHuertos program supports the creation of organic and sustainable vegetable gardens in schools and communities throughout the Dominican Republic. It also supports hands-on workshops in the natural sciences covered in the educational curriculum. The program generates awareness on the importance of a balanced diet and contributes to food security and independence as well as the creation of small local businesses.



EcoHuertos contributes to food security and independence as well as the creation of small local businesses.



January 18: Escuela La Inmaculada, Fe y Alegría

January 26, 27: Colegio Loyola, Santo Domingo

March 1: Colegio San Judas Tadeo



Phase I: Assessment



March 11: Centro Educativo Básica Profesor Juan Bosch, San Francisco de Macorís

March 11: Escuela Básica Barraquito, San Francisco de Macorís

March 11: Centro Educativo del Nivel Básico e Inicial Paraguay

March 11: Escuela Multigrado Caonabo, Monte Plata

March 11: Centro Educativo Francisco del Rosario Sánchez, Provincia Monte Plata

March 11: Centro para la Conservación de la Bahía de Samaná y su Entorno (CEBSE), Samaná

"I am very motivated and grateful for this training and, as coordinator, I have seen the prosperity of the garden we have in school thanks to the awareness campaign and assessment, and follow-up support and training that GFDD and Funglode offers. "

Aura Rodríguez, Elementary Coordinator Escuela Hogar del Niño, La Romana



- **May 10:** Escuela Orfanato Dominica
- **May 31:** Asociación de Campesinos de El Deán, Monte Plata
- **May 31:** Escuela Básica El Deán, Monte Plata
- **May 31:** Colegio Nuevo Sol
- **May 31:** Colegio Adventista Los Girasoles

- **March 5:** Centro Educativo Jardín del Saber, La Zurza
- **May 20:** Centro para la Educación Dominica
- **June 5:** Five Family Gardens in La Zurza: Plácido Herrera and Hilaria de La Cruz, Anabel Ferreras and Rafael García, Andrea Martínez and Simón de la Rosa, Adelaida Martínez, María Luisa García, and José Rafael
- **July 1:** Community Rooftop Garden SODIZUR, La Zurza
- **July 22:** Community Garden Editorial FUNGLODE



Phase II: Creation



Centro Educativo Jardín del Saber Sets up its First Urban Roof Garden Thanks to EcoHuertos

La Zurza, Santo Domingo, March 5

The construction of the garden, an unprecedented initiative in this area of the capital, relied on recycled materials and much creativity from the community. The garden installed on the roof of the Center is now a reality. Old tires and plastic gallon jugs and bottles were prepared for reuse as planting containers. Seedlings of eggplant, sesame seeds, tomatoes, chard, celery, baby spinach, lettuce, leek, passion fruit, cilantro, pepper and oregano were planted, along with ornamental plants to attract pollinators.



Sowing Day at Centro para la Educación Dominica during the Recycling Olympics

May 20

As part of the Recycling Olympics, an event held annually at the Centro para la Educación Dominicana during the month of May, EcoHuertos hosted a sowing day at the school, which drew the participation of 10 seventh- and eighth-grade students. Recyclable materials such as tires were used to create the organic and sustainable garden. Vegetables such as spinach, Swiss chard, tomato, eggplant, pepper and leek were planted in containers previously painted by the students.



Five More Family Gardens in La Zurza!

June 5

In collaboration with the Programa Familias en Desarrollo, run by the Fundación para el Saneamiento Ambiental de la Zurza (FUND-SAZURZA), EcoHuertos organized a day to create home gardens in La Zurza. Gardens were planted in the households of Anabel Ferreras and Rafael García; Plácido Herrera and Hilaria de la Cruz; Simón Martínez de la Rosa and Andrea Martínez; Adelaida Martínez; and María Luisa García. The gardening also drew help from community members: a total of 28 participants helped plant tomato seedlings, chard, baby spinach and common spinach, basil, eggplant, leek, lettuce, and peppers, and spread onion, eggplant, and Romaine lettuce seeds.



- Escuela El Llano, Baní
- Centro de Estudios Capotillo
- Centro de Formación Técnico-Profesional René Descartes ►
- Colegio Loyola, Santo Domingo
- Liceo Experimental Dr. Miguel Canelo Lázaro, Salcedo
- Liceo República de Paraguay. Ciudad Nueva



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**Some of Our Most Successful
Vegetable Gardens**
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Phase III: Follow Up



- Batey 50
- Editorial FUNGLODE
- Escuela Básica Concepción Bona. Hato Nuevo, Manoguayabo ▲
- Escuela Hogar del Niño, La Romana
- Liceo Unión Panamericana
- Ramón Bueno Rodríguez's Family Garden, La Zurza

- Colegio Adventista Los Girasoles
- Colegio Nuevo
- Centro Educativo Jardín del Saber, La Zurza
- Centro de Formación Técnico Profesional René Descartes
- Escuela Hogar del Niño, La Romana



- Centro Educativo del nivel básico e inicial Paraguay
- Centro Educativo Francisco del Rosario Sánchez, Monte Plata
- Centro Educativo Prof. Juan Bosch
- Escuela Básica Barraquito. D.M
- Escuela Básica Concepción Bona
- Escuela Caonabo, Monte Plata
- Liceo Secundario Unión Panamericana



- **August 1:** Colegio Nuevo
- **August 3:** Centro de Formación Técnico Profesional René Descartes
- **August 5:** Escuela Hogar del Niño, La Romana
- **August 8:** Centro Educativo Jardín del Saber, La Zurza
- **August 8:** Colegio Adventista Los Girasoles
- **August 9:** Centro Educativo Prof. Juan Bosch
- **August 10:** Liceo Secundario Unión Panamericana
- **August 11:** Escuela Básica Concepción Bona
- **August 12:** Centro Educativo del Nivel Básico e Inicial Paraguay
- **August 19:** Escuela Básica Barraquito. D.M
- **August 30:** Centro Educativo Prof. Juan Bosch
- **September 2:** Centro Educativo Francisco del Rosario Sánchez, Monte Plata
- **September 2:** Escuela Caonabo, Monte Plata

Specialized Workshops



The Vegetable Garden in the Academic Curriculum: EcoHuertos Launches Pioneering Workshop for Teachers in the Dominican Republic



We thank all the above mentioned academic institutions and organizations for their participation and dedication to the EcoHuertos program.

RDescubre



RDescubre offers students from underserved communities in the Dominican Republic the opportunity to develop an emotional bond with the environment and value their shared natural heritage, while also developing leadership abilities with a focus on personal growth and interpersonal skills. Participants attend lectures on environmental and sustainable development issues as well as take part in educational activities that strengthen their teamwork and community organizing capabilities.





Students become environmental stewards and develop interpersonal and leadership skills.



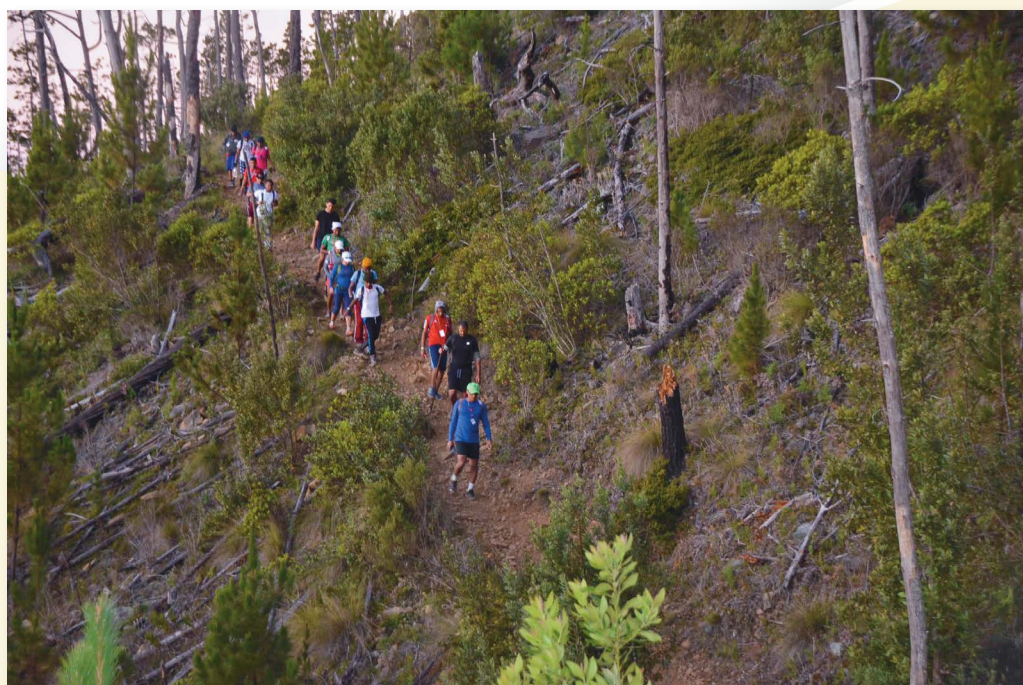
January 14 - 17: 15th Expedition to Pico Duarte, DR

April 15: Visit to Lake Enriquillo, Batoruco, DR

75 Students Climb Highest Mountain in the Caribbean

January 14 -17, DR

The 15th Educational Expedition to Pico Duarte took 75 students from different academic institutions to climb Pico Duarte, the highest mountain in the Caribbean. The event, organized by GFDD/ Funglode in collaboration with Fundación Siempre Más, Fundación Puntacana, and Angel Guard, was coordinated and led by the alpinist Karim Mella, president of the Fundación Siempre Más. The expedition connected the youth to nature through positive endurance experiences, thereby motivating greater environmental stewardship.



