



2022 Taiwan Fellowship Program

Name of Fellow: Ms. Yu-ting Chang
Fellowship Period: September 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
Location of assignment: Washington, DC

The Taiwan Diplomatic Fellowship Program is a 10-month professional development program at the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF). Based in Washington, DC, the fellow will support key strategic and operational activities. Activities include supporting project implementation, business development, communications, and organizational learning. The fellow will carry out assignments independently and as a member of diverse teams. The fellow will be assigned tasks and placed on teams that best align with her unique skills, interests, and capabilities. Skills, such as language proficiency and cross-cultural competency, will influence these assignments.

PADF's 2022-2024 Strategic Plan leverages our regional presence, experience working in challenging environments, and community-led, integrated responses to complex social, political, and economic challenges. The Taiwan Fellow will actively contribute to advancing the Plan, with an emphasis on the first pillar – Presence and Partnerships to effectively navigate the context. The Taiwan Fellow's work will focus on helping PADF leverage existing and new partnerships to (1) Sustain core/local presence in LAC sub-regions; (2) Strengthen PADF thought leadership; and (3) Speak up for the good of the region. The deliverables and special assignments spelled out in this document will help PADF ensure its programming is relevant to the needs of the local populations, establish and/or strengthen strategic partnerships with other organizations, and strengthen our standing with key local, regional, and international stakeholders.

STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES

The Taiwan Diplomatic Fellowship Program contributes to the PADF's strategic priority to establish new partnerships and develop innovative alliances in the region. Below are illustrative activities that the fellow will carry out to advance this priority:

Capstone presentation. The Taiwan fellow will prepare one presentation for the PADF Executive Office on US and Taiwan Strategic Priorities toward Latin America and the Caribbean. The capstone project will combine the fellow's research related to the following Presentation on US Strategic Priorities toward Latin America and the Caribbean and Taiwan's Development Assistance in the region. The capstone presentation should include a written summary that offers an introduction/background that frames the research topics, analysis of common interests between US and Taiwan in Latin America and the Caribbean, and actionable recommendations of ways that PADF and Taiwan might advance those interests in the region.

Presentations on US Strategic Priorities toward Latin America and the Caribbean. Taiwan fellows arrive to PADF with a keen interest in political affairs, particularly the policy priorities, strategies, and initiatives undertaken by the government of the United States. Under this activity, fellows will perform in-depth research on US relations with the region and will present

their findings to Partnerships and Sustainable Finance (PSF), New Business Development (NBD), and other relevant stakeholders PADF Executive Office. Two presentations are expected to be completed during the fellowship period. Examples of US initiatives include the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative; White House Partnerships for Central America; Country Development Cooperation Strategies, among others.

Presentations on Taiwan's Development Assistance. Taiwan maintains diplomatic ties with eight countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. The fellowship program provides a rare opportunity for diplomats to learn firsthand about the region and its development priorities. PADF staff also have few opportunities to learn about Taiwan's engagement in the region. Under this activity, the fellow will perform research on Taiwan's development assistance and will present their findings to PADF's regional directors and other interested groups within PADF, such as the PADF Communities of Practice. Presentations should attempt to highlight areas of common interest between Taiwan's development assistance and US strategic priorities. Two presentations (e.g. Central America, Caribbean) are expected to be completed during the fellowship period.

Communication with Taiwan embassies. The fellow will be expected to collect updates on PADF activities across the hemisphere and develop written summaries that can be shared with Taiwan embassies in the region. At the same time, the fellow will be expected to facilitate the sharing of updates from the embassies to the local PADF office. The sharing of information with embassies in the region should be completed monthly. Additional communications materials may be assigned, such as cross-cultural communication guides and informational materials about PADF to support outreach to governments in Asia.

Profiles on strategic partners. The fellow will identify and prepare written summaries about the interests and priorities of organizations that aim to advance Taiwan's interests in the United States and/or Latin America and the Caribbean. Illustrative examples of strategic partners include the US-Taiwan Business Council, Taiwan-US Business Alliance, and North American Taiwan Chambers of Commerce Association. The fellow is expected to prepare a written summary on at least one strategic partner.

