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**WORLD DEVELOPMENT
FOUNDATION**

1.WDF-Sponsored

Community Activities For Dominica: At Home and Abroad



CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE IN A SMALL ISLAND STATE

EAT FISH DAY

LET'S PLAY

SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2018

CIQUE PARK, CASTLE BRUCE PLAYING FIELD

10:00 AM - 4:30 PM



and Fisheries | Ministry of Education | Ministry of Health and the Environment | Ministry of Youth and Sports | Ministry of Social Services - Local Govern

The World Development Foundation is active, year round, visiting and assisting in the developing world. In the past year, the WDF team has visited and assisted in development with personal and WDF donations to Haiti, Mexico, Grenada, and Dominica, to name a few nations in the region.

Prior to the storms in Dominica, WDF was instrumental in upgrading the safety and tools for two fishing communities in Dominica, during the team's last visit. Dominica is an example of a beautiful community of people.

WDF leadership watched the recent Huriican crisis in Dominica with concern; both understanding its impact on development while contributing to the repairs that will make development possible again in the future. Projects large and small are planned and being executed at this time. Two heart-warming examples of small but meaning projects to repair the soul of Dominica, follow:

Enabling the Platform Upon Which Ethical Partnerships Reside

Fish and Fun



Since Dr. Mac Donald has assumed leadership, two activities have augmented our support efforts for Dominica.

In country, WDF helped fund the Eat Fish / Let's Play Day! in Cique Park, Castle Bruce Playing Field, from 10AM to 4:30PM, on 4 February 2018.

In the midst of reconstruction and recovery, a good deal of community preparation was undertaken by Castle Bruce leaders, and others throughout the nation and Commonwealth, with full support and consultation of WDF. This important cooperation and cosponsorship enabled the kids to have a great day after the deluge.

The local, fresh fish is prized throughout the region and was delicious - but it was all about the youth. The kids all received toys, played a variety of sports and games, were awarded books (important to an island nation where formal education was interrupted for so long after the hurricane) and there was even a cooking competition, which made the day even brighter.

"My profound gratitude for your support and generosity ... there is no doubt that the invaluable support and financial contribution from the World Development Foundation made a great difference in the lives of the children ... the event exceeded expectations," Loreen Bannis-Roberts, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Mission of Dominica to the United Nations.

President Mac Donald extended WDF's best regards after the successful event: "The World Development Foundation is proud to have been a part of the planning and support for this event. Further, we are humbled by the contributions of time and food from the neighbors and friends of Dominica: New Zealand, Barbados, Monaco, and Morocco - and are by extension even more proud and thankful to be part of this helpful coalition that respects public private partnerships in rebuilding a beautiful and resilient nation back to its native glory."



Pictures

Local School Library was destroyed by Hurricane Maria in Dominica. Photoed by WDF team member during relief effort trip. Fish and Fun event helps bringing some laughter and joy for kids who are suffering through post hurricane Maria.

A Valentine's Day Chocolate Kiss to Dominica:



At the UN in New York, WDF helped lead and fund Le Salon De Chocolate. It took place on Valentines Day, in the lobby of the General Assembly Hall building, in the center of the huge, public entrance to the United Nations. The very successful event brought together some fifteen plus nations, private chocolate and other specialty confection makers, with WDF in the leadership, logistical role, with a candy fund-raiser that netted over \$4000 for Dominica. Plus all that good will and excellent chocolate!

WORLD LEARDER'S PORTAITS MADE OF CHOCOLATE



The Booth from another
partnering Permanent
Mission to the UN

2. A Marvelous Gesture in Suriname to help with the children

Most important perhaps, on a community level, is the return for the former Ambassador from Suriname to the United Nations, back to his home community, a ghetto in the capital, Paramaribo in March 2018.

From when his mom was a noble street sweeper, he worked his way up with her help to receiving his doctorate in law and the respect of his nation and its leaders. Through it all he has never forgotten his upbringing and community roots. When it became clear that in some neighborhoods in Suriname, communities could expect a 50%+ dropout rate for the poorer children, he decided on a fund way to encourage their minds.

