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Four Parts of the Ethanol Equation: growing sugar cane, distillation, distribution and stoves

In their September visit to Haiti under a consultancy with the Inter-American Development Bank the Foundation's team including David Stillman and George Garland worked with consultants Anthony Bouchereau and Cara Mullen and with Fritz Clairvil of Path to Haiti. In addition to visiting smaller operations, the team toured the plant of Rhum Barbancourt, the oldest and most successful continuously operating company in Haiti and the Darbonne Mill, which is a major sugar enterprise in Leogane. A PPAF team will return to Haiti next week.



(l) to (r) Edard Baumier (MKDL) with Cara Mullen, STS, and Tony Bouchereau, PPAF Consultants, marking fermentation samples from a guildive (distillery)

In Leogane, the team explored the status of local distilleries (guildives) used for making "clairin," a local spirit; some of these have also been used for making ethanol for PPAF's pilot project with ethanol stoves. They also tested samples of cane delivered to the distilleries for their levels of sugar, or "brix." The team met with local organizational representatives, from the Association of Farmers and Distillers of Leogane (MKDL in Creole) and from community and women's

organizations, to discuss expansion of use of ethanol cookstoves and to share a meal cooked on both charcoal and ethanol stoves. Local monitors are now meeting with these groups to follow up.

In Jacmel the team met with women involved in the pilot project for ethanol stoves, at the Art Creation Foundation for Children. The emphasis was on views of the women on how the stoves were used and on the need to reduce the cost of ethanol for future expansion of this project.

The overall project underway includes continuing pilot programs with families and organizations, building financial support for improved distillery equipment, encouraging improvements in sugarcane farming, a price elasticity study for both stoves and fuel in select communities.

Highlights from:

The United Nations Foundation's Reception for U.S. Ambassador to the UN Samantha Power



(l) David Stillman with Kathy Calvin, President, UN Foundation
(r) Ambassador Samantha Power

On September 12th the UN Foundation held a reception in New York for Ambassador Power, recently appointed to her position. Kathy Calvin introduced and welcomed UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon as well as the new Ambassador, who each gave remarks.

PPAF is associated with the UN Foundation in two ways: as a member of the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, which is housed in UNF and through linkages with the United Nations Association of the USA.

The Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves Celebration of its Third Anniversary



(l) Ted Orbrink, Dometic, and (r) David Stillman

Held on September 26 in Manhattan, the event included panels on Enabling Market Development and Investment in the Clean Cooking Sector. A reception followed where former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton spoke about her initiative to help establish a Global Alliance and her continued interest in it on behalf of women and girls of the world.

Other highlights for the several PPAF board members and friends who participated included discussions with the former Ambassador of Haiti to the U.S., Raymond Joseph, and meeting the Dometic Head of Developing World Products, Ted Orbrink.

Take Me to the River

On a beautiful fall day in Hastings on Hudson, NY, PPAF and other environmentally conscious organizations met the public and discussed how to "be green" and how to support "green" activities. This was a good opportunity for "friend-raising" in the community; several Hastings organizations in addition to PPAF have close ties with Haiti. The backdrop was lively music, food, and activities for children and adults.



(l) to (r) front - Michael Ambrozek (PPAF volunteer); Rosario Rodriguez (PPAF Associate); Lena Rubin (PPAF Intern); David Stilman. (rear) Alexander Stillman, Viridian Senior Associate

The PPAF team were joined by Alex Stillman, representing Viridian, an electric

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