Deliverables

- **1** capstone presentation for PADF Executive Office on US and Taiwan strategic priorities in LAC region.
- **2** presentations to PSF, New Business Development, and other relevant stakeholders on US strategic priorities for LAC region.
- **2** presentations to PADF directors, PSF, and relevant stakeholders on Taiwan's development priorities in the region (Ex. Caribbean, Central America).
- **5** project updates delivered to relevant Taiwan embassies in the region.
- **1** strategic partner profile developed and shared with PSF.

PARTICIPATION

The fellowship program also creates opportunities for fellows to acquire new skills and knowledge while contributing to the work of PADF. Below are illustrative examples of participation activities:

- **Supporting technical communities.** The fellow will participate in the periodic meetings of PADF Communities of Practice (COP) and will support initiatives led by these groups. At PADF, these voluntary groups have been created to foster learning and the adoption of improved practices around several technical areas, including Environment and Disaster Resilience; Democracy, Governance, and Human Rights; Economic Opportunities; Women and Gender; and Monitoring and Evaluation. The fellow is expected to engage with COP leaders and actively participate in scheduled COP meetings. Additionally, the fellow may be asked to carry out tasks, as assigned, that advance the work of the Communities of Practice.
- **Event attendance.** The fellow will be expected to attend in-person and virtual events, conferences, workshops, or other relevant meetings. The fellow is expected to monitor event calendars and should share event details with their Fellowship Coordinator prior to attending each event. Following each event, the fellow will be required to prepare brief written summaries and share these with their Fellowship Coordinator. When appropriate, summaries may be distributed widely through internal communication channels (e.g. Yammer, email lists, etc.) to relevant stakeholders within PADF.

LEARNING AGENDA AND WORKPLAN

The fellow will develop a personal Learning Agenda that identifies their goal and objectives for their fellowship at PADF, and outlines activities that will be undertaken to reach their objectives. The Learning Agenda will identify an activity timeline and any resources that will be required to complete the activities.

SUPERVISION, GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT

Fellowship Coordinators will be assigned on a rotating basis to supervise the fellow's day-to-day work. Fellowship Coordinators will delegate tasks, oversee the fellow's work, and provide regular support to the fellow with work assignments. The fellow will be expected to provide regular progress updates to the Fellowship Program Senior Manager, Aaron Van Alstine. The fellow will also be introduced to peers within PADF ("Peer Support Network") and will be encouraged to reach out to the network members for professional guidance and social support.

SCHEDULE OF ASSIGNMENTS

The fellow will be provided the opportunity to support multiple teams at PADF. Below is a tentative schedule of the special assignments that the 2022-2023 Taiwan Fellow will support on a rotating basis. These special assignments will be made in addition to the activities described above. Assignments may be revised due to unforeseen circumstances, external factors affecting PADF's organizational focus, and the fellow's unique interests and skills. As part of these special assignments, the fellow may be required to complete self-guided, online courses related to specific technical areas of focus.

Tentative Assignment Schedule

Dates	Special Assignments
Late-July, Mid-August	<i>July.</i> Introduction to fellowship program, assignments, and expectations for fellows.

