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Seminar on "Clean Cooking for Sustainable Development"

From the Executive Director:

We held a very successful, exciting seminar during the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), bringing together colleagues and partners who are working in Haiti and other countries to expand availability of clean cookstoves and to promote entrepreneurs. The CSW theme this year is empowerment of women and girls, especially in rural areas. Our seminar fit right in.

We co-hosted this with the UN Association of the USA, Southern NY State Division (UNA-SNY) on March 14 at the UN Foundation in Manhattan.

The participants focused on clean cooking options to escape the poverty – respiratory disease – deforestation trap of cooking with wood and charcoal. Panelists represented organizations working on research & development for solar and biogas cookstoves and fuel (sunshine, organic waste), and the related garden fertilizer from biodigester effluent.

The photos and brief notes below illustrate the session. Videos and PDFs of the presentations can be found at the end.

In other news—

(1) Our friends at Solavore LLC are raising funds and sending solar ovens to rural parts of Puerto Rico that still lack reliable power 6 months after Hurricane Maria. We encourage your contributions at <https://www.generosity.com/emergencies-fundraising/don-t-forget-puerto-rico-help-us-help-with-solar>.

(2) The PPAF crowdfunding campaign continues to raise funds and emphasizes collaboration with our partners. We have posted two progress reports. You can view all this and make new or repeat donations at <https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/tracking-clean-cookstoves-and-fuel-in-haiti/>.

We hope you enjoy reading about the recent work. Help us expand the network and the impact!

Very best regards,

David Stillman

The seminar

George Garland welcomed the participants on behalf of UNA-SNY. He encouraged all to become members of UNA-USA, a great grassroots organization that promotes international understanding and a positive role by the US government.

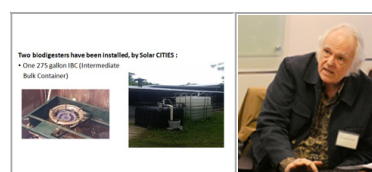
David Stillman introduced the panelists, whose organizations are all collaborating in Haiti. In addition to those present he cited ECHO Global Farm, Haiti Adolescent Girls Network (HAGN), Persons Helping People (PHP), and Université Notre Dame d'Haiti – Hinche (UNDH-Hinche). Representatives of those organizations planned to view the session on Facebook. In describing their organizations' activities the speakers would emphasize the importance of their innovations, the empowerment of women and girls, and the value of collaboration. Given below are logos of all the collaborators.



Rose Bazile described the work of the Haitian hometown nonprofit Konbit pou Developman Commune Kote de Fer (KDCK) and of Solavore LLC, for which she is the Haiti representative. Working with PPAF, Solar CITIES Biogas and PHP she is promoting solar and biogas cooking in her hometown and in relation to HAGN in Port-au-Prince and UNDH in Hinche. She emphasized the initiative for training teenagers in the HAGN “My Space” clubs, the support of the UNDH vice rector, and the enthusiasm of the UNDH student coordinating committee for solar and biogas. Given below are examples of solar cookers from Solavore LLC and PHP and a demo biodigester from Solar CITIES Biogas.



George Garland presented the biogas innovations taking place at the Haiti Education and Resource Team (HEART) school outside Port-au-Prince. He is its board president. Established after the 2010 earthquake and growing annually the school has environmental and sustainability themes in its program. Two meals a day, five days a week, for over 100 pupils and staff supplies kitchen garbage as feedstock for a 275 and a 1000 gallon biodigester, and reduces the need for propane in the kitchen. Given below are photos of a biogas flame and a small-scale digester.



Alan Bigelow discussed the work of Solar Cookers International (SCI) and the global solar cooking movement. He is SCI's science director and representative to the UN. He noted that solar cooking relates to all of the UN Sustainable

Development Goals, mapped the global distribution of solar cooking capacity, and pointed out many reported sites of solar cooker use in Haiti. He highlighted the solar cooker performance evaluation process (PEP) SCI has recently created and its relation to the growth of international standards for clean cookstoves and clean cooking solutions more broadly. Given below are photos of a PEP device in use and as shown at our seminar.



Kathy Puffer described the work of Solar CITIES Biogas Innoventors and Practitioners, Inc., which is an association for sharing small-scale biogas solutions in the USA and around the world. (The acronym stands for "Connecting Community Catalysts - Integrating Technologies for Industrial Ecology Solutions.") She explained how a biodigester works, the importance of "hands-on" learning, caring for biodigester functions as if it were a living animal, the collaboration with HEART, KDCK and PPAF, and the excitement and progress at UNDH-Hinche. Given below are a photo of a 55 gallon demo digester, with a pail for effluent/fertilizer, and one of Kathy with PPAF Volunteer Eustache Clerveaux.



We were very happy to have 34 eager and knowledgeable participants in the room for our seminar. We look forward to follow-up with many of them. Please see the Gallery section of the PPAF website for a collection of images from the evening's event. Among these, one photo below shows Sajeda Amin (l) and Jessie Pinchoff (r) from the Population Council with Rachel Pittman from the UNA-USA national office. The other shows Frederica Stines, from NYU's McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research and a member of HAGN's advisory committee, with Jeanne Betsock Stillman from UNA-SNY and PPAF.



Thank you to PPAF's Michael Ambrozek, photographer, Rachel Carillo, videographer, and Emma Cassé, intern from EF International School and to UNA-SNY volunteers Mona Martoken and Wingyin Tse for their great work.

Videos:

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