



Foundation for Development Planning, Inc.

MISSION

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

WHO WE ARE

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

<https://www.fdpi.org/>

The purpose of the FDPI is to engage in programs that lead to the sustainable development of Caribbean communities.

WHY WE EXIST

The natural and human assets of the Caribbean, though comparatively small, make significant contributions to global economic and social development. As an example, a 2012 assessment determined that the Caribbean Sea makes up just 1% of the global ocean but accounted for between 14%-27% of the global ocean economy. However, the economic wealth generated by the Caribbean accrues mainly to non-Caribbean economies.

Caribbean countries, particularly islands, face unique development challenges due to small size, historical development patterns and economic systems, and current geopolitical arrangements. Caribbean economies are essentially single-sector economies that are constrained by structural features and are vulnerable to external shocks.

Caribbean countries are also extremely vulnerable to climate change and natural disasters.

To improve their economies and quality of life for their peoples, Caribbean leaders are increasingly establishing partnerships between the public, private, and civic sectors to achieve development goals.

The vision of the FDPI articulated by its founders is that the organization will function as an Institution of Place in the Caribbean. The FDPI defines Institution of Place 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.*"

CREATING IMPACT

The FDPI collaborates with organizations in the public, private, and civic sectors to support collective action towards achievement of priority development objectives. Past and current collaborations include the Governments of Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands, Caribbean inter-governmental organizations, Caribbean civil society organizations, and professional networks in the wider Caribbean.

The FDPI focuses on initiatives that establish frameworks and support systems for collective impact initiatives. As such, support provided to the FDPI enhances program and development outcomes in a range of local, national, and regional initiatives.

CURRENT PRIORITIES

The five program areas and three cross-cutting themes that comprise the FDPI's Program of Work directly support Caribbean development priorities, and is consistent with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. <https://www.fdpi.org/contribute/>

The Program of Work is implemented through modalities that:

- Facilitate institutional collaboration and improved program and development outcomes.
- Facilitate the FDPI's role in helping to frame new policy approaches, enhance governance in public policy development, and collaborate in program design and implementation.
- Facilitate information flows and enhance access to knowledge products.
- Improve institutional capabilities.
- Enhance learning and impact through increased application of evaluation processes.

We ask for your financial support in order to sustain our strategic engagement in Caribbean development initiatives, which serve to improve the quality of life of our peoples and facilitate the valuable contributions of Caribbean peoples to social and economic development at regional and global levels.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Participation in inter-governmental processes:

- Regional Public Mechanism of the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (the Escazú Agreement).
- Member of the Global Environment Facility Civil Society Network.
- Stakeholder with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).
- Observer to meetings of the United Nations Environment Programme-Caribbean Environment Programme since 2021.
- In special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council since July 2021.

Supporting and framing public policy initiatives:

- Provided technical advice and support to the Government of the United States Virgin Islands for the territory's climate change program.