	<p>Completion of self-assessment to identify and prioritize interests within PADF's thematic and operational areas of work.</p> <p><i>August.</i> Virtual introductions to Talent Management, Program Director, Fellowship Coordinator 1 (October-November), and members of the Peer Support Network.</p>
September 2022	<p><i>Introduction to PADF, Talent Management, Peer Support Network, and Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) Collective</i></p> <p>Orientation to US workplace, cultural awareness, local assimilation; development of personal Learning Agenda and Workplan. In-person introductions to PADF staff.</p>
October-November 2022	<p><i>Economic Opportunities COP</i></p> <p>Introduction to key concepts and relevant challenges related to Sustainable Livelihoods in the region. Provide support to EO COP and Partnerships and Sustainable (PSF) initiatives at PADF. Fellow will remain a member of the cross-cutting PSF anchor team throughout the fellowship.</p>
December – January 2023	<p><i>Environment and Disaster Resilience COP</i></p> <p>Introduction to key concepts and relevant challenges in the region. Provide support to EDR COP initiatives at PADF.</p>
February – March 2023	<p><i>Women and Gender COP</i></p> <p>Introduction to key concepts and relevant challenges in the region. Provide support to WG COP initiatives at PADF.</p>
April – May 2023	<p><i>Peace, Security, and Justice COP</i></p> <p>Introduction to key concepts and relevant challenges in the region. Provide support to PSJ COP initiatives at PADF.</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p><i>Democracy, Governance and Human Rights COP</i></p> <p>Introduction to key concepts and relevant challenges in the region. Provide support to DGHR COP initiatives at PADF.</p>
June 2023	Capstone Presentation



2022年11月

泛美發展基金會 新聞快訊第1期



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簡介

泛美發展基金會(PADF)創立於1962年，隸屬於「美洲國家組織」(Organization of American States, OAS)轄下之獨立運作非營利組織。成立60年來，PADF致力保障脆弱族群權益，整合區域資源並與當地公民社團、公私部門等建立夥伴關係，為該地區繁榮盡一份心力。

PADF發表三項新策略目標分別為：(1)滿足脆弱族群需求，如災難韌性、性別暴力、人道救援及移民權益；(2)提倡永續生活，如創造經濟機會、改善教育品質、氣候環境與營養照護；(3)追求權益與正義，如促進民主治理、人權、勞工、人口販賣及婦女賦權等議題。

本文爰介紹PADF在加勒比地區刻正執行之四項計畫，盼能促進與我在該地區館處間資訊流通與交流。



PADF於本(2022)年11月14日舉行60周年慶祝晚會，OAS執行長Luis Almagro(左一)、PADF執行長Katie Taylor(左三)、美國國際開發總署(USAID)拉美與加勒比海局助理署長Marcela Escobari(右二)及OAS副秘書長Nestor Mendez(右一)皆到場共襄盛舉。

慶祝PADF與台灣夥伴關係10周年

本（2022）年為PADF創立第60周年，亦為我與PADF建立夥伴關係第10周年。自2012年，我與PADF於拉丁美洲暨加勒比地區在氣候韌性等領域密切合作。

例如本年7月宣布啟動在巴拉圭新合作計畫，就減少災害風險進行蒐集、分析與監測氣象天文等數據，透過人員訓練及設備捐助，強化當地觀測災害能力，更有效能減災預防，提高適應氣候變化之韌性。



PADF與當地政府官員、我駐巴拉圭共和國大使館在巴拉圭首都亞松森（Asunción）發表2022年新合作計畫。



新聞連結



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塑膠汙染問題：海地

「藍色海洋塑膠廢棄物清除計畫」

(Ayiti Blue Ocean Plastics Solution , ABOPS)

- 計畫期間：2020年03月20日至2023年03月20日（3年期）
- 簡介：

由美洲發展銀行（ Inter-American Development Bank , IDB ）提供資金貸款及與海地當地回收公司 Environmental Cleaning Solutions S.A. （ ECSSA ）合作，解決海洋塑膠汙染問題並提升塑膠回收供應鏈透明度。

PADF預計可創造逾5000個資源回收就業機會，目前在太子港已訓練逾500位資源回收從業者，在5個沿海地區發展5個社區性藍色經濟計畫。另外，更與當地大學合作訓練大學生使用無人機並結合地理資訊系統（ GIS ）監測海岸垃圾堆積狀況，已有38位學生完成訓練，並教導逾160位業者及社區成員了解如何運用循環經濟改善社區。



相關網站
ECSSA



強化海岸韌性：海地

「加勒比生態多樣化基金」計畫

(Enhancing Resilience to Climate Change in Vulnerable Coastal Communities in La Gônave: an Ecosystem-based Adaptation Project , CBF EBA)

