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Dear Friends,

PPAF and the UNA-USA Southern NY State Division (UNA-SNY) convened the very successful seminar “Innovative Programs in Haiti” on April 10. We held it at the Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice in Manhattan, the new home of the UN Foundation and UNA-USA in New York. Ford is famous for programmatic and architectural innovation. See details, photos and video links below, including a photo of the Atrium at Ford, which also serves as a New York City indoor park.

The second-semester practicum of the solar and biogas course at the Universite Notre Dame d’Haiti - Hinche is continuing. PPAF has made a small grant to the Art Creation Foundation for Children (ACFFC) in Jacmel, Haiti for them to conduct a baking course and a sewing course in their young entrepreneurs program. This ties to work in clean cooking. The ten students and two instructors are all female. The sewing course eventually will produce heat retention bags for cooking pots.

Earth Day makes us all think more clearly about families and the planet and what we all can do. As our Global Giving friends say, have you been thinking about what to give your favorite planet?

Warm regards,

David Stillman, PhD, Executive Director

Innovative Programs in Haiti:

Education, Agriculture, Clean Cooking and Women's Solidarity

Wednesday April 10, 2019

Some 55 participants from 30 organizations joined the seminar “Innovative Program in Haiti.” We have started outreach to the wide variety of Haiti-related organizations in

the New York area, so as to build collaboration and spread information about clean cooking, the environment and entrepreneurship.

George Garland, president, UNA-SNY, welcomed the participants and invited them to join the United Nations Association, which supports the work of the United Nations.

Jocelyn McCalla (Haitian-Americans United for Progress) offered remarks on politics and development in Haiti; George Garland spoke of the Haiti Education And Resource Team (HEART) School as a model of excellence for sustainable education; Hugh Locke (Smallholder Farmers Alliance) described how the Timberland Company is partnering on an initiative to reintroduce cotton farming to Haiti; Kathy Elisca Clermont (Fordham University and a PPAF intern) showed how women's empowerment is advancing through solidarity groups to prevent violence against women & promote non-farm earnings; Alan Bigelow (Solar Cookers International) discussed SCI's collaboration in Haiti to support and promote solar cooking as an innovative approach for clean and sustainable cooking.



Participants enjoyed the opportunity for commentary and networking. Many new contacts were made. Purchase College (State University of New York) Provost Barry Pearson and International Programs Dean Anne Kern described plans for the (T)HERE Global Festival to take place in November and focus on Haitian arts, culture and ideas.

Dr. Manol Isac spoke about the work of the medical humanitarian organization Hands Up for Haiti, and others described their active programs in Haiti. In addition to individuals representing some organizations, teams represented others, including CMMB, which has a hospital in Cotes de Fer, Reviving Haiti, the Haitian Roundtable, and Solar Cookers International, Special kudos to Ismail Succes Jean Baptiste, Executive Director of Dream Haiti, who traveled from Buffalo, and Jennifer Gasser and Mary Buchenic of the Solar Education Project, who traveled from Ohio.

David Stillman (PPAF) moderated the event and illustrated the value of teamwork by several collaborating organizations to promote solar and biogas cooking in a first-ever university course and at the community level in Haiti.

Many thanks to Michele Voltaire Marcelin, Jennifer Gasser and Rose Bazile for the wonderful photos they took and to PPAF intern Emma Filippi Pioppi (EF International School) for videos. PPAF intern and Seton Hall student Steadman Blake edited the videos and photos. Amandine Tronche, from EF International School, assisted at the event. A full set of photos and videos appears on the PPAF website at <http://www.ppafoundation.org/gallery--videos.html>

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