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Since its founding in the year 2000, GFDD has won a reputation as a trusted source of independent, non-partisan analysis and innovative project programming. Working with a wide range of global partners and leaders in multinational institutions, we have been able to leverage the resources at our disposal to develop projects and programs that can help shape and improve the policies and practices that support the social, democratic and economic development and modernization of the Dominican Republic.

Our main goal is improving access to knowledge so that the Dominican Republic can find solutions to its major issues within its own population, and we are working hard to bring together political, economic and civil society actors to promote both national and universal goals.

Since we want our projects to have a long-term impact, science, technology and innovation are our preferred tools; and because they are continuously evolving, we try to match their pace by organizing regular events that address the country's particular needs.

We at GFDD are optimistic about the future of the Dominican Republic and of the rest of humanity, mainly due to the revolution in the field of technological innovation and easier access to information. As a result of this technological transformation, in a few years, society will be very different from what it is today. That is why I urge students and professionals to continue training in all fields related to science and technological innovation and knowledge access, so that they can integrate successfully in tomorrow’s new society.

The GFDD, with its strong Caribbean and Latin ties and its commitment to social and environmental and humanitarian issues, can make connections across the global development constituency that add depth and perspective to the issues before the United Nations and its regional bodies. GFDD has earned special status with the UN bodies’ Economic and Social Council and regularly takes part in UN agencies’ discussions and meetings, contributing to their reports and position papers, which inspires publications in our Research and Ideas Series.

We may come from a relatively small island, but the work of GFDD through its cultural, social and international gatherings on the world stage helps preserve Dominicans from insularity. No country is an island entire unto itself, as we are all part of the whole.

We hope you can join us as we continue our development efforts in these critical areas, and help us push for policy changes to promote the Dominican Republic and its social and economic well-being.

Our work at GFDD encompasses a broad spectrum of critical areas including the environment and sustainable development, media, information and communications technology, economy, international affairs, democracy and globalization.

2013 has been an extraordinary active year for us. III Dominican Republic Environment Film Festival (DREFF) witnessed a significant increase in screenings, venues, panels and attendance over its previous years. Through initiatives like DREFF, audiences are becoming increasingly aware of the importance of environmental conservation practices both in the DR and world-wide.

Our Research and Ideas Series of publications springs from collaboration with the most prominent thinkers, analysts, academics and practitioners, as well as the most reputable institutions around the world. This year the series presented new offerings in the fields of gender, economy and health. The books aim to raise the level of national discussion and promote the implementation of creative solutions for the country’s sustainable development.

We have held several exhibits of New Perspectives: Dominican Republic Photo Exhibit in public school and library locations around the U.S.

We have also launched a new initiative, Global Dominican Academic Exchange Program, which complements InterDom’s program to increase the opportunities for academic exchange for both Dominican and international youth.

Collaborating with the United Nations, GFDD promotes and advances issues at the forefront of the international organization’s agenda through panel discussions, written papers and keynote interventions on issues such as women’s empowerment, youth employment, science and technology, and financial speculation affecting the socio-economic advancement of the Dominican Republic.

We have also expanded Global Roundtable meetings with UN Ambassadors and other prominent figures in the international community, continuing to address relevant global issues.

Our popular Dominican Get-Togethers Program, which serves as GFDD’s outreach to the Dominican Diaspora, and all audiences interested in Dominican culture continues to cover topics of interest including baseball, traditional music, media and cultural heritage. These events help promote an understanding and appreciation of Dominican culture and values, while creating opportunities for discussion.

The Dominican Film Showcase Program has screened Dominican-centric films on many university campuses and public venues up and down the Eastern Seaboard from Providence, RI to Washington, DC.

Another success is PortalDominicanaOnline.org. GFDD’s flagship program, which remains the go-to website for the most comprehensive and interactive portal in Spanish and English on the Dominican Republic, presenting the country in all its facets to national and international audiences.

We look forward to an ever-more fruitful, interactive dialogue with you all in the coming months and, again, thank you for your continued encouragement, participation, and support.
About GFDD

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

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

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

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

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

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

Areas of Interest
- Environment
- 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
DOMINICAN ISSUES, HERITAGE AND OUTREACH
Dominican Get-Togethers

2013

August 24

“Dominican Cinema: Development of an Art Form and Industry” with Fernando Báez at Instituto Cervantes, New York, NY.

