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Please lend your voice today by supporting the Foundation. Click a donation button on PPAF’s website or send a check to the address at the bottom of this website. Your participation is needed to help the Foundation continue its work.

REVIEW

I have been a pro bono “senior fellow” at PPAF for several years and have witnessed the

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Fundraising Appeal - Please Help Now!

Join our mid-year fundraising drive, and you can help us to continue our work in bringing organizations and people together for sustainable development and clean energy.

(1) Please Donate Directly. It’s quick, safe and easy to give online. Go to www.ppafoundation.org and click on the donation button you prefer. Please consider a monthly gift. You can also mail a check directly to Dr. David Stillman, PPAF, 166 Edgars Lane, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706, USA. The Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

(2) Become a Corporate Sponsor. You’ll be listed on our website and in our newsletter as a corporation that supports important work in agribusiness, clean energy, and broad assistance to people in Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Madagascar. Contact David Stillman at ppafoundation@gmail.com

(3) If you live in Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Maryland or Illinois, you can help by changing your electricity provider to Viridian Energy. This saves money and supports green energy and a smaller carbon footprint, with the Foundation earning a small fee. Learn more below.

WHAT’S NEW

Support PPAF, Save Money & Reduce Your Carbon Footprint through Viridian Energy

The Foundation has partnered with a very forward-thinking company, Viridian Energy. This third-party electricity supply company currently operates in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Illinois. It provides greener electricity at a more affordable price. If you live in one of these states, or know someone who does, click on the Viridian logo above to help in our work.

Due to the deregulation of energy, we all have a legal right to choose our energy supplier. Your regular utility company continues to deliver the electricity and handle all service and billing.

Viridian Energy's premium renewable energy products meet or exceed the proposed 2020 federal environmental goal of 20% renewable energy. Viridian offers “Everyday Green,” 20% renewable energy, and also a 100% renewable energy option - GreenE certified Pure Green.

Enrollment is free and contracts are month-to-month with no cancellation fees. When you switch to Viridian, a small monthly referral fee will be sent to PPAF. So, help make a difference today—support renewable energy and PPAF!
You can enroll your home or business online in less than 3 minutes:
Take your electricity bill and go to www.viridian.com/ppaf
Click on “Become a Customer!” located at the top right
Type in your zip code, and follow the simple steps
It’s that easy!

Telephone 914-478-3450 if you have questions, or email:
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Energy and other Community Solutions --
Partners Against Poverty Event held June 3 at the UN

PPAF, working with the United Nations Office for Partnerships, held its Fifth Annual Partners Against Poverty Event at the UN on June 3, 2011. This followed the Global Summit on electricity on June 2, organized by the Global Sustainable Energy Partnership (formerly e8) and UN-Energy. Over 30 people from business, investment, diplomatic missions to the UN, non-governmental organizations and international organizations participated in the June 3 discussions. Participants and their organizations are listed either within presentation sections or at the bottom of this article.

We asked these experts to come because whether we are working in Haiti, the Dominican Republic or Madagascar, people want and need clean energy and local electrification, simple, affordable housing, and better cookstoves.

PPAF Executive Director Dr. David Stillman opened and moderated the session. Presenters included BioGen (Dominican Republic and U.S.), Medesco (U.S.), Habitech International (U.S. and Dominican Republic), WECAN, Inc., and Project Gaia (U.S., Ethiopia and Brazil), and Viridian Energy. The Haiti Southwest Sustainable Development Project, the 21-month $8 million launching project of a 20-year, $200 million project known as the South Coast Initiative for 10 Communes in the southwest of Haiti, was also discussed.

For details of these companies and projects and a list of participants, see the PPAF Blog.

Interview at UN TV on Haiti Summit Plans

Lord Kevin Lumb, Chair, and Elaine Ward of Global Development Summits participated in the Foundation’s June 3 Partners Against Poverty event. Lord Kevin invited all participants to sponsor or join in the Haiti Reconstruction and Sustainability Summit, to be held on September 20 and 21 in Miami, Florida.
David Stillman arranged a television interview at the United Nations for Lord Kevin with Bill Miller, host of Global Connections TV. They discussed the role of the private sector in promoting economic development. Lord Kevin noted that the upcoming Summit will focus on the need for rebuilding, both physical and in terms of infrastructure and explore long term solutions. Summit organizers will work closely with Government representatives from the U.S. and Haiti, the UN, international aid organisations, NGO’s and leading community figures.

**PPAF and Friends Attend Global Summit on Electricity, June 2 at the UN**

The Public-Private Alliance Foundation encouraged over 30 colleagues from the U.S., the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Madagascar to attend the Global Summit to Strengthen Public-Private Partnerships to Accelerate Global Electricity Technology Deployment on June 2 at the United Nations. The Summit focused on discussing learning new actions in the field of electricity. It also served as background for the Foundation’s Fifth Annual Partners Against Poverty Meeting, held at the UN on June 3 (described elsewhere).

Organizers of the event were a group of major electric companies known as the e8, now the Global Sustainable Energy Partnership (GSEP), and UN-Energy, which brings together more than 20 UN system agencies working on various aspects of energy. Several hundred attended the day-long summit. The organizers distributed results of a survey, published as Recommendations from the Global Sustainable Electricity Partnership Survey. For more, see PPAF’s Blog.