Encountering the Beauty of Lake Enriquillo

April 15, Bahoruco, DR

As part of its initiatives to deepen knowledge and understanding about environmental issues and raise awareness of the problems affecting the environment, GFDD, in collaboration with Plan LEA, organized a visit to Parque Nacional Lago Enriquillo e Isla Cabritos. More than 40 students, professors, and staff from the academic institutions had the chance to observe the main species of flora and fauna that are endemic to the region and to perceive the alterations suffered by the Lake as a consequence of climate change.



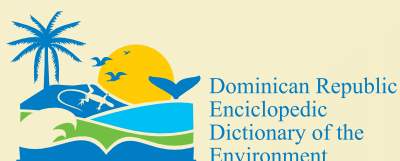
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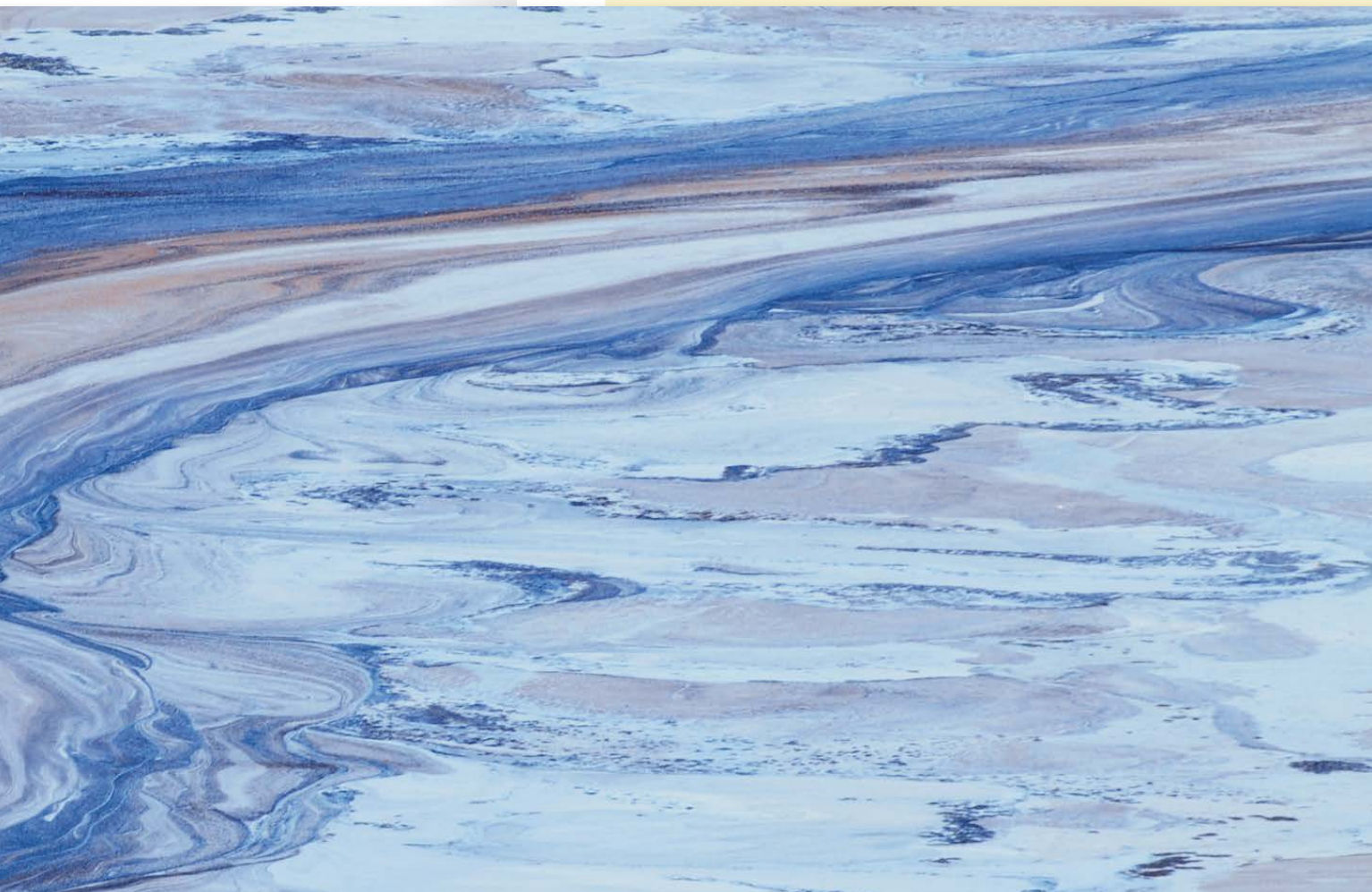
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- Fundación Siempre Más
- Escuela Celina Pilier
- Escuela Brisa Oriental
- Colegio El Ángel

Dominican Republic Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Environment



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.





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



As part of its mission to reach more communities, institutions, and individuals around the country, the DR Environmental Film Festival (DREFF) organizes year-round film screenings that bring interesting and important films to new and remote communities. By showing a diverse selection of quality movies on critical environmental and sustainable development issues and organizing discussions and workshops, the year-round film screenings program fosters and inspires dialogue, raises awareness, and promotes sustainable practices.

Year Round
Environmental Film Screenings



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

January 22: *Cotton Road*, Instituto Superior Comunitario (ITSC) San Luis, Santo Domingo, DR

January 27: *The Dominican Republic Biodiversity / The Change / The Flight*, Escuela Niños del Mundo, Punta Rucia, DR

February 25: *La Montaña*, Politécnico Ann & Ted Kheel, Verón, DR

February 26: *Dark Side of the Chew*, Instituto Superior Comunitario (ITSC) San Luis, Santo Domingo, DR

April 13: *Lake Enriquillo...A Prelude of Climate Change*, Funglode, Santo Domingo, DR

April 14: *Lake Enriquillo...A Prelude to Climate Change*, Cooperativa La Altagracia, Santiago de los Caballeros, DR

April 22: *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience*, Saint George School, Santo Domingo, DR

May 5: *A Thirsty World*, Hospital Pediátrico Dr. Hugo Mendoza, Santo Domingo, DR

May 5: *Value of Life*, CEI-RD, Santo Domingo, DR

May 9: *Value of Life*, UASD, Santo Domingo, DR

May 12: *Plastic Paradise*, Instituto Politécnico de Haina, Santo Domingo, DR

May 12: *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience*, Escuela Formerio Rodriguez, Santo Domingo, DR

May 13: *La Montaña*, Liceo Científico Dr. Miguel Canela Lázaro, Salcedo, DR

June 5: *7 Grams*, Centro León, Santiago de los Caballeros, DR

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June 14: *Extinction in Progress / LandFill Harmonic*, Liceo Francés, Santo Domingo, DR

June 6: *Lago Enriquillo... A Prelude to Climate Change*, UNIBE, Santo Domingo, DR

June 6-10: *Planetary / Resistance / Sling Shot / La guerra de la arena / La sabiduría para sobrevivir*, UNIBE, Santo Domingo, DR

July 8: *The Change*, Iván García Teatro Escuela, Puerto Plata, DR

July 28: *The Change*, Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales, Santo Domingo, DR

July 29: *E-Waste Tragedy*, Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales, Santo Domingo, DR

October 14: *Cotton Road*, The Community for Learning, Santo Domingo, DR

October 12: *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience / 7 Grams / Value of Life*, Colegio Bilingüe New Horizons, Sabana de La Mar, Santo Domingo, DR

October 20: *Gente como tú*, Escuela Francesa Theodore Chassériau, Las Terrenas, DR

October 28: *LandFill Harmonic*, Caribbean Cinema Downtown Mall, Santo Domingo, DR

November 7: *The True Cost*, Escuela Parroquial Santa Rita, San Cristóbal, DR

November 11: *The Dominican Republic Biodiversity/ Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience*, Centro a la Excelencia Cristina Billini Morales, Los Guaricanos, Santo Domingo, DR

November 15: *Growing Cities*, The Community for Learning, Santo Domingo



Year-Round Environmental Film Screenings Begin 2016 with Screening of *Cotton Road* at the ITSC San Luis

January 22, Santo Domingo, DR

The Year-Round Environmental Film Screenings program began this year with the presentation of the documentary *Cotton Road*. The movie exposes Americans' consumption of nearly 20 billion new items of clothing each year and follows the commodity of cotton from South Carolina farms to Chinese factories to illuminate the work and industrial processes in a global supply chain. About 60 students participated in the activity, held thanks to an

agreement between DREFF and ITSC, as part of the school's Film Forum program. In addition, the ITSC hosted the screening of *The Dark Side of the Chew*, February 26, within the framework of the sustained collaboration between the academic institution and DREFF.