September 28

GFDD supported the Creek Grass Theatre Play in Collaboration with Dominican Embassy to the US in Washington, DC.

October 5

“Pedro Mir: From the Landscape of Love to the White Paper of Dominican Journalism” at the Get-Together at Instituto Cervantes, New York, NY.

2014

February 28– Allentown, PA

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March 15 - New York, NY

GFDD participated in the Tenth International Book Fair of Dominican Women Writers, which took place March 15-17, 2013, in New York. This event was organized by the Dominican Cultural Women’s Association with Association of Dominican Women Writers, Commission of Women’s Development Center with support from FUNDODE, and GFDD with University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez College (UPRM), the Dominican Cultural Women’s Association, and the Dominican Consulate in New York City among other organizations.

March 18 - New York, NY

Elina María Cruz, Director of the Center for Communication Research and FUNDODE/Human Rights, organized events participated the get-together with Elina María Cruz and the Role of the Media as a tool for Prevention.

March 25 - New York, NY

The “White Paper of Dominican Journalism” is a reference point for all of Latin America, as there are no other tools like it in the region.

April 26 - Allentown, PA

Instituto Cervantes, New York, NY.

May 16 - Allentown, PA

Presentation of the documentary "Sugar American Dominican baseball movie by San Pedro de Macorís, who played shortstop in the major leagues back in the 1950s and 1960s. Following the film, the audience welcomed Joendy Brown, from San Pedro de Macorís, who played shortstop in the major leagues back in the 1950s and 1960s.

June 25 - Allentown, PA

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ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
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The EcoHuertos Program seeks to support the creation of organic and sustainable vegetable gardens in schools and communities throughout the Dominican Republic, as well as support, through hands-on workshops, the areas of natural sciences contained in the educational curriculum. The program also generates awareness of the importance of a balanced diet, achieving a greater appreciation for and receptiveness towards the consumption of vegetables.

EcoHuertos Begins 2013 with the Establishment of 5 New School Gardens in Baní and Azua.

January 12 - Baní, DR
EcoHuertos launches its first induction workshop of the year at the Rene Descartes School in Baní. Throughout the month, gardening workshops take place at 5 schools under the green thumb of the botanist Cristiana Cruz Minier, GFDD’s School and Community Garden Program Coordinator.

January 18 - Azua, DR
After an initial site visit, the EcoHuertos program travels to Azua to set up vegetable gardens at the Las Barreras Elementary school and the Women’s Association of La Nueva Esperanza. Each group takes part in a garden creation workshop where they learn how to set up plant beds and plant fast growing vegetables.
January 28 - Baní, DR

EcoHuertos continues its work in Baní with the establishment of two new school vegetable gardens at the Canada School and the El Llano Elementary School.

February 11 - Santo Domingo, DR

After the first visit to the Fray Ramón Panes School in Santo Domingo, students eagerly set up their new vegetable garden.

March 18-22

The second phase of the EcoHuertos began with a Seed Conservation Workshop at the René Descartes School in Baní and then moved on to the Loyola, Babequé and Fray Ramon Pane schools in Santo Domingo over the next four days. Rose Lord of the Make Gardens Not War initiative conducted the workshops which sought to build on the students’ knowledge base and provide tools for the development of self-sustainable garden systems.

June 21- July 1 - LeBrun, Haiti

EcoHuertos set off on a 9 day expedition to the village community of LeBrun in Haiti, alongside Rose Lord of the Global Coalition for Peace and HaveServe, two organizations which share GFDD’s goal to meet the Millennium Development Goals through community-led development by empowering people to play a role in determining their own futures. EcoHuertos took on the challenge and was able to reinforce the local gardening project by providing technical assistance and instruction through a series of workshops on cultivation, harvesting and seed conservation.

EcoHuertos Program Takes Root in Haiti.

EcoHuertos brings year to a close with creation of 12 new school, community and family gardens.

October 19 - San Cristóbal, DR

Eco-Huertos worked until the end of the year, organizing a series of induction workshops that resulted in the planting of eight fruit and vegetable garden systems throughout the country.