He gathered nearly 1000 together, with most sponsored, in order to be where they met, through WDF grants in aid. Ambassador wanted to reinforce that they should strive for better in their lives.

Where was this encouraging talk given? At the movie theatre before the screening of the Marvel movie: Black Panther! From the formal to informal, older to younger, WDF under Dr. Mac Donald appears to have a keen focus on how to make the large programme impactful and community efforts, life-changing.



Highlight

3. World Development Foundation's Participation at the 67th UN DPI / NGO Conference

WDF Program Director Patrick Sciarratta was invited to co-chair the Logistics Subcommittee for the UN 67th Annual DPI Conference. (After its successful conclusion, Mr. Sciarratta was invited by the UN to Co-Chair the Media Subcommittee for the 2019, 68th Annual Civil Society Conference.)

WDF contributes further service to the United Nations where our mission and goals so closely coincide – WDF leadership was able to offer direct and important support to the 2500 registered delegates for the August 2018 events.



The World Development Foundation joined a core of supportive NGOs, working alongside the professional team at United Nations Department of Public Information (now: UN Department of Global Communications), to welcome delegates from hundreds of Global NGOs to the 67th annual UN DPI Conference at UNHQ in New York. Together Finding Global Solutions was a main theme – and the World Development Foundation provided its lead team as volunteers, serving in a variety of capacities.

.President MacDonald addressed the delegates several times and at the highest levels, Mr. Sciarratta worked on the planning committee directly under the UN team and Chair Ms. Winnie Byanyima, CEO of Oxfam International. Cristina Fan served on the highly successful Exhibits Committee, which proved to be a highlight of the entire conference.



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WDF Leadership addressed to the audience in the United Nations Lobby

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WDF Workshop during 2018 UN NGO Conference

Continued

World Development Foundation's Participation at the 67th UN DPI / NGO Conference

- H. E. Ambassador Henry Mac Donald, President, WDF
5 Speaker Appearances and 2 Workshop Panelist Sessions
- Patrick Sciarratta, Program Director, WDF
Co-Chair, Logistics Sub-Committee and Twice Workshop Panelist
Mr. Sciarratta brought on Invited, Highlighted Workshop leaders Dan Bena (PepsiCo),
Ediola Pashollari (World Assembly of Youth), and Kehkashan Basu (Green Hope Foundation).

A major portion of the official Outcome Document focused on the need to discuss and launch public private partnerships to ensure that all stakeholders are involved in a transparent, corruption-free zone of enterprise and sustainable development for all – a prime tenet of all WDF programming.

In fact, WDF leadership appeared twice during the conference and its extension at Long Island University (on a third additional NGO networking day). WDF sponsored and led workshops to discuss public private partnerships (PPP). Through a mix of opinions, the foundation acted as thought-leader, with a hope to discover answers that move forward the possibility for large-scale development in support of the SDGs.

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World Development Foundation's Participation at the 67th UN DPI / NGO Conference

While some expressed a danger in any relations with large corporations, others saw the basis of SDG #17 (partnerships) alongside the obvious need for SDG #16 (strengthening institutions), in order to ensure PPP viability. Another issue raised is accountability of Member States. The UN Member States ratified this initiative; now: are they living up to its goals or merely asking others to do so? How would Member State success for the SDGs be measured, in relation to PPP?

The audience among several sectors of civil society was standing room only at WDFs workshop during the UN events. At the LIU extension, former, longtime PepsiCo executive Dan Bena presented a wonderful presentation, uploaded to our website, on goals for successful public private partnerships in the future. For reference, the theme and desired outcomes follow.



Can SDG #16 lead to stronger institutions to view partnerships implied in SDG#17 existing in a way that allows for a shared planet with shared prosperity, where all stakeholders contribute” and benefit equally?”

