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## NEWSLETTER

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### 1/ Ethanol Stove Trials Proceed

Since award of a grant in May to PPAF from the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), PPAF has worked with D&E Green Enterprises, a Haitian stove manufacturer, to refine our jointly designed ethanol stove. The PPAF team of David Stillman, Executive Director, and Tom Setchel, Senior Fellow / Energy Consultant, worked with D&E Green Enterprise CEO Duquesne Fednard, Manufacturing Manager Al Shelton and staff to undertake the first stove kitchen test project.



Design by Sabine Reichert

The stove has been named the Recho EcoVit - a name which ties into other stoves produced by D&E. The first field test took place in June, and revisions have been made based on the testing. (See woman being interviewed.) Mark Connor (D&E) and Claire Dorville, PPAF project assistant, analyzed background data on cooking practices and the first test results. We thank Widline Luctama and Yvemene Pierrette of the Haitian Resource Center in White Plains, New York, for translating questionnaires into Kreyol and Judeson Saintil, CEO and President of the Center, for making this possible.



The PPAF team returned to Haiti at the end of August to work with D&E staff to complete stove production and carry out a second kitchen use test of the Recho EcoVit ethanol stove. That test is currently underway with 30 participant families.



The group also met with government officials, guildive (distillery) owners, business people, researchers and academics, in preparation for developing a business plan under the UN Environment Programme grant. UNEP Programme Officer Katrine Sorensen and two student researchers (below) met with the group at D&E Green to discuss our progress and crowdsourcing funding for development projects.



## 2/ Sustainable Cooking in Haiti - an Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Workshop

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) invited PPAF to present its current work at a forum on innovations in Sustainable Cooking in

Haiti, which took place on September 9 at bank headquarters. PPAF previously served as a consultant to the bank in 2013 on the project "Ethanol Stoves and Fuel in Haiti." David Stillman, Tom Setchel and Al Shelton (D&E Green) made a joint presentation on the work of PPAF & D&E, development of the Recho EcoVit cookstove, and the process of distilling fuel ethanol. Leonne Seizme of D&E Green joined the group. The PPAF-D&E Green presentation was very well received by the 40 participants who attended, including Ludner Remarais, the Director-General of Haiti's Bureau of Mines and Energy, and led to an extensive Q&A.

The program included a welcome by the organizer, Fritz Octave Gerval, Senior Energy Specialist (IDB Haiti) and presentations by Kenol Thys (IDB Haiti), Marcia Urquhart Glenn (USAID Haiti), Veronica Prado (IDB Washington), Silvana Capuzzo (IDB Washington) and Kevin Adair (Fuego Del Sol), an IDEAS energy innovations 2014 prize winner.



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### 3/ EF Youth Leadership Forum

David Stillman spoke about PPAF's Haiti Ethanol Cookstove and Fuel project to 23 students from around the world attending EF International School's Youth Leadership Forum in Tarrytown, NY. These students were selected from among 700 who entered speeches in English about their global interests.

David demonstrated a traditional Haitian charcoal cookstove (center in photo below), and spoke of the benefits of ethanol as a clean fuel. The second presenter, David Janes, spoke about his work with the United States - Japan Foundation, which is committed to strengthening ties and understanding between the two countries.



#### 4/ Upcoming Events

##### September 17 - Innovations in Scaling Off-Grid Clean Energy

PPAF will attend the all-day workshop on Innovations in Scaling Off-Grid Clean Energy, organized by ArcFinance and USAID, which features "Learning from REMPP" - Renewable Energy, Microfinance and Microenterprise Program. This invitation only event will take place in Manhattan.

##### September 25 - 27 - UN High Level Summit on Sustainable Development Goals

The United Nations will hold a High Level Summit at its New York Headquarters to adopt the post-2015 Development Agenda, which succeeds the Millennium Development Goals. The Plan of Action Agenda, including the 17 goals and their indicators for achievement are available here:

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015/transformingourworld>

As an accredited member to the Economic and Social Council, PPAF promotes these goals, which will come into force in 2016. In brief, the Sustainable Development Goals are:

- Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
- Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
- Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
- Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
- Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
- Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
- Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
- Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries
- Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
- Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
- Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts\*
- Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
- Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
- Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
- Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

\* Acknowledging that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is the primary international, intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate change.

## October 14 - Peoples Climate Movement National Day of Action

On October 14, 2015, in cities and towns around the nation, people will be engaging in a National Day of Action to once again call attention to the urgent need for bold steps to be taken to address the global climate crisis. Initiated by the People's Climate Movement (PCM), these actions are being organized by local groups and organizations from the wide range of diverse constituencies and communities. For information on how you can participate, go to:

<http://peoplesclimate.org/guiding-principles/>

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