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New videos from the Bioenergy International Debate

Opening remarks at the October 7-9 Bioenergy International Debate are now posted on PPAF's YouTube channel.

[Lic. Enrique Ramirez](#), President of the National Energy Commission, and [Ambassador Federico Cuello](#), Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations spoke at the opening of the session. (These videos in Spanish) Links to their comments are also available on the [PPAF Blog](#). Other conference videos include [David Stillman's opening remarks](#) (in English), an appearance by Ambassador Federico Cuello, Tom Kadala (President, ResearchPAYS, Inc.) and David Stillman on the Dominican TV program [Sabado Agropecuario](#). Also available is the excellent [9-minute video on the Bioenergy International Debate](#) (English and Spanish) produced by Frank Minaya y Willmore and Dr. Dana F. Minaya of Samana College Research Center.

Planning for Fourth Bioenergy International Debate

David Stillman and Tom Kadala will join senior Dominican colleagues during the week of November 16-21 to plan the Fourth Bioenergy International Debate. The purpose of the Fourth Bioenergy International Debate is to advance the results of the meeting held in Santo Domingo on October 7-9. The focus will be policy recommendations that emerged from the October meeting, in the areas of finance and investment, private sector, academic organizations and inventors, and government. All agree that bioenergy can be an important component of efforts for sustainable development. Invitations will be sent soon by the National Energy Commission.

While in Santo Domingo, Stillman and Kadala will also attend the XIV Regional Forum: Biofuels and Other Renewable Energies, from 18 – 20 November, hosted by the National Energy Commission, the Secretary of State for the Environment and Natural Resources, and the Energy and Environment Partnership with Central America (EEP), part of the Central American Integration System (SICA). The meeting focuses on sustainable development in the region, and on various bioenergy case studies and technologies. It is supported by the governments of Finland and Austria. Member states include Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama. The Dominican Republic is an associate member.

PPAF Names Five Associates

PPAF Executive Director Dr. David Stillman has announced appointment of five young professionals as PPAF Associates. These outstanding volunteers have contributed their talents to PPAF for a period of time, and are continuing to do so either in person or virtually. They are:

Alexander Baldwin

Alexander Baldwin, a recent graduate with a MSc in Political Economy of Development from the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, is currently a Program Manager at the Public-Private Alliance Foundation. He has worked for the State Department and for several non-profits. He holds a BA from the University of Virginia in History and Economics.

Marc Perry

Marc Perry created and maintains the PPAF website and is involved in online marketing initiatives. Mr. Perry is the Founder & CEO of Elite Training Partners, which provides personal training, nutrition, and fitness consulting services. He began his career as a hedge fund analyst and received a B.A. in History from Yale University.

Rosario Rodriguez

Rosario Rodriguez has worked with PPAF since May 2009 and assisted in preparations for three biofuel / bioenergy conferences. As Project Coordinator she helped to organize PPAF's October 2009 conference in Santo Domingo. 'Gestion de Riesgos en Bioenergia Innovacion en el Modelo de Negocios'. She earned a BA degree from SUNY/Albany with a dual major in Sociology and in Latin American, Caribbean and U.S. Latino Studies, and is pursuing her Master's Degree in the latter. She was formerly an intern at the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations. Currently she is a Field Researcher / Tracker at Fordham University in the Department of Psychology.

Amar Shibli

Amar Shibli is currently a student at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. Prior to starting at Tuck, he was an Associate in the Global Markets and Investment Banking Division of Merrill Lynch & Co. Amar graduated from Wesleyan University in 2005 with a major in Economics; in 2003 he studied Development Economics at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London. He began his involvement with the United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development as an Intern in 2003, and continued volunteering with the Public-Private Alliance Foundation when it formed in 2006.

Samantha Young

Samantha Young is a Senior Economist and Financial Advisor for the Ontario Financing Authority, an agency of the Ministry of Finance of the Government of Ontario. Previously, she was a Policy Intern for the Public-Private Alliance Foundation and the United Nations. She was a Lead Youth Services Officer for Service Canada and co-founded and directed the Public Good Initiative, a pro-bono consulting service for non-profit organizations in Toronto. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario and a Masters of Public Policy from the University of Toronto.