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This email contains seven articles, on the Dominican Republic, Haiti and the United Nations. See below.

Yesterday was the 6-month mark of the earthquake in Haiti. CNN TV coverage has focused attention on difficulties in the relief efforts, including removal of rubble and provision of housing beyond tents. Their reports have emphasized the importance of leadership by the government, coordination among NGOs, and approval and release of funds that donor countries pledged to give. They have also noted three main positives: a lot of goodwill and effort from many quarters; no major outbreaks of disease; and no civil unrest. I recently met the men below, with shovel, tape measure and level, at 6 a.m. on their way to help rebuild their country.



Today at the United Nations the Economic and Social Council will hear analysis of the situation and prospects for the future, featuring Ambassador Leslie Voltaire, Haiti's Special Envoy to the UN, Dr. Paul Farmer, UN Deputy Special Envoy for Haiti and others from the Haitian Red Cross and from the UN.

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(1) UN General Assembly Establishes UN Women Agency

On Friday, July 2 the United Nations General Assembly formally adopted a resolution that includes establishment of "UN Women," the new gender equality agency at the UN. The formal name is the [UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women](#) (A/64/L.56). This momentous action is the result of years of negotiations between UN Member States and advocacy by the global women's movement.

PPAF works to promote the advancement of women in its activities in its focus countries and welcomes this new important agency.

UN Women will function as a secretariat and also will carry out operational activities at the country level; it brings together four parts of the UN system (including UN INSTRAW, now located in Santo Domingo, D.R.)

[To read more, go to PPAF's blog.](#)

(2) Empowering Young Women to be UN Youth Delegates (Dominican-sponsored event at the UN)

On Friday, July 2, four Dominican Republic organizations held a conference at the United Nations about the "Empowerment of Young Women through Youth Delegates to the United Nations." This was a side event to the 2010 Substantive Session of the UN Economic and Social Council which took place on the day that the United Nations General Assembly formally adopted Resolution A/64/L.56, which establishes "UN Women" as the new gender equality entity at the UN.

These were the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD), La Fundacion Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE), the United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic (UNA-DR) and the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the UN.

Convinced that empowering women and youth fuels thriving economies, and spurs productivity and growth, the Public-Private Alliance Foundation welcomes their involvement on national delegations. [To read more, go to PPAF's blog.](#)

(3) How Business Can Work with the United Nations

The UN offers businesses many ways to support its mission while creating valuable partnerships and pursuing new business opportunities. One is to compete in the procurement process and become UN vendors. Another is to assist in disaster response. The UN also encourages business to join the UN Global Compact, which affirms their adherence to several basic international mandates. For more information about business partnering with the UN, and examples of how companies work with the UN, see: <http://business.un.org>

The **Public-Private Alliance Foundation** promotes a business approach to development for poverty reduction and partnerships, and in support of all of the UN Millennium Development Goals. PPAF is a participant in the UN Global Compact.

[For details on how to work with UN Procurement, Disaster Response and the UN Global Compact, go to PPAF's blog.](#)

(4) Wind Energy for the Dominican Electrical Grid

The Public-Private Alliance Foundation held renewable energy seminars, in the Dominican Republic in cooperation with the National Energy Commission (CNE) and others in 2009. These emphasized the importance of Law 57-07 to make the D.R. a potential leader in the Caribbean in renewable energy, and to reduce reliance on fossil fuels. Law 57-07 grants numerous incentives and tax exemptions to investors in renewable energy.

The Foundation is very happy to learn that the Dominican Corporation of State Electrical Companies (CDEEE) recently signed its first contract, with Grupo Eolico Dominicano, to buy wind energy that will be carried by the Interconnected Electrical System (SEN). The system currently carries only energy from conventional sources.

[For more details on this groundbreaking wind energy project, see PPAF's blog.](#)

(5) Dominican Aquaculture Association Updates its Website

Ing. Máximo Nicolás, president of the Dominican Association of Aquaculture (Asociación dominicana de acuacultores, Inc.), has announced the redesign of [ADOA's website](#). Included is the announcement of an upcoming training course on tilapia, to be held in August, in conjunction with the American Soy Association.

PPAF has worked with ADOA since 2007 in strengthening fish farming in the Dominican Republic.

(6) Videos on Rebuilding Haiti, from Jacmel & Montrouis, June 10-13, 2010

The Public-Private Alliance Foundation has added a six videos produced by Frank and Dana Minaya of the Samana College Research Center in the D.R. onto the PPAF YouTube site. They feature the PPAF / SImACT workshop in Jacmel, June 12 – 13, 2010 – on “Reconstruction and Business Opportunities in Southern Haiti,” as well as the June 9 – 10, 2010 “Building a New Haiti” Conference held at Club Indigo in Montrouis.

[Building a New Jacmel, Haiti](#)

This video shows footage from the SImAct / PPAF workshop in Jacmel on June 12-13, 2010, for the exploration of reconstruction and business opportunities in southern Haiti. About 50 participants traveled there on the morning of June 12 from the *Building a New Haiti* conference (organized by American Chambers of Commerce (of the D.R. and Haiti) and the U.S. Commercial Service). Another 25 joined them from Jacmel, elsewhere in Haiti and internationally.

[To view all the new videos, go to PPAF's Blog and click on the video links.](#)

(7) Help the Public-Private Alliance Foundation in its Work!

As a non-governmental, non-profit organization, the Public-Private Alliance Foundation needs and welcomes your support. Go to the home page of the PPAF website and click on the [Donate](#) or [JustGive](#) button. Our passion is to make a difference, to help people especially in Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Madagascar, to improve their lives and livelihoods, and to bring a business approach to development.

You can participate and help shape PPAF's activities through your generous gift. [Your company can become a Supporting Partner - email me for details.](#)

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Focusing on the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Madagascar, our vision is to make a difference for human betterment. PPAF works closely with the United Nations for policies and actions to advance public-private alliances. PPAF is associated with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations and is a participant in the United Nations Global Compact..