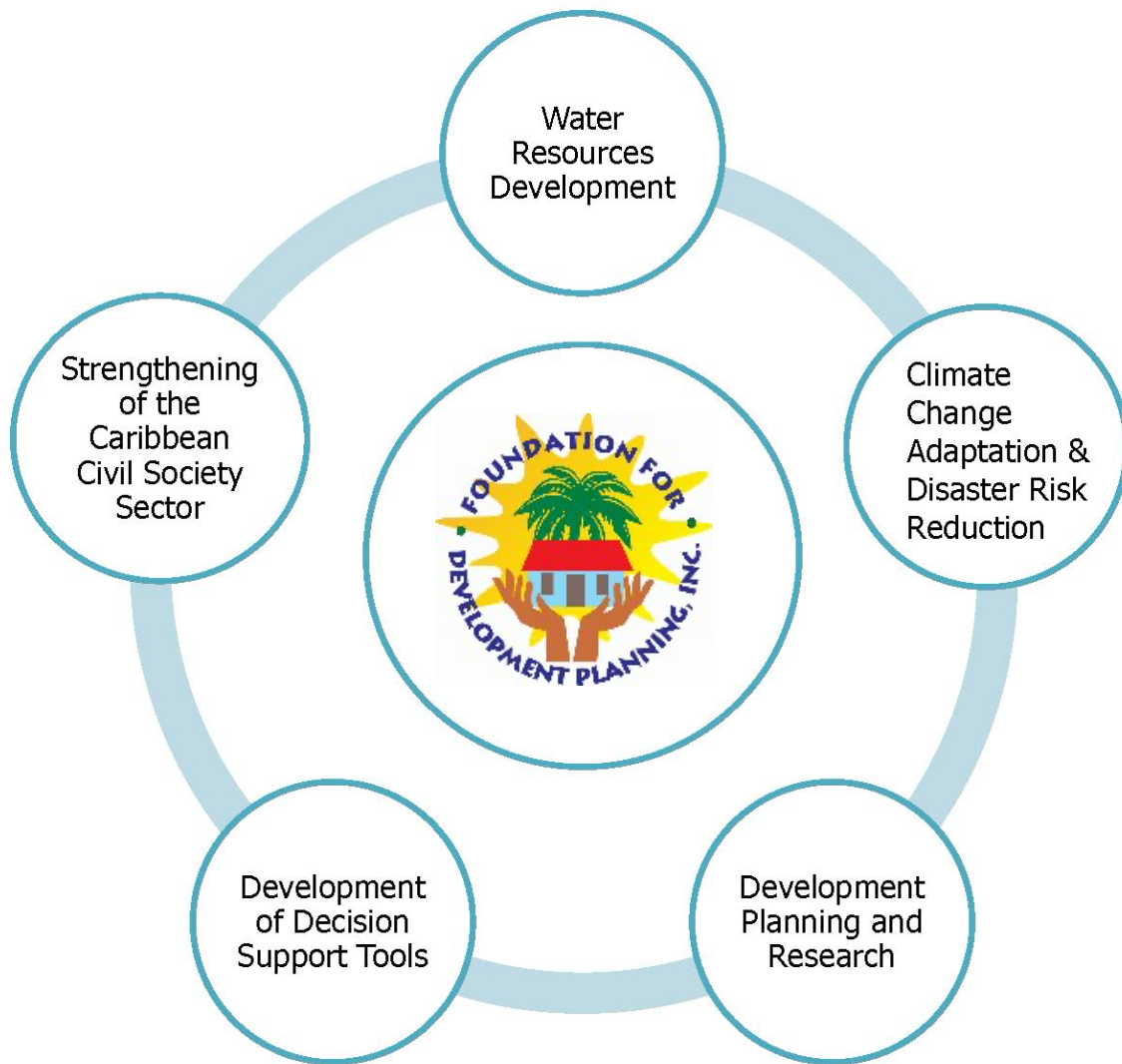


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Organizational Purpose

The purpose of the Foundation for Development Planning, Inc (FDPI) is to engage in programs that lead to the sustainable development of Caribbean countries. That purpose is achieved by engaging with *"relevant stakeholders to foster sustainable development in the Caribbean, integrating social, economic, and environmental dimensions"*.

The FDPI works towards that future by endeavoring 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"*.

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

This report provides program highlights for the fiscal year October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025.

