Foundation for Development Planning, Inc.

Annual Report 2019

Planning for Sustainable Futures
Introducing the Foundation for Development Planning, Inc.

The Foundation for Development Planning, Inc. (FDPI) is registered in the United States Virgin Islands as a nonprofit organization, and is classified by the United States Internal Revenue Service as a public charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The purpose of the FDPI is to engage in programs that lead to the sustainable development of Caribbean communities. That purpose is to be achieved by engaging with "relevant stakeholders to foster sustainable development in the Caribbean, integrating social, economic, and environmental dimensions".

In pursuance of its purpose, the FDPI aspires to function as an 'Institution of Place', defined as "an institution that serves as a steward of the communities and region in which it functions, a publicly engaged institution that plays an essential role in addressing issues of importance and facilitating the development of the communities and region it serves".

Oversight and strategic guidance of the FDPI is provided by its board of directors. The members of the FDPI's board of directors in fiscal year 2018-2019 were:

- Lloyd Gardner, President
- Michael O'Neal, Vice President
- Noreen Michael, Secretary
- Yvonne Webster-Pryce, Treasurer
- Alida Ortiz-Sotomayor
- Selena Tapper
- Spencer Thomas

This report provides highlights of the program activities of the FDPI for Fiscal Year 2018, covering the period October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019.
Program Highlights

The FDPI's Program of Work is comprised of six program areas and three cross-cutting themes. The program areas are:

- Water Resources Development
- Climate Change Adaptation
- Development Planning and Research
- Development of Decision Support Tools
- Strengthening of the Caribbean Civil Society Sector
- FDPI Institutional Development

The cross-cutting themes are:

- Capacity Development
- Public Engagement
- Governance

Most of the activities of the FDPI during the fiscal year were undertaken as part of the public engagement strategy of the organization. The strategy "is intended to build synergies between individuals, institutions, and networks in the three social sectors", and currently focuses on "information sharing, institutional partnerships, inter-governmental arrangements, youth in development, and networking."

A major output of the public engagement strategy was the launch, in July 2019, of the Caribbean Family and Friends Engagement Initiative. The initiative is essentially a mechanism that facilitates contribution to Caribbean development by Caribbean citizens and other interested persons that reside outside the region.

One of the priorities identified in the public engagement strategy is facilitating greater participation by regional professional associations in national and regional development processes. Contact with the professional associations identified in the strategy commenced during the report period.

Public Engagement Milestones

- Approval and dissemination of the FDPI's Public Engagement Strategy.
- Launch of the Caribbean Family and Friends Engagement Initiative.
The routine engagement activities of the FDPI were maintained during the fiscal year, primarily:

(i) Information sharing with institutions and professional networks inside and outside the Caribbean;

(ii) Facilitation of information exchange and discourse on Caribbean development issues through the FDPI's social media platforms;

(iii) Collaboration with civil society partners;

(iv) Participation in civil society networks; and

(v) Participation in initiatives of public sector agencies when requested.

**Institutional Development**

The FDPI maintained its good standing with regulatory authorities by fulfilling its statutory reporting responsibilities to the Government of the United States Virgin Islands and the United States Internal Revenue Service.

During the fiscal year, the financial and other resources to support the operations of the FDPI were provided by the organization’s directors and associates. This included:

(i) Direct financial contributions;

(ii) Underwriting the cost of internet and web-conferencing services;

(iii) Partially subsidizing the travel cost for the annual meeting; and

(iv) Underwriting office overheads and other administrative costs.

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**Mission Statement**

Engage with relevant stakeholders to foster sustainable development in the Caribbean, integrating social, economic, and environmental dimensions.
FDPI Objectives and Purposes

The Objects and Purposes of the Foundation for Development Planning, Inc. (FDPI) as stated in its Articles of Incorporation are:

(1) To develop programs of study, research, and training aimed at improving the management of natural resources and the general environment of islands and island systems throughout the Caribbean and elsewhere.

(2) To develop methods, technologies, and programs to support the conservation of natural, cultural, and historical heritage resources throughout the Caribbean Region.

(3) To design and develop new techniques, methods, tools, and technologies for effective management of island ecosystems.

(4) To engage in the collection, management, and dissemination of scientific information.

(5) To support programs that lead to the sustainable development of Caribbean communities.

(6) To provide technical support, paid or unpaid, to community, national, regional, and other organizations in the design and implementation of studies, projects, and programs in environmental management and sustainable development.

Contributing to the FDPI

The FDPI is certified by the US Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) public charity. As such, donations by US institutions and citizens are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Tax ID Number: 66-0763692

Donations should be sent to:

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