The first of 8 induction workshops was held at the Fe y Vida Abundante Church Center Foundation in Madre Vieja, San Cristóbal. Some 35 people, children, teens and adults, took part in the program and group discussion that centered on defining goals, regular duties, and functional details in preparation for the creation of their community garden.

Targeting groups of 30 to 40 people, including students, teachers and parents, the induction workshops are of critical importance for the long term success and sustainability of the gardens, as they lay the groundwork for the program, help establish goals and group commitments, set expectations, and address the functional details for garden creation.

October 29 - Santo Domingo, DR

Thirty-one students, teachers and school personnel attended the EcoHuertos Induction Workshop held at the Ave Maria Polytechnic School in Santo Domingo.

“The single greatest lesson the garden teaches is that our relationship to the planet need not be zero-sum, and that as long as the sun still shines and people still can plan and plant, think and do, we can, if we bother to try, find ways to provide for ourselves without diminishing the world.”

Michael Pollan, The Omnivore’s Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals
October 30 - Santo Domingo, DR
Thirty students, teachers, staff, parents and two invited guests from the local community took part in the EcoHuertos induction workshop held at the Capotillo Education Center in Santo Domingo. The high-spirited group was enthusiastic with their questions, comments and desire to participate.

November 6 - Santo Domingo, DR
Thirty-nine participants, comprised of students, teachers, staff and parents attended the EcoHuertos induction workshop held at the Youth in Development School in Santo Domingo.

November 8 - Santiago, DR
Forty students, teachers, personnel, support staff, and parents attended the EcoHuertos induction workshop held at the Quisqueya Educational Center in Santiago.

November 11 - Santo Domingo, DR
Twenty-four high school students and teachers attended the EcoHuertos induction workshop held at the Unión Panamericana Secondary School in Santo Domingo.

November 12 - Santo Domingo, DR
Forty-seven participants representing the educational community, including students, teachers, support staff, directors and parents attended the EcoHuertos induction workshop at the Republic of Paraguay School in Santo Domingo.

November 15 - Santiago, DR
Thirty-three students, teachers and parents attended the EcoHuertos induction workshop held at the Braulio Paulino Polytechnic School in Santiago.

“With the establishment of the EcoHuertos Program at our school, we were able to achieve the integration of students, parents and teachers in a health activity that was beneficial to themselves and their families. As a result of the EcoHuertos program, students have developed such values as solidarity, responsibility, self-sufficiency and service as well as skills like organization, creative and critical thinking, scientific exploration, aesthetics and much more!”

Professor Gaudy Ruiz
René Descartes School Director

EcoHuertos Garden Creation Workshops Sweep the Country. Time to Get Out Your Shovels and Grow Your Own Food!

EcoHuertos expands program to include family gardens.

November 20 - December 11
The program entered its second stage with garden creation workshops at the aforementioned schools and community centers. Each garden was built to meet the specific needs of each group and took full advantage of available land, including vertical space and rooftops.

All of the students, teachers and parents who had previously participated in the induction workshops came together again to build their respective fruit and vegetable gardens.

December 18 - Azua, DR
The EcoHuertos Program ended the year on a high note, traveling to Las Barreras, Azua to support the establishment of the program’s first four family gardens. EcoHuertos donated materials, distributed seeds and provided technical assistance to these needy families, while also taking advantage of the visit to conduct follow-up and maintenance on the already established gardens at the Women’s Association of La Nueva Esperanza and Las Barreras Elementary School. GFDD hopes that by supporting the creation of family gardens in rural areas, locals will learn to apply sustainable agricultural practices, thus supplementing their diets and at the same time generating income.

December 21
Capotillo Education Center

December 22
Ave María Polytechnic School

December 29
Republic of Paraguay School

December 30
Youth in Development School

December 31
Quisqueya Education Center

January 2
Braulio Paulino Polytechnic School

January 3
Unión Panamericana Secondary School
EDUCATION, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SCHOLARSHIP
January 2 | Two students from Johnson and Wales University and the University of Rhode Island invited to participate in an internship program at the FUNDACIÓN Club and Hospital General Plaza de la Salud, respectively, in the Dominican Republic.