Students in Verón Share *La Montaña* with Karim Mella

February 25, Verón, DR

More than 50 students from Politécnico Ann & Tedd Kheel enjoyed a special screening of the film *La Montaña*. Before the film screening students were shown a brief video summary of the recent expedition to Pico Duarte of a young group of Dominicans. After the screening students were able to share their concerns and curiosities about mountains with the renowned and prestigious Dominican alpinist Karim Mella, president of the Siempre Más Foundation and the first Dominican to reach the summit of Mount Everest.



Dr. Hugo Mendoza Pediatric Hospital Partners with DREFF with the Goal of Becoming the First Green Hospital in the Dominican Republic

May 5, Santo Domingo, DR

The Pediatric Hospital hosted the screening of the documentary *A Thirsty World* as part of the programming of the Environmental Week held by the medical center this year. Medical center director Dr. Noldis Naut Suberví welcomed the more than 70 participants, stressing the importance of maintaining a healthy environment and emphasizing the role of water in human life. The hospital aims to become the first green health institution in the Dominican Republic. The event was aimed at promoting environmental protection and green practices among medical staff and administrative personnel.

GFDD Partners for the First Time with the Ministry of Environment

July 28 - 29, Santo Domingo, DR

During 2016, the Year Round Environmental Film Screenings Program, a GFDD initiative, hosted the screenings of the shorts *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience* and *The Change* in the multimedia room "Manuel Enrique Pérez" of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, within the framework of the Summer Camp organized for the children of employees. *The E-Waste Tragedy* was the other documentary used as a tool to educate and raise awareness; it faces the worldwide issue of illegal recycling of electronics (50 million tons of electronic waste: computers, televisions, mobile phones, appliances). These activities, like others developed during the year, are part of the collaboration agreement between the institutions with the aim of highlighting issues of importance for the sustainable development of the Dominican Republic.





A New Partnership with the Zero Waste Schools Project in Las Terrenas

October 20, Las Terrenas, DR

To promote recycling and good environmental practices in the municipality of Las Terrenas, GFDD partnered for the first time with the Théodore Chassériau French School and the Fundación Héroes de Medio Ambiente (Environmental Heroes Foundation) to screen the documentaries *Gente como tú* and *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience*. These screenings, held periodically, are part of the Las Terrenas Zero Waste Schools project, implemented, in addition to the French school, by the Santo Esteban Rivera Polytechnic, the Juan Bosch Elementary

School, and the Luca de Aza Primary School. The initiative aims to raise awareness in the community on issues such as the environmental footprint, the problem of solid waste, global warming, and conservation of resources and biodiversity.



Alliance with the Dominican Republic Constitutional Court

October 28, Santo Domingo, DR

The Year Round Environmental Film Screenings Program hosted the awarded documentary *Landfill Harmonic*, in coordination with the Constitutional Court of the Dominican Republic. The staff of the institution (80 people in total), accompanied by the judges Leyda Margarita Piña, Víctor Gomes Bergés and Wilson Gómez Ramírez and the representative of DREFF, Reydi Moreta, among others, met at Caribbean Cinema in Downtown Mall in Santo Domingo for the screening. *Landfill Harmonic* is a film that "definitely moves all those who have the opportunity to see it", commented Maria Victoria Abreu, DREFF Director of Programming.



"Receive our deepest appreciation for all the cooperation, dedication and willingness to screen the documentary *Landfill Harmonic* to judges, officials and employees of our Constitutional Court. Everyone had beautiful words to share, expressing the great impact that this story had on them. We commend Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD), and its sister institution in the Dominican Republic Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (Funglode), for the Dominican Environmental Film Festival, it is such an amazing initiative!"

Leyda Margarita Piña, Dominican Republic Constitutional Court Judge

2016 Venues



In partnership and collaboration with:

- Cayo Arena Beach
 - Centro León
 - Centro de Excelencia Cristina Billini
 - Colegio Bilingüe New Horizons
 - Colegio St. George
 - Cooperativa La Altagracia
 - Counterpart
 - Escuela Parroquial Santa Rita
 - FUNIBER
 - Hospital Pediátrico Hugo de Mendoza
 - IDARD
 - INSAPROMA
 - ITSC
 - Liceo Científico Salcedo
 - Liceo Francés de Santo Domingo
 - Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales
 - Plan LEA
 - Plan Sierra
 - Teatro Escuela Iván García
 - The Community for Learning
 - Tribunal Constitucional
 - UNIBE
- ...among others.

Globo Verde Dominicano Award



The Globo Verde Dominicano Award is a unique opportunity for filmmakers, professionals, and students alike to get involved in a less-ventured area in the Dominican Republic: the making of audiovisual material on issues related to the environment and sustainable development. Comprising four categories – Short Film, Public Service Announcement, Photography, and Junior – the competition provides opportunities for Dominicans to showcase their talent while generating awareness on environmental and sustainable development issues.





The competition provides opportunities for Dominicans to showcase their talent while generating awareness.



March 18: DCEFF Screens *7 Grams*, Washington, DC

April 1: FLEFF Welcomes the Dominican Short Film GVD 2015, New York

April 8 - 9: Globo Verde Lab: "From Idea to Screen – How to Make Environmental Documentaries", Santo Domingo, DR

April 10: Globo Verde Dominicano 2015 Winner at PEFF, New Jersey

April 21: *7 Grams* Presented in Holguín, Cuba

September 16: Globo Verde Dominicano Winners Announced at DREFF 2016, Santo Domingo, DR

7 Grams Is Leaving Its Footprint Around the World

March 18, Around the World

One of the benefits of the award, and probably the most outstanding, is the international exposure offered to the winning short film. The winner of Premio Globo Verde Dominicano 2015, 7 Grams, has been screened this year at 4 different international festivals: DCEFF in Washington, DC, Princeton Environmental Film Festival (PEFF) in New Jersey; Finger Lakes Environmental Film Festival (FLEFF), in New York; and the Cine Pobre de Gibara Festival, in Holguín (Cuba); in addition to the Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival (DREFF) during the award ceremony last September.



"I encourage everyone who likes photography or filmmaking to submit their work for the Globo Verde Dominicano Award. They don't need to be professionals, as long as they are sensitive to what's around them; if they have the will to do it and put their biggest effort into doing it, they can accomplish great things."

Hadzael Gómez - Co-director 7 Grams

GVD Lab: 25 Young Filmmakers Work with Pedro Urrutia and Suzan Beraza

April 8 - 9, Santo Domingo, DR



A total of 25 filmmakers developing environment and sustainable development-related projects in the Dominican Republic attended the GVD workshop. The participants worked personally with the instructors on developing their short film ideas, designing the main characters, writing the script, choosing a technical team, planning and preparing content, and more. Several participants submitted their projects to the Globo Verde Dominicano 2016 Competition.

DREFF Celebrates Dominican Green Talent

September 16, Santo Domingo, DR

The winners of the Globo Verde Dominicano Award were announced in the 6th edition of DREFF during a special night dedicated to film and environmental celebration, with the Dominican Republic and its filmmakers as protagonists. Awards were given in the categories of Short Film, Public Service Announcement, Junior, and Photography. Numerous personalities from the world of film and culture were present along with international guests from all over the world, including the GFDD/Funglode president, Dr. Leonel Fernández.



- **Public Service Announcement:** *Haz tu parte (Do Your Part)* - Natalie Suriel Modesto
- **Short Film:** *Ciclos (Cycles)* - Hansel Ureña Espósito
- **GVD Junior:** *Agua y contaminación (Water and Contamination)* - Diana Virginia Alonso Martí
- **Photography:** *Reciclaje por comida (Recycling for Food)* - Ben Durán



Haz tu parte



Ciclos



Agua y contaminación



Reciclaje por comida

In partnership and collaboration with:

- BIJRD
- Centro Cultural Perello
- Centro León
- Cinema Oasis Bonao
- Clúster Turístico de Puerto Plata
- Colegio Adventista Metropolitano
- Colegio Arroyo Hondo
- Colegio Loyola
- Colegio Quisqueya
- Colegio San Juan Bautista
- Colegio San Judas Tadeo
- Colegio Santo Domingo
- Colegio UNPHU
- Dirección General de Educación Media, MINERD
- Dirección General de Participación Comunitaria
- Dirección General Técnico Profesional, MINERD
- Distrito Escolar 14-01, Samaná
- Escuela Colonia Japonesa
- Escuela de diseño Altos de Chavon
- Escuela de Publicidad UASD
- Escuela Nacional de Medio Ambiente
- Fundación Casa de la Cultura Constanza
- Fundación Falcondo
- Fundación Imagen 83
- Fundación Ozama Verde
- Instituto Técnico Loyola
- ITSC
- Liceo Unión Panamericana
- MOVEARTE





Dominican Issues, Heritage and Outreach

Dominican Get Togethers



G FDD reaches out to the Dominican community and to all those interested in the Dominican culture as a part of its mission to promote the understanding and appreciation of the Dominican culture, values and heritage. Annual events such as 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.

