



Public Private Alliance Foundation

## PPAF INSIDER

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November 29, 2016

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We hope you had a lovely Thanksgiving Day.

We hope too that you will support your communities tomorrow on Small Business Saturday, and at any time, on any day, please make a gift to the Public-Private Alliance Foundation for our work in Haiti.

Our work on clean cookstoves in Haiti is expanding. Your gift will help improve people's health (and especially that of women and children who are most involved in cooking with charcoal), help reduce deforestation and create business opportunities. **Learn more below about our work on ethanol cookstoves and fuel, biogas and solar cooking, with new material since our last newsletter.**

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### *Expanding PPAF's Work on Clean Cooking in Haiti*

PPAF is expanding its work on clean cooking and clean fuel. While continuing to work on ethanol stoves and fuel we are also becoming active in use of biogas and solar cookstoves.

#### *Solar Fuel*

We are happy to announce that the Haiti representative of Solavore solar cookstoves, Rose Basile, who is also the head of KDCK (Konbit Developman Commune de Kot-de-Fer}, is planning demonstrations of cooking with those stoves

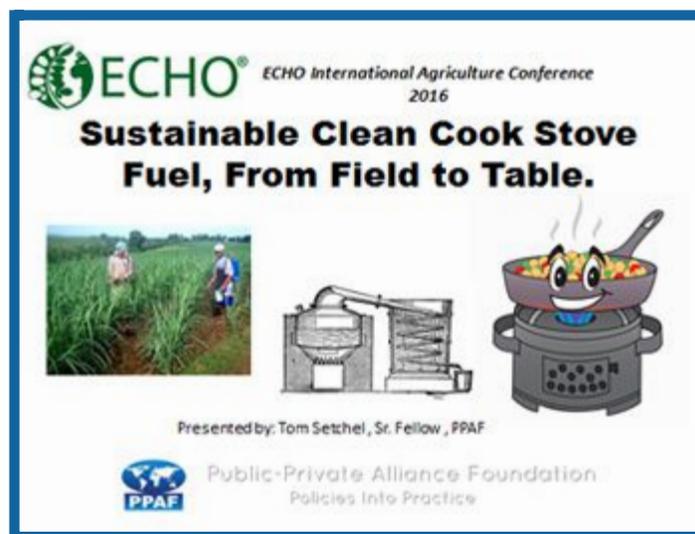
in January during her visit to Cotes-de-Fer, Haiti. Michael Port and Martha Port of Solavore, LLC, will join her as will PPAF Senior Fellow Tom Setchel. The demonstration will involve a welcome party with several cakes and other baked goods all made on these stoves. Pictured below are foods prepared with the Solavore cookstove.



### **Producing Ethanol Fuel**

In October Senior Fellow Tom Setchel traveled to Haiti for assessment and advice to improve local distilleries. He met with the owner of a distillery in Léogâne, once one of the largest in the country. It had been partially destroyed in the 2010 earthquake and has struggled since then. We have been working with the owner to determine the materials and related costs to upgrade the distillery so that it can produce 95% ethanol fuel to supply stoves. Some stoves have been fabricated and are available for sale. Meetings have been held with the Government's Center for Facilitation of Investment, and other options are being explored. Grant, loan and/or investment funds will be needed.

**Follow-up will take place in January 2017 when Tom next visits Haiti.**



In November Tom gave two presentations / demonstrations at the ECHO International Agriculture Conference at the ECHO Farm in North Fort Myers, Florida. He presented on "Sustainable Clean Cookstove Fuel, from Field to Table."

A full video of one of his presentations is available at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebzuoNj1wQM&t=164s>



### [Biodigester for Biogas Cooking](#)

Connections among people and organizations in Haiti and New York are resulting in collaborations for clean cooking solutions.

Tom Setchel and Board Member George Garland joined Dr. T.H. Culhane and Kathy Puffer of Solar C<sup>3</sup>ities to establish a bio-digester to produce biogas for cooking at the school operated by HEART in Haiti in Croix des Bouquets. The school provides breakfast and lunch for 122 low-income children plus 20 staff. PPAF highlighted HEART's work in our October newsletter on work related to recovery from Hurricane Matthew.

The biodigester is made mostly of locally-purchased materials. Kitchen waste is fed directly into a 1,000 gallon tank outside the school kitchen to produce biogas for cooking.



This all builds on connections made in early 2015, when PPAF and the UNA-USA Southern NY State Division organized a seminar on women and energy during the UN Commission on the Status of Women. Presenters included Culhane and Puffer and student Martha Perez who installed bio-digesters at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, NY, in a private home, and in the Dominican Republic.

PPAF is now planning for biodigester installation in Cotes de Fer, Haiti, in collaboration with KDCK (Konbit Developman Commune de Kot-de-Fer), during Tom Setchel's return to Haiti in January,

### *Haiti Funders Forum*

In November David Stillman and George Garland participated in the Third Annual Haiti Funders Forum, on *Achieving Sustainability in Haiti*, organized by the Haiti Development Institute (HDI) and held at the SUNY Global Center in Manhattan. The goal of this conference was to engage funders, philanthropists, and impact investors in conversations framed in relation to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The Ambassador of Haiti to the U.S.A., Paul Altidor, pictured below, was the keynote speaker.



HDI, based in Boston, was created to shore up philanthropic investments and development efforts. The conference gave an excellent opportunity for networking among funders and implementers, such as PPAF. About one-third of the participants had traveled from Haiti.

### *Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves (GACC) Haiti Updates*

In a circular today, the GACC reports that it is working to synthesize all the outputs of discussions with interested groups, as well as the market research and the consultancies that have been undertaken, and is in the process of drafting a large-scale plan for clean and efficient cooking in Haiti. GACC hopes to share a draft with key stakeholders in January 2017.

### *Death by a Thousand Cuts Updates*



PPAF continues to follow the success of this award-winning documentary that tells the story of the fight for the Dominican border forests in relation to clandestine sales of charcoal to Haiti. According to articles in DR1 Daily News of November 18 and HOY, co-director Jake Kheel, who is Vice President of the Punta Cana Foundation, “believes that solutions can be found by increasing public awareness of the situation.”

Moreover, the Dominican Environment Minister Francisco Domínguez Brito, appointed in August 2016, has spoken out about the situation. He recognized that most of the population of Haiti has no choice but to cook using charcoal. However, he said, "In the past anyone who built clandestine ovens was prosecuted, but we have now instructed the provincial environmental directors that charcoal has to be pursued in the same way as cocaine." He commented further that the demand for charcoal needs to be met by commercial farms and industries authorized to produce it.

<http://dr1.com/forums/showthread.php/159683-DR1-Daily-News-Friday-18-November-2016>

<http://hoy.com.do/la-sierra-de-bahor...-hacer-carbon/>

### *Our Latest Volunteer Intern*



Luigi Maes, a student at EF International School, is interning with PPAF and the UNA-USA Southern NY State Division for two months until mid-December. Luigi is from Belgium and holds master's degrees in international relations and in European Union studies. For PPAF he will draft our annual report to the UN Department of Public Information and help with project proposals.

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