- 計畫期間：2021年7月至2023年7月 (18個月)
- 簡介：

在加勒比生態多樣化基金 (Caribbean Biodiversity Fund , CBF) 支持下，PADF與海地非營利環境保護組織Fondation pour la Protection de la Biodiversité Marine (FoProBiM) 共同制定海岸治理及藍色經濟計畫，強化海地氣候韌性，提高當地社區氣候適應能力，如洪水、海水上升等極端氣候。

PADF訓練社區成員學習氣候風險及永續生態管理，支持紅樹林護育、河川復育管理等，促進永續漁業。

相關網站

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公民社會與LGBT+賦權

「協助EC國家LGBTQI+社群減少暴力與歧視計畫」

(Tides of Change: Supporting LGBTQI+ Organizations to Fight Violence and Discrimination in the Eastern Caribbean)

- 計畫期間：2020年08月至2024年08月
- 簡介：

PADF與美國國務院民主人權暨勞工局（DRL）及非營利組織Eastern Caribbean Alliance for Equality and Diversity（ECADE）合作下，在東加勒比國家合作減少針對LGBTQI+族群之暴力與歧視情形。

對象包含安地瓜及巴布達、巴貝多、多米尼克、格瑞那達、聖文森、聖克里斯多福、聖露西亞等7個東加勒比國家，PADF協助ECADE在地組織成員就法律現狀進行短期研究並彙整數據、籌資協助當地組織擴大舉辦工作坊等活動，改善LGBT+族群權益。



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強化氣候韌性與創業

「東加勒比創業韌性挑戰」

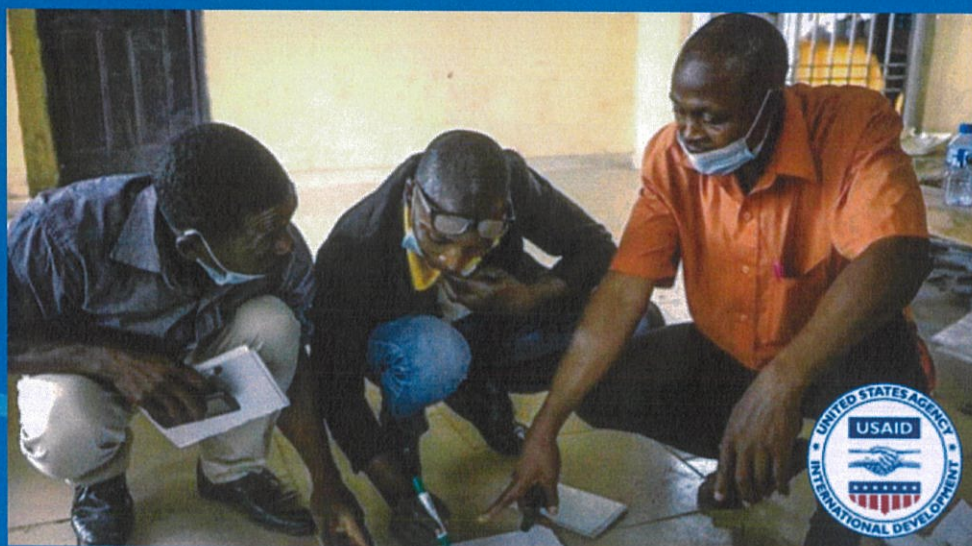
(Eastern Caribbean Business Resilience Challenge)

- 計畫期間：2022年07月至2022年12月（試驗期）
- 簡介：

PADF作為美國國際開發署（USAID）旨揭計畫之執行夥伴，透過混合融資方式在東加勒比地區提升當地企業與社區災害韌性。

第一期選定聖露西亞為合作對象，與露國政府單位、在地組織共同成功舉辦6次工作坊，其主題涵蓋企業經營、投資推銷與市場開發等，逾106位參與者出席。該計畫第二期刻正開放申請至2023年6月。

- 近期活動：2022年12月1日「第二期計畫區域（聖露西亞）線上發表會」



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本節挑選三位PADF成員，渠等主要負責加勒比地區計畫推展與監督，如欲知詳情，歡迎來信聯絡！