Dominican
get-togethers



DGTs celebrates the richness, uniqueness, and diversity of the Dominican Republic.



March 23: Fernando Villalona at the Miami Dade College

April 21: Milly Quezada at Symphony Space in New York



Emotions and Surprises during the First DGT of the Year with Fernando Villalona

March 23, Miami

With the goal of reaching out to the Dominican community to promote understanding and appreciation of Dominican culture, values, and heritage, Miami hosted a meeting with one of the most famous and emblematic artists of the Dominican Republic. During the event, El Mayimbe shared a special conversation with the Miami audience about his career and musical repertoire that includes more than 20 albums.

"After living abroad for 46 years it's a pleasure to spend an evening like this; you don't stop being Dominican even if you've lived here most of your life. Without my Dominican oregano and vanilla I don't cook. I hope to see you at the next event. I've participated in other Dominican Get-Togethers, like the one with Solano and Jhonny, and it is always great."

Manolina Sosa

"For me GFDD's event has been amazing for all the Dominican community based in Miami and around the United States. Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to share a night with El Mayimbe, and with all of you my beloved Dominicans."

Franklyn Jiménez

"Excellent job by the foundation, great organization, everything was perfect, everything in the right measure, nothing was missing.... Incredible!"

Cely Alonzo - Directora, Fundación Mujeres Mágicas



The Queen of Merengue Dazzles Her New York Audience

April 21, New York

The second Dominican Get-Together of 2016 took place at the Symphony Space Theater in New York City with the presence of the famous and beloved Dominican singer Milly Quezada, "The Queen of Merengue." The Dominican and Latino community and lovers of Dominican culture rushed to attend this intimate gathering with the famous singer, who very pleasantly shared anecdotes about her life and her career with the audience in an auditorium that was filled to capacity.



In partnership and collaboration with:

- Asociación Estudiantes Miami Dade College /Sharks
- Josefina Frometa de Nuñez / Pedro Núñez del Risco
- Miami Dade College
- Symphony Space

Dominican Film Showcase



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

Dominican Film
SHOWCASE 



GFDD partners with institutions worldwide and creates opportunities for broad audiences to enjoy the best contemporary films produced in the Dominican Republic, by Dominican filmmakers, about Dominican topics.



March 1: *No hay más remedio* Screened at the Embassy of the Dominican Republic, Washington, DC

May 10: *Yo soy la salsa* at the Ibero-American Film Showcase in Washington, DC

November 2: *Flor de Azúcar* Premieres at Gala Hispanic Theater, Washington, DC

November 3: *La Familia Reyna* at the Art Museum of the Americas, Washington, DC

November 4: *Los Fabulosos Ma' Mejores* at the Art Museum of the Americas, Washington, DC

November 17: *Todos los hombres son iguales*, at Symphony Space, New York

November 18: The Documentary *Nana* at Symphony Space, New York

December 8: DFS Embassy Edition brings 'Sugar' to Washington, DC



GFDD's Dominican Film Showcase Brings Laughter in Its Embassy Edition

March 1, Washington, DC

The quarterly program of the Dominican Film Showcase Embassy Edition was inaugurated with the first screening of the film *No hay más remedio* to a wonderful audience. The words of welcome were offered by Ligia Reid, Cultural Attaché at the Embassy of the Dominican Republic in Washington, and María Victoria Abreu, GFDD's International Affairs and Socio-Economic Development Program Manager. They also explained the details

of this initiative and thanked the Dominican Republic Film Commission (DGCINE for its acronym in Spanish) for its support.

Everybody Loves Salsa!

May 10, Washington, DC

Before a packed auditorium, the Dominican documentary *Yo soy la salsa* was screened at the Ibero-American Film Showcase in Washington, DC, an event organized with the purpose of promoting the culture and heritage of the region. GFDD, in collaboration with the Dominican Embassy in Washington, DC, presented the film in the cinema of the Embassy of Colombia in the United States. More than 70 people enjoyed the screening, laughing and dancing to the rhythm of salsa while learning about the life of prominent Dominican artist and music producer Johnny Pacheco, credited for having encouraged this genre around the world from New York.



A Cry for Freedom, Love, and Justice: *Flor de Azúcar* Wins Over DC Audience at Its US Premiere

November 2, Washington, DC

It was truly a night to remember. The US premiere of veteran film director Fernando Báez's *Flor de Azúcar* (Sugar Fields) at the opening night of the Dominican Film Showcase in Washington, DC, turned into a tribute to Dominican film, Dominican women, and one of the best Dominican writers of all time, Juan Bosch – and, of course, Fernando Báez himself. In addition, other pleasant news emerged:

Flor de Azúcar has been shortlisted as a nominee for Best Foreign Film at the 2017 Academy Awards, marking a milestone in Dominican and Latin American film history.



"It's a great privilege for us to receive the distinction of being guests of honor at the prestigious Dominican Film Showcase in Washington, DC. It's truly an honor to be part of the showcase this year with a film that represents us as a country and as indie film artists. We hope our participation brings pride and blessings to this initiative."

Fernando Báez - Filmmaker and Producer / María Cordero de Báez - Producer



Simple, Profound, with a Message of Hope: *La Familia Reyna* Arrives to DC Loaded with Emotion

November 3, Washington, DC

A simple story with a deep – and inspiring – message. *La Familia Reyna* is any family and every family. That's why everyone who attended the show at the Art Museum of the Americas (AMA) felt moved by it, in one way or another. The screening was attended by one of the protagonists, Danilo Reynoso, who is also the film's producer. Reynoso shared details with the DC audience about producing and filming the feature as well as his vision of filmmaking in general: "Someone has to make movies with a message of hope. That's why I set out to produce *La Familia Reyna*, a story that I wanted to tell."



Los Fabulosos Ma' Mejores: Laughter, Tenderness, Baseball, Magic ... A Brilliant Story in the Heart of DC

November 4, Washington, DC

The Dominican Film Showcase in Washington, DC, chose *Los Fabulosos Ma' Mejores*, a children's comedy that not only makes us laugh but also transmits a valuable message of hope and perseverance while encouraging reflection, as a closing movie. As part of its DC premiere at the Art Museum of the Americas (AMA), the film's director Carlos Manuel Plasencia and its producer Celínés Toribio were in attendance. The movie played to a full house of viewers of all ages who share an avid interest in seeing the best and latest Dominican productions made available in the nation's capital.



"The Dominican Film Showcase is an unprecedented cultural initiative in the United States because GFDD takes very seriously its commitment to promote the development of the Dominican Republic, in this case Dominican film, by becoming a voice in the United States for Dominican film productions, as well as directors, producers, actors and filmmakers in general. Thanks to this initiative, in conjunction with the Dominican Film Law, growing media visibility of Dominican film is transcending borders and reaching the pages of major newspapers in this country while representing Dominican culture with our participation in various cinema festivals."

Geovanny Vicente - Political Analyst

"I am very happy and thankful to GFDD. They organized a beautiful presentation here in Washington, which the public really liked. The question and answer session was very interesting. Every audience is different, depending on the country. For that reason, I like to feel the energy of the audience and being here today."

Carlos Manuel Plasencia - Filmmaker

"This GFDD invitation is incredible. You have a fabulous organization and a tremendous team that puts its heart into its work. This initiative enhances Dominican film. We have been treated like royalty here, not only by Dr. Leonel Fernández, but by the entire team. Thank you!! What a brilliant initiative."

Celínés Toribio - Actress and Producer

Dominican Film Showcase Opens in New York to Laughter and Applause with the Comedy *Todos Los Hombres Son Iguales*

November 17, New York

The Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) opened its Dominican Film Showcase in New York on Thursday night at Symphony Space with the comedy *Todos los hombres son iguales*, from Manuel Gómez Pereira. The event was attended by José Ramón Alamá, the movie's producer and CEO of Bou Group, who introduced the film and chatted with the audience. During the Q&A with the audience a young independent film producer took the mic and congratulated Alamá for the project. A young actress and film producer of Dominican descent, Sonali Castillo, was invited to the podium to share her experience. Castillo stated how proud she was to see how the Dominican film industry has developed, and mentioned she would like to support it and work in the country.