January 4-18 | InteRDom participated in the National Student Conference on the Environment at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut.

February 23 - 24 | InteRDom took part in the Undergraduate Appreciation Breakfest at SUNY College at Oneonta, New York.

March 15-16 | First Dominican International Workabroad Fair was held in Middletown, Connecticut.

March 20-21 | Participation in the National Student Conference on the Environment at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut.

April 9-10 | Participation in the Virtual Career Fair International Opportunities in the U.S. and abroad, hosted by New York University’s Weinstein Center for Career Development.

October 2 | Participation in Baruch College’s Work Abroad Fair in New York, NY.

October 3 | Workshop on Interviewing Enablers for international students in New York, NY.

October 24 | InteRDom continued to increase its marketing efforts at U.S. universities by participating in the Virtual Career Fair International Opportunities at the U.S. and abroad, hosted by New York University’s Weinstein Center for Career Development.

January 2 - Punta Cana, DR

February 9 - 10 | InteRDom invited its partner organizations to participate in the Dominican International Student Program, Summer 2013.

March 12 - Santo Domingo, DR

March 15 -16 | InteRDom continues its work by hosting two Dominican Students at New York University, Miami, Florida to expand relationships and request students.

March 19-20 | InteRDom-a Panama-based Youth Internship Office- was invited to attend the Miami International Fair, sponsored by the University of Miami, Florida, to expand relationships and request students.

April 9-10 | New York, NY

In 2013, the Program Hosted 40 Students from 14 Universities and Certified 19 Dominican Organizations in Internship Management.
Global Roundtables

In 2013, GFDD and FUNGLODE produced 8 editions of their online broadcasting series “Global Roundtables.” The program invited United Nations representatives representing the following UN Agencies, Departments and Embassies to discuss issues of international concern, ask questions and exchange ideas. Through these Global Roundtables, GFDD contributes to enhancing the visibility and understanding of the work of the United Nations System. Through the years, these initiatives have evolved into important regular meetings looked forward to by participants as well as viewers, here and abroad. These meetings took as issues pertaining to Millennium Development Goals and other sustainable development targets in the countries being spotlighted.

Global Roundtables are unique windows into a world at the United Nations that would otherwise Not Be Seen by the General Population. Dominican and Indigenous New Yorkers Can Apply to Participate in Person.

The 2013 Global Roundtables

Mr. José Miguel Guzmán, Chief of the Population and Development Branch of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in New York Area Can Apply to Participate in Person.

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September
30th
H.E. John William Ashe
Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,
H. E. Carlos Enrique García González
October
3rd
Mr. Victor Osvalds Larrea
GFDD's representative at the Global Environment and Energy Governance and Financing for Development, Global Natural
November
18th
Mr. Michael Landau

March
13th
Mr. José Miguel Guzmán
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GFDD's representative at the Global Environment and Energy Governance and Financing for Development, Global Natural

May
9th
Mr. Michael Landau

June
10th
H. E. Luis-Alfonso de Alba
Ambassador de Alba, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations
H. E. Jorge Valero Briceño
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, H. E. John William Ashe
Permanent Representative of Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations

July
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“Walking us through some of the burning, and at times controversial, demographic trends in ‘Megatrends’, Mr. Guzmán elaborated on the topic.

Mr. Guzmán described current demographic trends that are transforming economies, societies, the earth’s ability to provide as well as our general wellbeing around the world. ‘And that very fact can have a great impact in the future’ be explained. These ‘megatrends’, include such processes as aging, migration, urbanization, all of which carry their own set of problems such as caring for the elderly, while educating the young. The latter don’t participate in the General Assembly directly, they are closely involved in the UN deliberations on the world’s major questions, issues and mostly crises and propose solutions, Mr. Guzmán elaborated.

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Permanent Representative of Mexico to the UN

Financing sustainable development, the outcome of the Climate Change summit in Cancun in 2010, ECOSOC Reform and the current political situation in Mexico was discussed in detail.

As Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations and a career diplomat since 1983, de Alba has extensive knowledge about the international politics and how that world interfaces with important global issues, especially in the area of the environment.

