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### **January-February Updates and March Events:**

*From the Executive Director:*

*The year has gotten off to a fast start, with PPAF and our colleagues working together to improve life in Haiti and to collaborate on issues that are important for health, economic well-being, women & girls, and the environment.*

*Please view the four-minute video we have just produced on this work.*

*<https://youtu.be/2086vf9nuMg>*

*We have expanded to work not only with ethanol cookstoves (and ethanol production), but also biodigesters for biogas cooking, and solar ovens. In various homes, businesses and communities it makes sense to cook with a combination of these. PPAF provides technical advice and skills and acts as a champion for clean cooking. Read about our work below!*

*Also read about Upcoming Events, including a PPAF Seminar in New York on March 15th.*

*David Stillman, PhD  
Executive Director*

### **PPAF and KDCK January Travel to Haiti**

*A trip to Haiti in January saw PPAF Senior Fellow Tom Setchel working with KDCK Chair Rose Bazile to meet with communities and collaborating organizations, to demonstrate new cooking options and to install two biodigesters in Cotes de Fer, Rose's hometown.*

*They also visited an orphanage and a women's training institute to assess needs and opportunities. They visited an elementary school to review the current status of a large biodigester Tom had previously helped to install and to demonstrate additional options.*

*Rose introduced Tom to her network of friends and colleagues and organized several demonstrations of cooking solutions.*

*Tom visited the owner of a distillery PPAF worked with previously and saw the improvements made. He learned the company can now provide sufficient ethanol fuel to start commercial relations with the stove manufacturer that co-designed and tested our locally-made ethanol stove Recho EcoVit.*



Rose Bazile (second from left) and Tom Setchel (center), with colleagues

## Upcoming Activities in March

### Follow-up Technical Trip to Haiti

Tom Setchel returns to Haiti in early March to continue work on performance and monitoring of biodigesters and solar ovens in Cotes de Fer. He will also revisit the elementary school biodigester, hold discussions on prospects for new biodigester installations in Port-au-Prince and hold further discussions with the distillery owner.

### Seminar during UN Commission on the Status of Women

**March 15** - PPAF and the UN Association of the USA Southern NYS Division are hosting a seminar at the UN Foundation conference room in Manhattan. It will be a parallel event to this year's UN Commission on the Status of Women. Please join us.

David Stillman will moderate the session and introduce the PPAF video "[Expanding Horizons: Non-Polluting Cookstoves in Haiti](#)." Panelists include:

\* Rose Bazile, Board Chair, Konbit pou Developman Commune Kot de Fer (KDCK) (Haiti & New York); Haiti representative of Solavore LLC [www.kdck-cdf.org](http://www.kdck-cdf.org). [www.solavore.com](http://www.solavore.com)

\* Maria Blon, Board President, Haiti Education and Resource Team (HEART) <http://heartinhaiti.org>.

\* Rachel Mahmud, Senior Program Associate, Gender, Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves / UN Foundation. [www.cleancookstoves.org](http://www.cleancookstoves.org).

\* Dana Smiles, Project Coordinator, Poverty, Gender and Youth, The Population Council [www.popcouncil.org](http://www.popcouncil.org)

Location: 801 Second Ave., 9th floor. (Just south of E. 43rd St.)

Registration: 6:00 pm. Program - 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Conference room seats 35 and pre-registration is required. Email: [jinka.stillman@gmail.com](mailto:jinka.stillman@gmail.com)

Our goals for the session are to broaden the awareness of opportunities and challenges in relation to the above subjects and to strengthen the community of those working on these in Haiti.



## Events by Others

**March 17** - The [wPOWER Hub](#) and [the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves](#) will host an Official NGO CSW Parallel Event featuring a panel discussion on Empowering Women Clean Energy Entrepreneurs: The wPOWER Partnership. Open to the Public.

8:30 - 10:00 am; Church Center for the United Nations Hardin Room, 777 UN Plaza

### **March 23** - DC Environmental Film Festival, Washington, DC

Dominican Night at DC Environmental Film Festival (DCEFF), will include a special screening of '*Death by a Thousand Cuts.*' "With stunning cinematography, this documentary investigates the death of a park ranger and the systematic eradication of Dominican forests" to feed the demand for charcoal in Haiti.



Time: 6:00 pm

Location: E Street Cinema, 555 11th Street, NW

The showing is free, but registration is required. More information is available at: <http://www.dreff.org/dreff2016/la-noche-dominicana-llega-un-ano-mas-a-washington-en-marzo-como-parte-del-dceff/?lang=en>

## Our Latest Volunteer Intern



Maria Catalina Ospina, a student at EF International School, is interning with PPAF and the UNA-USA Southern NY State Division from January to late March. Catalina is from Colombia and is studying international relations. For PPAF she has created our latest video. She has also assisted with UNA Southern NYS Division and participated in UNA-USA Members Day at the UN.

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(4) Volunteer, serve as an intern, or get involved as a professional. Use the information above to contact us.

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