New York Welcomes Profound and Revealing *Nana* Documentary During GFDD's Dominican Film Showcase

November 18, New York

In the second event in this year's Dominican Film Showcase, a Big Apple audience enjoyed the documentary feature *Nana* and a discussion with its director Tatiana Fernández Geara, who traveled from the Dominican Republic to share her thoughts and impressions on this deep and revealing documentary on the emotional links between nannies and the children they care for. In the discussion after the screening, Tatiana Fernández Geara commented that despite having worked alone on this long and difficult project, "it's enormously gratifying to be able to see the audience's reaction and know that it's delivered a good message". She also thanked GFDD for the opportunity and said that the documentary had allowed her to gain a new perspective on the issue, emphasizing the importance of raising public awareness.



Sweet! The Life Story of a Dominican Pitcher Screens at the DR Embassy

December 8, Washington, DC

GFDD's Dominican Film Showcase Embassy Edition screened the film *Sugar*, a sports drama directed by Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck, which follows the story of Miguel Santos, a. k. a. *Sugar*, a Dominican pitcher from San Pedro de Macorís, struggling to make it to the big leagues and pull himself and his family out of poverty. Playing professionally at a baseball academy in the Dominican Republic, Miguel finally gets his break when he advances to the United States' baseball minor league system; but when his play on the mound falters, he begins to question the single-mindedness of his life's ambition.



In partnership and collaboration with:

- Arts Museum of the Americas (AMA)
- DR Film Commission (DGCine)
- Embassy of the Dominican Republic in the US
- Gala Hispanic Theater
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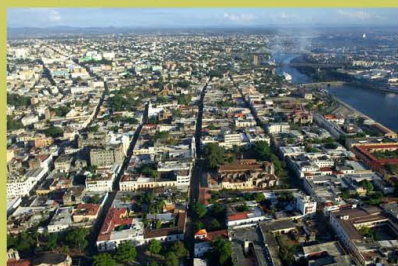
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La Ciudad Colonial

Las noches caribeñas tienen en la Zona Colonial un caudal de diversión que motoriza la amplia oferta musical que dan bares y discotecas de la plaza. Hay para todos los gustos y humores, desde rock and roll y descargas electrónicas hasta salsa, merengue, pop de los 80 y bachata. Se trata de asomarse a la plaza y elegir.



No hay ruta establecida. No hay ritmo que se imponga. No hay cuerpo que se resista ni deleite que se limite. Las noches de la Zona Colonial se definen en cada momento que se vive y cada segundo que se disfruta con la música como gran motor de la diversión.

Convertida en gran escenario de la vida nocturna de Santo Domingo, "La zona", como se conoce el perímetro antiguo transformado en plaza de baile, escenario de buena música y seducción acústica, es uno de los referentes principales de la ciudad, cuando se habla de entretenimiento.

A new section was introduced to provide tourists with detailed information on the most relevant and most visited interest points in the Colonial Zone in Santo Domingo. Users can find pictures, chosen among last year's photographic contest "Discover Your Colonial Zone", and directions to reach them.

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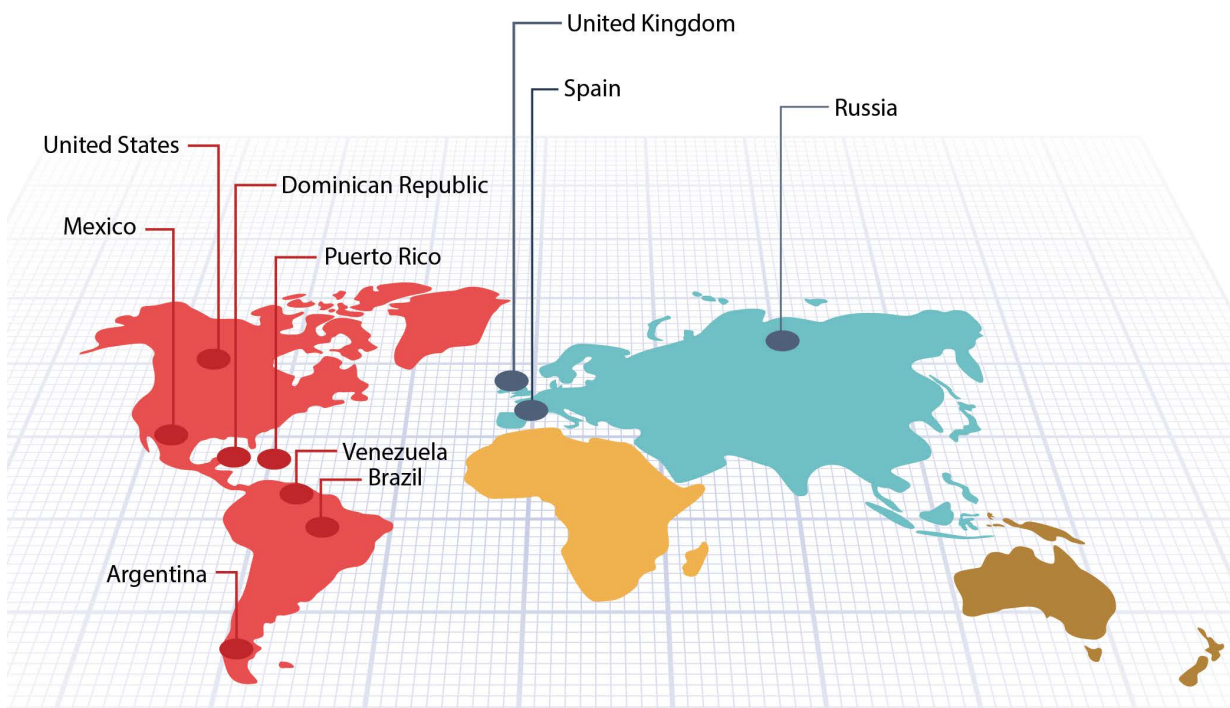


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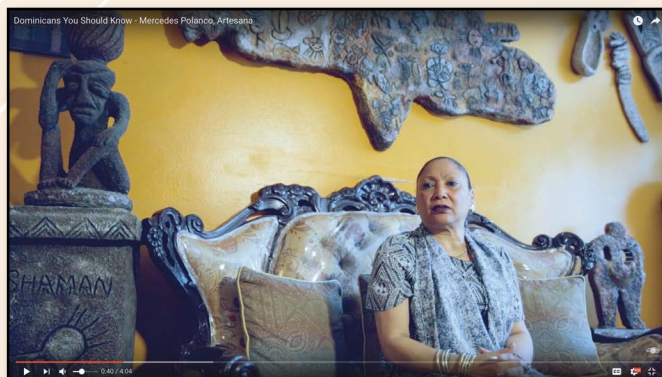
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Dominican Week in the US



For the past years GFDD has been actively participating in the Dominican Week in the US, promoting networking and creating opportunities, alliances and exchange between the Dominicans residing in their homeland and abroad. 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.



Building networks, promoting alliances.



June 20 - 24: Dominican Week in the US 2016

June 23: Panel Discussion at the New York Institute of Technology, New York

Dominican Week in the US 2016

June 20 - 24, Washington, DC/New York

As in previous years, GFDD offered its support and participation during Dominican Week in the USA. This year marked the 24th edition of this event, during which a delegation of businesspeople and representatives of Dominican bodies visited Washington, DC, and New York and participated in an interesting program of meetings, conferences, and social activities with organizations, private firms, and US national and regional officials. On this occasion, GFDD accompanied the Dominican delegation in Dominican Week activities including the inauguration of the Mar Vivo ("Living Sea") photography exhibition (from the firm INICIA and photographer Guillermo Ricart) in the central atrium of the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), and recognitions of meritorious Dominicans residing in the United States, on behalf of the Embassy of the Dominican Republic in Washington, DC.





The Dominican Republic Has a Huge Opportunity to Grasp the NY Market: A Discussion Promoted by GFDD at NYIT

June 23, New York

GFDD hosted the event "Innovation and Supply Chain Optimization Based on Production and Market Potentials in the Dominican Republic and the USA" with the participation of GFDD's partners the National Supermarket Association (NSA) and the New York Institute of Technology (NYIT). Representatives from AMCHAMDR, NSA, CONEP, and other institutions discussed the main challenge (and great opportunity) facing the Dominican business community: increasing trade between the Dominican Republic and the United States through innovation and supply chain optimization based on production and market potentials. Panelists included Dr. Purushottam Meena, expert in supply chain management from New York Institute of Technology Business School; Rodolfo Fuertes, president of the National Supermarket Association (NSA); and Samuel Collado, an NSA member who shared his experience as a Dominican entrepreneur.



"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 implementing the knowledge acquired abroad."