As President of the UN Human Rights Council and Chief Negotiator for the Climate Change Summit, Ambassador de Alba spoke about the recent developments in UN reform procedures and to what extent Mexico is engaged.

H. E. Jorge Valero Briceño  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the UN

What Next for Post-Chavez Venezuela?

In the wake of the death of the country’s indomitable leader Chávez, Venezuelan Representative to the UN, Mr. Jorge Valero Briceño sat down at the Global Roundtable and told GFDD audiences that he is very enthusiastic about the direction that Venezuela is heading and the example it is setting for the rest of the world. “What was accomplished under the late President Chávez, including reducing extreme poverty by 70% and unemployment by 7.5%, providing financial support for stay-at-home mothers, free health care and free education (college enrollment in Venezuela is the fifth highest in Latin America) will continue,” said Ambassador Valero.

He called his country a key actor on the continent as it provides support across the board for many struggling countries, such as Haiti for whom Venezuelan donations are the highest in the region.

He cited President Jimmy Carter who said that the Venezuelan electoral system is the most efficient in the world and he lauded the newly elected President Nicolás Maduro for his efforts in uniting Venezuelans and continuing Chávez’s work to improve people’s standards of living.

El Salvador, still recovering from having suffered a lengthy civil war in the 1980’s, is back in the news again with domestic violence issues in a country where six thousand cases are reported weekly.

As Vice-Chairman of the Commission for Social Development and the Commission on the Status of Women, H. E. García explained the importance of a new project “Ciudad Mujer,” an Inter-American Development Bank-supported initiative to improve the quality of women’s lives. The first center was opened in March 2011 and since then, explained Ambassador García, three more have opened since then and at least six more will be opening in the near future. Women have access to periodic medical and dental visits, child healthcare service, domestic violence prevention/assistance, financial empowerment, sexual and reproductive health, as well as the promotion and defense of her rights.

Mr. Michael Lennard  
Chief of International Tax Cooperation and Trade in the Financing for Development Office of the UN

Taxes are an antidote to aid dependence and a solution to sustainable growth.

Taxes…we all pay them, we all complain but most of us don’t totally understand how they work - and with good reason. Michael Lennard, Chief of International Tax Cooperation and Trade in the Financing for Development Office (FfDO) of the United Nations, told the Global Roundtable why taxes are a tangible solution for sustainable growth: they provide governments with the funds needed to invest in development, relieve poverty and deliver public services.

Giving an example of how tangible tax matters are, Mr. Lennard introduced, explained and illustrated the concepts of Transfer Pricing and Double Tax Treaties, two major regulations that constitute an important legal framework for international exchange of goods and services. He simplified Transfer Pricing as “the price at which multinationals conduct transactions within them.”

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Eradi...2013 that the core of his work as President of the General Assembly, which he assumed in September 2013, would be the eradication of poverty and respect for human rights.

In the UN's search to identify the parameters of the Post-2015 development agenda, His Excellency John Ashe told the Roundtable about the Open Working Group, composed of 30 high level experts, who are working on a proposal to replace the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

GA President Ashe helped Roundtable participants comprehend the differences between the two frameworks and why adopting SDGs would be constructive for a post 2015 development agenda. “By replacing MDGs with SDGs,” he explained, “we can continue to build a sustainable economy and address the needs of climate change and environmental degradation, which clearly undermines development and threatens civilization itself.”

Mr. Victor Ovalles-Santos
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Financing is a Seed That Can Have Long Term Multiplying Effects.

The International Conference on Financing for Development took place in 2002 in Monterrey, Mexico, marking an important landmark in the partnership on global development. Heads of State and Government joined by the Heads of the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the World Trade Organization, prominent business and civil society leaders as well as other stakeholders adopted the outcome document of the Conference, a.k.a. the “Monterrey Consensus,” – a major reference point for international development cooperation. The follow-up Conference in 2008, which adopted the Doha Declaration on FD, included the key message of a strong commitment by developed countries to maintain their Official Development Assistance (ODA) to developing nations irrespective of the current financial crisis.

Mr. Ovalles explained that FD, in all instances, means solidarity and a larger collaboration amongst nations for more sustainable growth and prosperity.
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