The World Development Foundation worked with Bruce Knotts, Chair, NGO DPI Executive Committee, to interactively investigate the pros and cons of these large partnerships among Member States, private investors or corporations, and civil society. Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) have been discussed in the United Nations as both new and important collaborations and as a distraction devised by companies seeking to control the development agenda. This workshop heard from both sides and few others, too

The workshop included a panel that will feature differing points of view toward development of new PPPs while also looking at the issue from the UN policy and enlightened investor point of views. The audience will be asked to provide their perspectives and how the UN might better strengthen itself in order to either prepare for or block these collaborations in the future - also how we might educate corporations and investors to understand the ways in which the UN and civil society could suggest PPPs be conducted in the future.

President MacDonald also addressed the entire delegation in the main Conference Hall. Most compelling, however, was Ambassador's visit onstage as part of the Youth Intergenerational panel, at the Youth Hub in the General Assembly building. He was a much welcomed guest and got to present with the Conference Co-Chair, who expressed her gratitude for WDF support throughout the events.

The World Development Foundation believes that to enable an end to poverty in the world, we must find a way to encourage PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS - in the best ways possible. - H. E. Ambassador Henry Mac Donald, President, WDF, Former PR, Mission of Suriname to the UN

WORKSHOP

PPP

2018

A Discussion on the Future of
Public Private Partnerships
at the United Nations

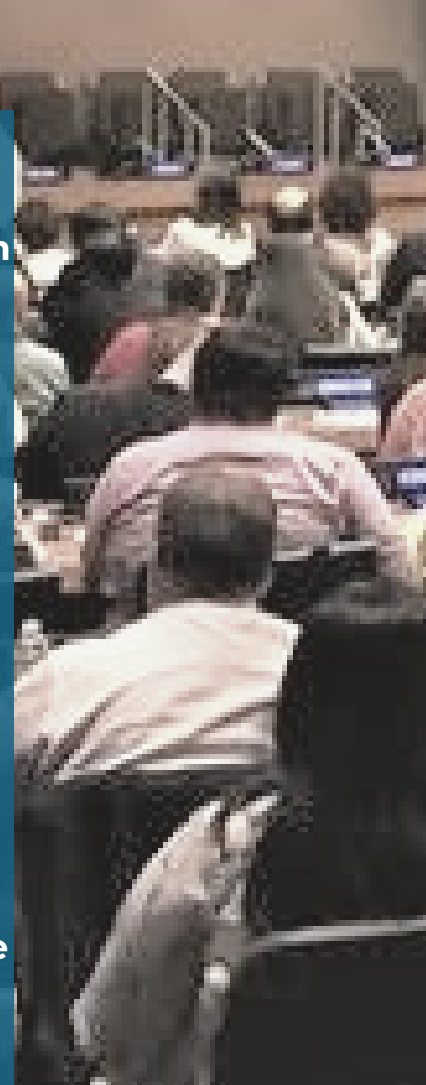
4. Congratulations to the 67th UN DPI / NGO Conference A Luncheon for Civil Society at the opening Day of NGO Conference



WDF also acted as producing Host for the NGO Luncheon in the United Nations Delegates Dining Room on Opening Day (80 invitees, all among NGO Community and sponsored, with gifts and art/networking/presentations); in partnership with and for the World Peace Association:

A surprise addition to the conference was the Opening Day NGO luncheon provided by the World Peace Association, in cooperation with World Development Foundation.

The event was greeted by Bruce Knotts, Chairman of the UN NGO/DPI Executive Committee. Chairman Knotts also delivered an important report on global peace development. Representatives of NGOs and Ambassadors from various countries participated in the luncheon.



Thank
you



WDF THANKS

WDF THANKS THE DPI FOR THE OPPORTUNITY IT PROVIDED ITS SENIOR STAFF TO SERVE AND SUPPORT THE UNITED NATIONS THROUGH THESE EFFORTS. WE AT WDF LOOK FORWARD TO AN ACTIVE 2019 WITH NEW PLANS AND PROJECTS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON.

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