Carlos Espailat - Dominican Embassy in the US

In partnership and collaboration with:

- American Chamber of Commerce for the Dominican Republic (AMCHAMDR)
- National Supermarket Association (NSA)
- New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) (and its Business School)

GFDD Golf Tournaments



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





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



September 26: 8th Golf Tournament, New York

November 21: 9th Golf Tournament, Miami

GFDD Hosts Its 8th Golf Tournament to Support Sustainable Socioeconomic Development in the Region

September 26, New York

GFDD held its 8th Golf Tournament at the prestigious Glen Head Country Club in Long Island, New York. The purpose of this event was to raise funds in benefit of the multiple programs and initiatives put into action by GFDD in the Dominican Republic and abroad. Over 100 golfers came together and spent a beautiful fall afternoon around the 18-hole golf course in support of the organization. After the game, players enjoyed a gala dinner and awards ceremony where GFDD's Executive Director thanked all the attendees and acknowledged the support of the sponsors who made the event possible. Among the distinguished guests at the banquet was Dr. Leonel Fernández, GFDD/Funglode's president and former president of the Dominican Republic, who along with Juan Marichal presented the award to the first-place winners.





9th GFDD Golf Tournament

November 21, Miami

The tournament, already a GFDD tradition, took place at the Deering Bay Country Club and was attended by leading figures from the philanthropic field, prominent sports figures, and other friends who through the years have supported the more than 18 projects and programs that the foundation implements in the areas of social, economic and democratic development in the Dominican Republic and the United States.



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GFDD Short Productions



The program seeks to highlight and raise awareness of important local environmental and socio-economic issues, showcase best practices, and educate audiences on the different and unique cultural aspects of the country, as well as to serve as an example and inspiration for young filmmakers on how to address this incipient field in the Dominican Republic.

GFDD Short
Productions



GFDD Short Productions are an inspiration to young filmmakers in the Dominican Republic and around the world.



March 13: *Value of Life* Screened During Dominican Night at DCEFF, Washington, DC

April 1: *Value of Life* at FLEFF, Ithaca, NY

April 20-24: Participation in the Cine Pobre Film Festival in Gibara, Cuba

May 9: *Value of Life* Screened for Environmental Law and Management Students at UASD, Santo Domingo

June 12: GFDD Production Wins Prize at BSFF, Bangalore, India

November 10 - 17: *Value of Life* First Finalist at Blue Ocean Film Festival, St. Petersburg, FL



Spreading the Word on Environmental Awareness and Sustainable Development

March 13, Washington, DC

Value of Life was screened during Dominican Night at the Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital (DCEFF). Members of the Dominican community in Washington, film buffs, and environmental activists packed out the Teatro Gala in a dual celebration of Dominican environmental film and of the Dominican Republic's extraordinary biodiversity.

"To be a finalist in this world renowned competition, among filmmakers from all around the world, is a great honor and an encouragement to continue making films for all of us at GFDD. A small non-profit like ours, that dedicates itself to so many different programs in numerous areas of development, produces movies like this one only thanks to all the staff members who join their very diverse professional skills in one passionate effort to make a film that has a meaning for them and that they hope will convey a meaningful message to others. The recognition that we have received for our work, in midst of professional filmmakers of international renown, tells us that we must be doing something right, and gives us faith and courage to continue."

Natasha Despotovic, GFDD Executive Director, at BLUE Ocean Film Festival

GFDD Latest Production Welcomed at 19th FLEFF

April 1, Ithaca, NY

During the weeklong series of film screenings, performances, presentations, and discussions brought to Ithaca College in the 19th edition of the Finger Lakes Environmental Film Festival, *Value of Life* was presented to a crowd of highly interested students. The festival embraces and interrogates sustainability in all its forms: economic, social, ecological, political, cultural, technological, and aesthetic.



Dominican Environmental Films Go to Cuba

April 21, Holguín, Cuba

The documentaries *Value of Life* and *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience* were screened at Cine Martí, where dozens of children of all ages enjoyed the event promoting creative recycling and commemorating Earth Day. The Cine Pobre Film Festival, founded by Humberto Solás, is one of the most popular events on the alternative cinema circuit and brings together the most important filmmakers from Cuba and abroad.



Educating on Environmental Challenges and Best Practices at UASD

May 9, Santo Domingo, DR

The screening of *Value of Life* complemented the keynote speech by the Fundación Empresa & Clima director Elvira Carles, who addressed climate change in both the local and international context. The event was organized within the Environmental Law and Management Certificate Course offered by INSAPROMA (Lawyers Association for the Protection of the Environment) in collaboration with Funiber. Around 30 university

students were educated on the importance of the natural value of the Dominican Republic and the main challenges the country is facing to achieve socioeconomic sustainability, as well as some of the best practices being applied in the area.

Value of Life Awarded Best Documentary Jury Prize at Bangalore Shorts Film Festival 2016

June 12, Bangalore, India

Value of Life was awarded the Best Documentary Jury prize at the 5th edition of Bangalore Shorts Film Festival. *Value of Life* was chosen from among more than 90 short films by a jury including Dayal Padmanabhan and N. Sivanandam, award-winning Kannada film directors, from Bangalore; Mohammad Hemedani, award-winning animated film director and CEO of Skyframe Studio, from Iran; and Dr. DC Singh, film producer and academic, from Delhi.



GFDD Productions Once Again at Blue Ocean Film Festival

November 10 - 17, St. Petersburg, Florida

For the second time a GFDD production has been chosen as a finalist film by the Blue Ocean Film Festival. *Value of Life*, the latest production from the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD), has been chosen by an international jury as a finalist, together with

other 5 films, in the category of Short Productions. This category honors the best short films of between 5 and 20 minutes in length that are "engaging, creative and empowering," according to the organizers. In 2014, *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience* was a finalist in the category of Foreign Language Film.

In partnership and collaboration with:

- Bangalore Shorts Film Festival
- Blue Ocean Film Festival
- Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital (DCEFF)
- Festival de Cine Pobre de Gibara
- Finger Lakes Environmental Film Festival (FLEFF)
- Funiber
- Lawyers Association for the Protection of the Environment (INSAPROMA)
- Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo (UASD)

Creating Synergies Around All Things Dominican



GFDD 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 DC and other activities aim to bring together members of the Dominican community that live in the U.S., particularly Washington, DC and New York. GFDD uses these initiatives to create a space for reflection, debate and celebration.



GFDD creates a space for reflection and discussion on topics relevant to the Dominican community in the U.S. and in the homeland.



February 18: "New Perspectives: Dominican Republic" Exhibition, Querétaro, Mexico

March 18 - 20: International Book Fair of Dominican Women Writers, New York

April 6: USPS Annual Multicultural Day, Washington, DC

May 7: Passport DC, Washington, DC

June 27: Supporting the DR Embassy's Photography Contest in Washington, DC

July 13: GFDD Office in New York Welcomes Dominican Parents, New York

October 28-30: GFDD at the 10th Dominican Book Fair in New York

November 5: ASOVEUSA 6th Anniversary Gala, New York

November 7, 14: GFDD Supports *Flor de Azúcar* in NY and Miami on its Way to the Oscars

"New Perspectives: Dominican Republic" Exhibition in Mexico

February 18, Querétaro, Mexico

In collaboration with GFDD/Funglode, the Embassy of the Dominican Republic in Mexico presented the photographic exhibition "New Perspectives: Dominican Republic", in the framework of the event "Querétaro Amigo del Mundo" (Querétaro Friend of the World), where Dominican Republic participated as guest country from 16 to 21 of February. This show consists of a selection of thirteen images from the book *New Perspectives: Dominican Republic*, a successful GFDD/Funglode publication, that synthesizes very eloquently the paradisiacal nature of the country, the fertility of its land, the freshness and warmth of its mountains and valleys, the intensity of the blue-green color of its seas, and the beauty of its lakes and lagoons.



Praising Dominican Women Writers in the US

March 18 - 20, New York

The 13th International Book Fair of Dominican Women Writers in the United States, dedicated this year to the writer Kianny Antigua, was held under the theme "The feminine creation is auto-reflective." The fair, one of the most important events of the Dominican writing community in New York City, once again welcomed the presence of GFDD/Funglode, which in addition to offering a stand participated in various activities and organized a workshop on recycled art through its ReCreate program.

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"I have been living in this country for 12 years now, since I was 13, and I don't know much about my homeland since I've only visited it once. Thanks to this event I understood the really good job that the Dominican Republic is doing, related to recycling."

Misael García - Parent

"I want to congratulate you for the great work being done by GFDD and Funglode in the United States. As a Dominican who lives in Washington, DC, I am very honored to have organizations representing us so formidably, putting events and cultural initiatives within the reach of the diaspora. I was amazed with the environmental documentaries that were presented during the DCEFF."

Geovanny Vicente - Politics Analyst

GFDD Joins the Embassy of the Dominican Republic to Celebrate USPS Annual Multicultural Day

April 6, Washington, DC

GFDD, in collaboration with the Embassy of the Dominican Republic in the United States, was present at the USPS event "Passport to Diversity", the Annual Multicultural Awareness Day in which the US postal services "celebrate the many cultures we represent." GFDD and the Dominican Embassy were part of the 20 exhibitors who attended the fair, with the aim of strengthening the country's cultural identity. GFDD promoted its programs and projects, as well as its Dominican Republic-related publications. About 600 people attended the event, which took place at USPS Headquarters in the nation's capital.