Corporate Governance

The members of the FDPI's Board of Directors at the end of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 were:

- Theresa Rajack-Talley, President
- Mitchell Neaves, Vice President
- Rahanna Juman, Secretary
- Caroline Eugene, Director
- Wendel Clarke, Director
- Lloyd Gardner, Executive Director

Program Highlights for 2024-2025

In addition to continued implementation of its [Program of Work 2021-2031](#) during the fiscal year, the FDPI also refocused its efforts in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Information Access and Knowledge Production

The FDPI is committed to building a decision support system (a platform integrating information products, data, technology, and experts) to facilitate evidence-based decision making in projects, programs, policy development and analysis, and development planning in the Caribbean.

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During the fiscal year, the FDPI continued its efforts to increase access to information for development decision making through its [Information Access and Knowledge Production Initiative](#)¹ and its contributions to the efforts of collaborating institutions.

U.S. Virgin Islands Social Development Sub-Program²

The FDPI's place-based activities are intended to support community development initiatives, in accordance with the organization's purpose.

Prior to 2025, the FDPI attempted to support development initiatives in the United States Virgin Islands (USVI) along thematic program lines. The work of the FDPI in the USVI was re-designed as a [discrete sub-program](#) to ensure focus on local social development needs over the long term.

Participation in Inter-governmental Arrangements

As a publicly engaged organization fostering sustainable development in the Caribbean, the FDPI works in multiple spaces, including the policy spaces where development decision making takes place.

During the fiscal year, the primary inter-governmental arrangement in which the FDPI participated was the [Caribbean Environment Programme](#), the legal framework for which is provided by the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region (Cartagena Convention), with secretariat support provided by the United Nations Environment Programme.

As an Observer to the Cartagena Convention, the FDPI participated in the deliberations and work of the programme by:

- Functioning as an expert on the Protected Areas Working Group established by the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee of the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife in the Wider Caribbean Region (SPAW Protocol).
- Participating in the meetings of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committees of the SPAW Protocol and the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (LBS Protocol).

Civil Society Advocacy and Collaboration

The role of civil society in development is widely accepted, though internal constraints and external barriers must be overcome to actuate the full potential of this crucial third sector.

¹ <https://www.fdpi.org/program-of-work/development-of-decision-support-tools/information-access-and-knowledge-production-initiative/>

² <https://www.fdpi.org/program-of-work/development-planning-and-research/united-states-virgin-islands-social-development-sub-program/>

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The FDPI focuses on advocacy, capacity development, and collective action to support development of, and effective action by, the [Caribbean civil society sector](#).³

The FDPI collaborated with civil society organizations to support regional and global initiatives through:

- (1) Continued support to the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute in its management of the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund project in the Caribbean.⁴
- (2) As a member of the steering committee of the [SPAW Consortium](#):
 - Contributed to development of the consortium.
 - Participated in meetings with the Secretariat of the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife in the Wider Caribbean Region (SPAW protocol).
 - Supported the work of the SPAW Secretariat where possible.
 - Contributed to preparation of a [briefing paper on expanding participation of civil society](#) in the Caribbean Environment Programme. The briefing paper was subsequently accepted as an [information paper](#) for the meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee to the SPAW Protocol in June-July 2025.
- (3) The FDPI was elected as the Caribbean Regional Focal Point for the Global Environment Facility Civil Society Network ([GEF-CSO-Network](#)) in December 2023. The organization resigned from that role in January 2025, but continues to serve the network as a member of the Governance, Membership, and Elections Subcommittee.

Public Engagement

The FDPI understands that engagement with stakeholders in the three social sectors is necessary to achieve its mission.

In addition to sharing thematic information with specific groups of stakeholders, the FDPI routinely shared information through its social media platforms, through the electronic group that it manages for information exchange and peer-peer learning between professionals in the Caribbean civil society sector, and via other Caribbean environment and development electronic groups.

- FDPI's LinkedIn Corporate Page: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/foundation-for-development-planning-inc>
- FDPI's LinkedIn Group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/5027470/>
- FDPI's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/DevPlanFoundation/>

³ <https://www.fdpi.org/program-of-work/civil-society/>

⁴ <https://canari.org/cepf-caribbean-islands-phase-2/>

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- Caribbean civil society sector e-group: <https://groups.io/g/Caribbean-CSOs>

The FDPI's Facebook page is designed to collate news and other writings on Caribbean development issues from multiple sources, while the LinkedIn Group facilitates discussion on Caribbean development.

The FDPI provides [multiple mechanisms](#) for individuals and institutions to engage with the organization, including utilizing the FDPI's website as a platform for publication of articles on Caribbean development.

You and the FDPI in 2026

Your support during the past year is appreciated. As the world becomes more uncertain and civil society organizations increasingly have to respond, we hope you will increase the forms and levels of support for the Foundation for Development Planning, Inc.

Best wishes for 2026

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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 United States 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. FDPI Tax ID Number: 66-0763692

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