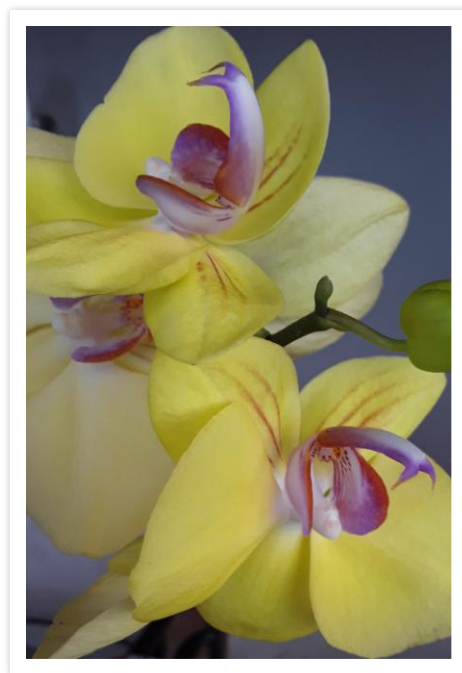




Annual Report 2021



Foundation for Development Planning, Inc.

Planning for Sustainable Futures

FDPI Annual Report 2021

Introduction

The Foundation for Development Planning, Inc. (FDPI) is a non-profit organization registered in the United States Virgin Islands since 2010. The organization 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 achieved by engaging with *"relevant stakeholders to foster sustainable development in the Caribbean, integrating social, economic, and environmental dimensions"*.

In its contributions to Caribbean development, the FDPI endeavors 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"*.

This report provides highlights of the programs of the FDPI for the fiscal year October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

Corporate Governance

The affairs of the FDPI are guided by its board of directors. The members of the organization at the end of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 were:

Directors

Lloyd Gardner, President

Jeremy Francis, Vice President

Noreen Michael, Secretary

Yvonne Webster-Pryce, Treasurer

Deborah Brown

Selena Tapper

Associates

Barbara Lausche, Research Associate

LaVerne Ragster, Research Associate

Program Highlights

The five program areas and three cross-cutting themes that comprise the FDPI's [Program of Work](#) supports the development priorities of the Caribbean and are [consistent with the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#).

Collaborative Arrangements

During the program year, the FDPI was invited to participate in the following inter-governmental arrangements:

- The FDPI was granted [Special consultative status](#) with the United Nations Economic and Social Council in July 2021.
- Participation, as an Observer, in the meetings of the United Nations Environment Programme-[Caribbean Environment Programme](#).

Public Engagement

The FDPI expanded its range of [public engagement](#) activities during the year, mainly:

- (i) Sharing information with institutions and professional networks within and outside the Caribbean.
- (ii) Facilitating information exchange and discourse on Caribbean development issues through the FDPI's [Facebook Page](#) and [LinkedIn Group](#).
- (iii) Sharing information and ideas with the public in the form of [publishing articles](#) written by FDPI associates and colleagues on the FDPI's website.
- (iv) Collaborating with civil society partners.
- (v) Participating in networks of civil society organizations and other [collaborative arrangements](#).
- (vi) Hosting (virtual) dialogues to improve information exchange with local and regional stakeholders.
- (vii) Hosting and participating in (virtual) dialogues on topical issues, such as climate change and health, tourism and COVID-19, women in leadership, and implementation of the [Escazú Agreement](#) in the Caribbean.

Institutional Development

The FDPI continued the process of strengthening its management systems, and initiated the transition process for its leadership team.

The FDPI fulfilled its annual statutory reporting obligations to the Government of the United States Virgin Islands and the United States Internal Revenue Service.

A number of small financial donations were received during the fiscal year. However, the financial and other resources to support the operations of the FDPI were provided primarily by the organization's directors and associates. These included:

- (i) Direct financial contributions.
- (ii) Underwriting the cost of telecommunications, virtual meeting services, and other web-based services.
- (iii) Underwriting office overheads and other operating expenses.

The Board of Directors of the FDPI appreciates the contributions of the organization's associates, supporters, and well-wishers. We look forward to our continued productive relationship as the organization expands its involvement in Caribbean development initiatives.



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 U.S. Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) public charity. As such, donations by U.S. 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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