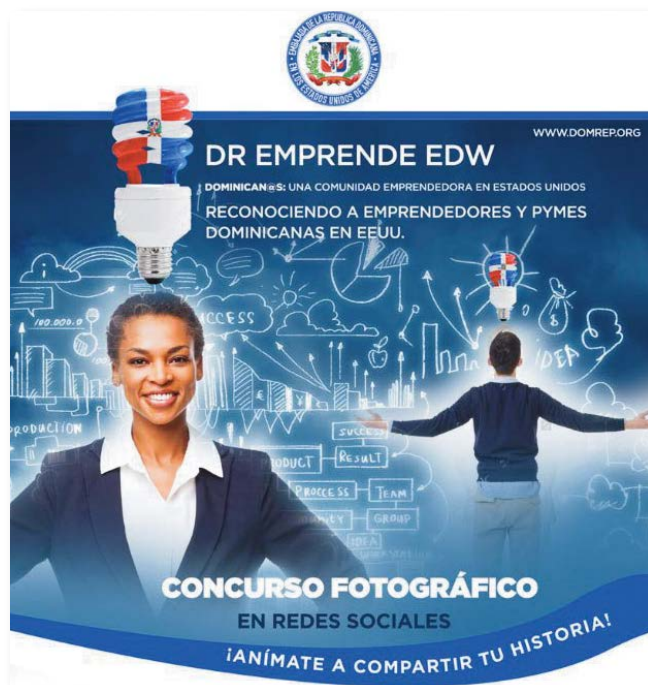


Dominican Flavor Takes Over More than 8,000 Visitors During Passport DC 2016

May 7, Washington, DC

The Embassy of the Dominican Republic opened its doors to more than 8,000 DC visitors and residents during the 2016 Around the World Embassy Tour, a signature annual event in Washington, DC, and part of the Passport DC initiative. GFDD and Funglode partnered once again with the Embassy to present the very best of the Dominican Republic. As in previous years, GFDD/Funglode showcased their many programs promoting sustainability and the environment, technology, education, cultural heritage, and internships and scholarships. Foremost among these initiatives are the Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival (DREFF), InterDom, the Global Dominican Academic Exchange, the Fellows Program, and the Collaboration with the UN.





Fostering National Pride and Dominican Entrepreneurship: Share Your Story!

June 27, Washington, DC

With the purpose of recognizing Dominican entrepreneurs and Dominican small and medium-sized companies, GFDD supported the initiative “DR EMPRENDE EDW.” The photography contest, which was launched by the Dominican Republic Embassy in Washington, DC on the main social media networks and lasted from June 20 to September 1, focused on showcasing the vigorous Dominican business community in the United States. To participate, contestants uploaded a photograph representing a company or store founded or led by a Dominican on Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram with a brief description explaining how the firm impacts national pride.

Parents from the Dominican Diaspora Visit GFDD Offices in New York

July 13, New York

A group of 16 parents attending the Social Justice Camp (organized by Lidia Aguasanta, Community School Parent Coordinator for The Children’s Aid Society’s Salomé Ureña de Henríquez Campus) visited GFDD’s New York office. The parents were welcomed and introduced to the foundation through the institution’s promotional video. This activity was part of GFDD efforts to strengthen its ties with the Dominican diaspora community in the United States.



The Dominican Book Fair in New York Recognizes GFDD/Funglode as Special Collaborator

28 - 30 October, New York

An initiative of the Cultural Commission of the Dominican Republic in the US, the Dominican Book Fair this year celebrated its 10th anniversary and GFDD received recognition as a special collaborator. This year the Fair honored two prominent writers from the Dominican diaspora for their contribution to literature: Orlando Alba, a Utah-based essayist, philologist, and academic who was

invited by GFDD; and Yrene Santos, poet and cultural activist from New York. Alba gave a lecture entitled “The Linguistic Identity of the Caribbean Hispanic Islands,” explaining that while some researchers speak of the Antillean Spanish dialect as a single entity, it is still possible to defend the idea of a linguistic individuality of each island and question the existence of a single Caribbean Spanish.

GFDD and ASOVEUSA Celebrate Dominican Roots in New York

November 5, New York

The Dominican Diaspora got together at a Gala Dinner hosted by ASOVEUSA (Association of La Vega Residents in the US), with the support of Global Foundation for Democracy and Development, celebrating the association's 6th anniversary. During the event, various Dominican individuals and institutions that stand out for their support of citizens of La Vega who live abroad, received special recognition.



Flor de Azúcar: A Stop in New York and Miami on the Way to the Oscars

November 7, 14, New York / Miami

On its way to the Oscars, the Dominican film *Flor de Azúcar* from director Fernando Báez made a stop in New York to be screened for the press and people from the arts world. The event, held in the Dominican Commission of Culture of the United States (CODOCUL), was organized by the Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism with support from CODOCUL, the Dominican Film Festival in New York, and the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD). During the screening, in which GFDD's New York office director, Yamile Eusebio, served as MC, Báez was present alongside the ambassador from the Dominican Mission to the UN, Francisco Cortorreal, among others. In collaboration with Latinos United in Action, Little Havana Net and Manuel Artime Theatre, *Flor de Azúcar* was screened in Miami at the Artime Theater for those who missed it in Washington, DC and New York.



