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Many thanks to our new staff member Natalie Araya for excellent work!



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July 27-28, 2016: "Film Premiere and Discussion in Washington, DC"



A powerful, prize-winning documentary film, [“Death by a Thousand Cuts.”](#) had its Washington DC premiere on July 27. A select group met the following morning to discuss next steps, leading from awareness to action. The film addresses the ruinous clandestine trade in charcoal from trees cut in the Dominican Republic to meet an insatiable demand in Haiti.

Set in the context of an actual murder, it explores the complexities of deforestation along the border. In their research and filming Jake Kheel and his colleagues revealed the interlinked importance of many features – poverty, lack of legitimate employment, national and ethnic difficulties, unscrupulous business, weak institutions, etc., and the terrible trap of Haitian dependence on charcoal for cooking.

The film was shown to a packed house as part of the DC Environmental Film Festival, and will soon be seen in the Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival. Plans are underway for viewings in Haiti and elsewhere, including at the United Nations.

In the July 28 discussion it was well understood that efforts to address the issues need to come from both sides of the border. The meeting took place at the offices of the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development – a high-level Dominican organization - and included representatives from the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, the non-profit “A Dollar a Tree for Haiti,” the film production team and PPAF.

June 22, 2016: Haiti's Cooking Crisis Consultation



The Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves (GACC) has begun meetings and research, funded by the Government of Canada, to design a national clean cooking program in Haiti. Click here for a link to that program - <http://cleancookstoves.org/about/news/06-21-2016-how-to-address-haiti-s-cooking-crisis.html>. It includes a summary and a five-page FAQ.

On behalf of PPAF David Stillman participated in the June 22 kick-off meeting GACC convened in Washington. The GACC team has since undertaken two sets of meetings in Haiti, and is consulting widely with stakeholders. The GACC studies are to conclude by end of 2016. Canada is interested to provide significant funds to support the plan for five years starting in January 2017.

David brought three others to the DC meeting – the former ambassador of Haiti to the USA Raymond Joseph and his colleague Frantz Kenol, who has joined him in establishing the non-profit "A Dollar a Tree for Haiti," plus Jake Kheel, a Dominican Republic resident and co-director/producer of a documentary on the ruinous charcoal trade from the DR to Haiti <http://deathbyathousandcutsfilm.com/>.

Jake announced a Washington premiere of the film would take place on the evening of July 27. David said a group is working toward a showing at UN Headquarters, probably in October. (More information in due course.) The aim of each presentation would be to create awareness of the complex situation, and to promote steps toward solutions.

June 6, 2016:

"UNAI START: Our Health, Our Environment"



On the occasion of World Environment Day, this half-day conference at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City brought together scientists and policy advocates for a panel on correlations between health and environment.

It was organized by PPAF senior fellows Dr. Padmini Murthy and Dr. Diane Heck, who are faculty at New York Medical College, with support from the Rutgers University School of Public Health. Speakers addressed various topics including Children's Environmental Health, the Health Effects of Dust and Destruction, Metals and the Global Food Supply, as well as Cardio Vascular Disease and Air Pollution.

PPAF Executive Director David Stillman offered concluding remarks on PPAF cookstove and fuel efforts in Haiti after the earthquake, focused on improving air quality and women's and children's health, mitigating deforestation and encouraging small business.

The United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) held this symposium as part of their START series (Skills and Technology Advancing Rapid Transformation), which uses research and science to address worldwide issues, including focus on global health.

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