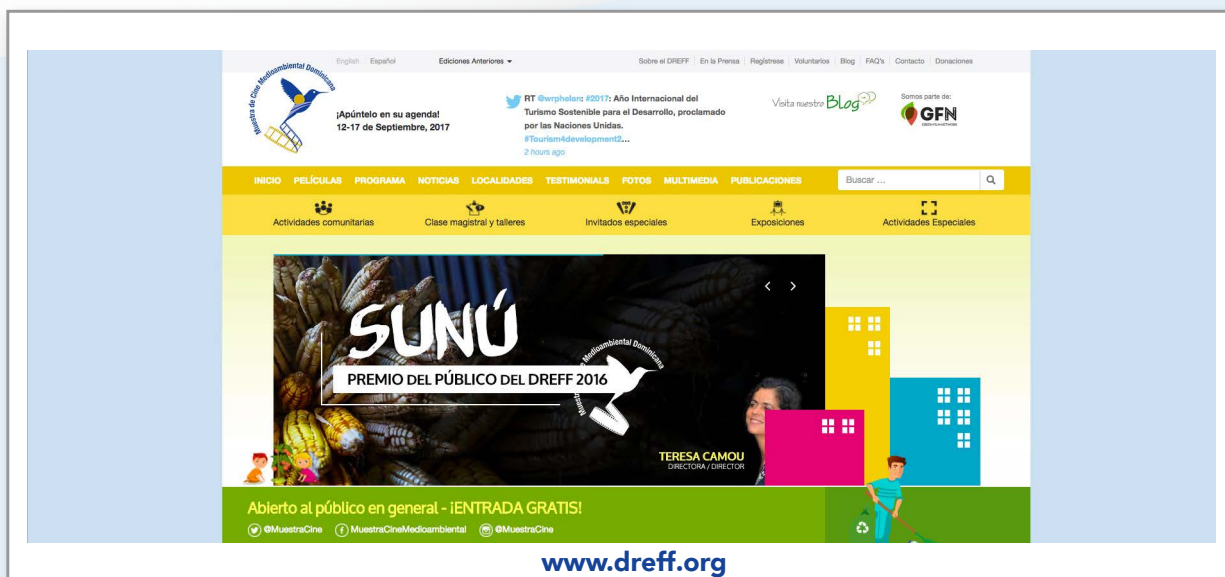
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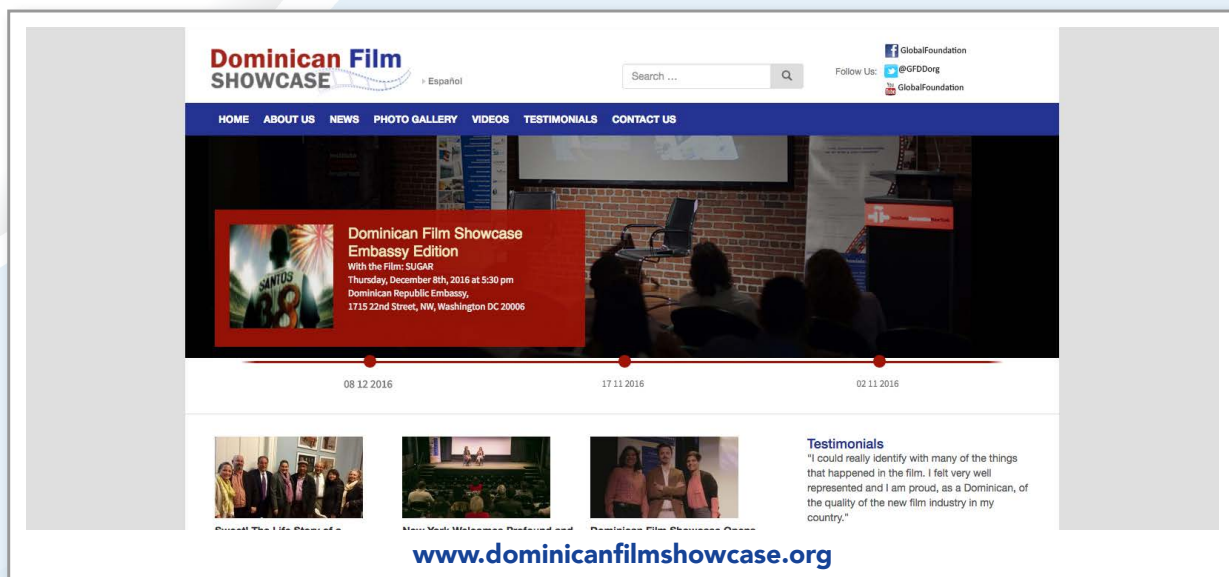
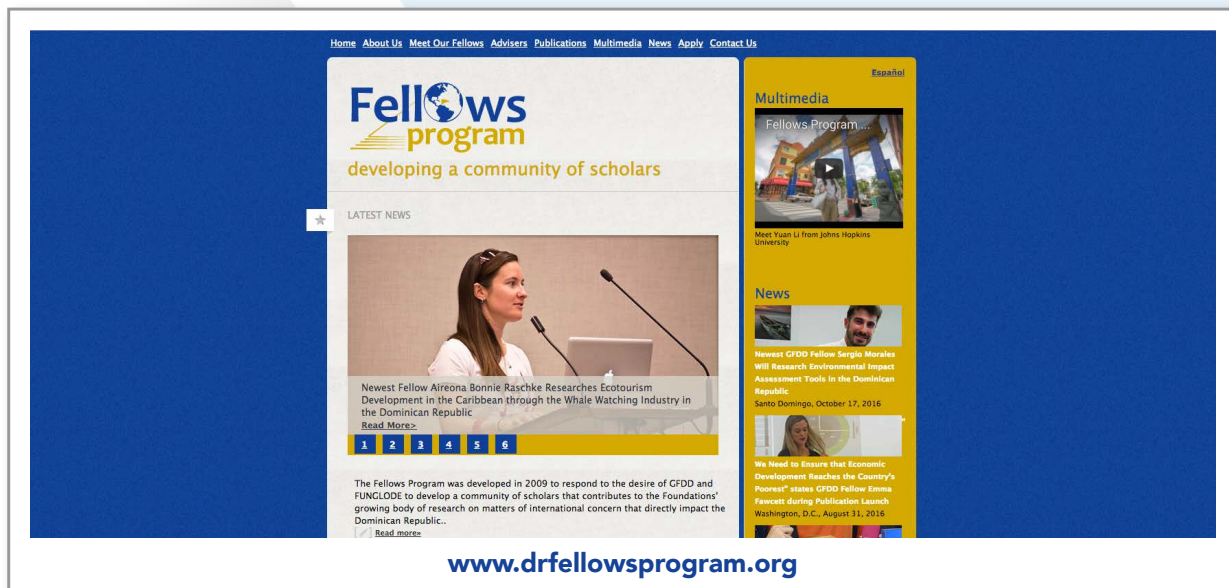
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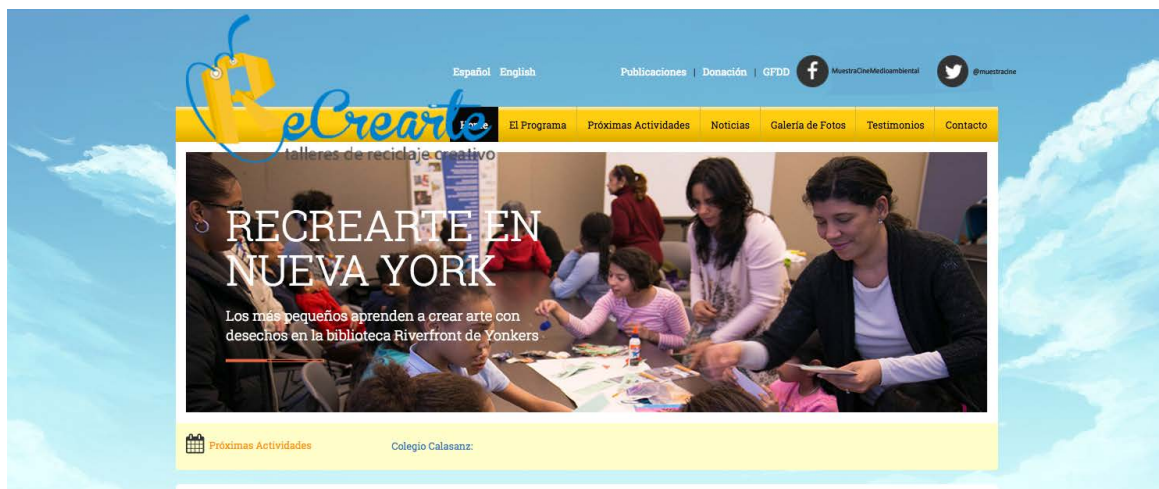


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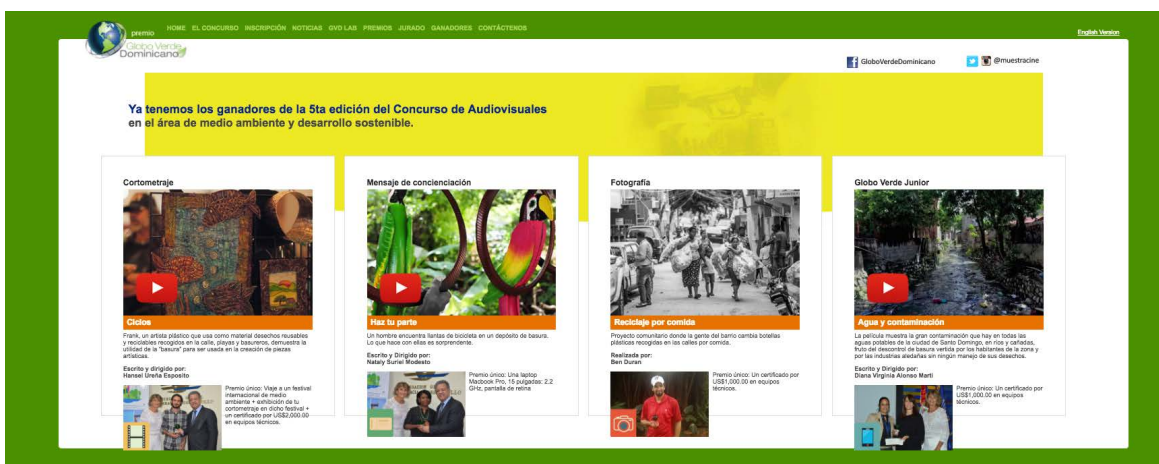








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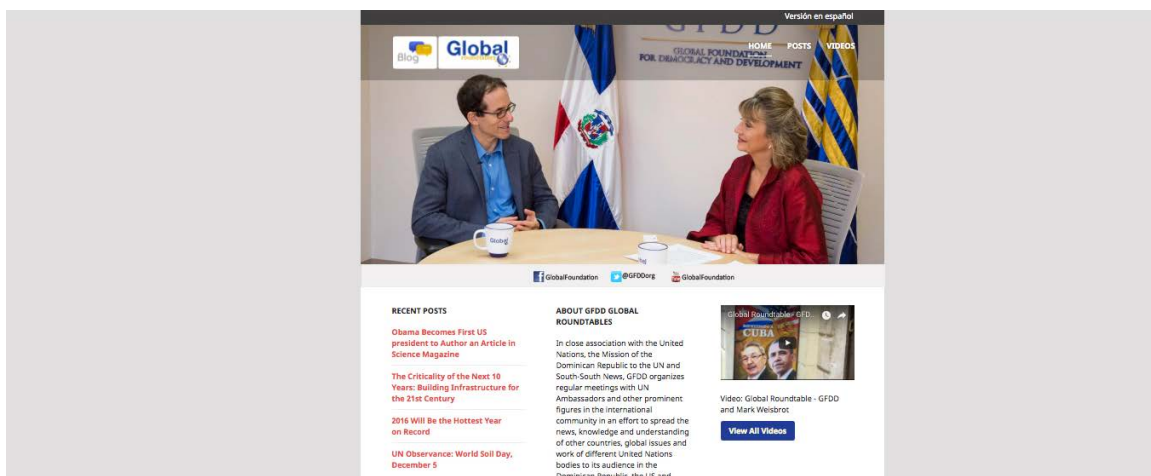
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