加勒比區域主管 Roberto Obando

在社會安全治理與政府創新具15年以上經驗，負責監督加勒比地區計畫施行。Roberto亦擔任「和平正義暨安全小組」負責人，涉及議題包含減少幫派犯罪、司法體制改革、維護社會治安及弱勢族群權益等。



海地團隊主管 Cédrelle Jean Louis

自2014年加入PADF，在財務經融、非營利組織行政管理及營運具有25年以上豐富資歷。Cédrelle駐點於海地首都太子港，負責監督當地計畫，涉及議題廣泛。



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主要在拉丁美洲暨加勒比地區推動有關氣候災害韌性與減災預防之計畫，如建立早期警報、氣候觀測系統等。同時，Aaron作為PADF與我國駐美代表處間之主要聯繫窗口，亦擔任本部派實習人員之督導主管。

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TAIWAN PARTNER BULLETIN: ISSUE 1



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Introduction

The Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) is a nonprofit organization established by the Organization of American States (OAS) in 1962 and a part of the Inter-American System.

For 60 years, PADF has served the most vulnerable communities, investing resources throughout the hemisphere. We partner with and enable civil society, governments, and the private sector for the greater good of the region.

PADF has three goal areas. They are: (1) Address the needs of vulnerable populations; (2) Promote sustainable livelihoods; and (3) Advance rights and justice.

With an aim to boost information exchange, this bulletin highlights four ongoing projects in the Caribbean.



OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro (left), PADF Executive Director Katie Taylor (3rd from left), USAID Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean Marcela Escobari (2nd from right), and OAS Assistant Secretary General Nestor Mendez (right), celebrated PADF's 60th anniversary at the Mexican Cultural Center in Washington, DC on November 14, 2022.

Celebrating PADF and Taiwan's Partnership

In 2022, PADF celebrates our 60th anniversary and 10 years as a partner of Taiwan in Latin America and the Caribbean. Since 2012, PADF has closely partnered with Taiwan to advance Disaster Risk Reduction in the LAC region.

In 2022, we launched our newest partnership in Paraguay. Through training and equipment donations, we are strengthening public institutions to monitor hazards and communicate disaster risks more effectively.



PADF, government officials, and Taiwan embassy staff in Paraguay celebrate the launch of our 2022 project in Asunción, Paraguay.

For more information, please visit our [website](#) at:



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Addressing Plastics Pollution in Haiti

"Ayiti Blue Ocean Plastics Solution" (ABOPS)

- Period: 03/2020-03/2023 (3 years)
- Brief:

With support from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), PADF and local recycling company ECSSA are working in Haiti to address the problem of ocean-bound plastics pollution and increasing transparency in the plastics supply chain.

PADF is expected to create over 5,000 job opportunities for plastics collectors. To date, we have trained over 500 plastics collectors in Port-au-Prince, developed 5 community-level Blue Economy plans in 5 coastal communes, trained 38 university students to use drones and GIS mapping to monitor coastlines, and taught 160 business owners and community members about the benefits of circular economy and circular economy tools to use in their communities.



More information:
ECSSA



Strengthening Coastal Resilience

"Enhancing resilience to climate change in vulnerable coastal communities in La Gônave: an Ecosystem-based Adaptation project" (CBF EBA)

- Period: July 2021 to July 2023 (18 months)
- Brief:

With support from the Caribbean Bio Diversity Fund (CBF), PADF and its partners from "the Fondation pour la Protection de la Biodiversité Marine" (FoProBiM) are enhancing resilience and promoting community adaptation to climate change risks of sea level rise and increasing frequency of storms.

Working with communities to develop coastal management plans and blue economy plans. PADF also trains community members on climate risks and sustainable ecosystem management, and supports mangrove reforestation, watershed restoration and management, and promoting sustainable fishing.



More information:

PADF



FoProBiM



Empowering LGBTQI+ Civil Society

"Tides of Change: Supporting LGBTQI+ Organizations to Fight Violence and Discrimination in the Eastern Caribbean"

- Period: 08/2020-08/2024
- Brief:

With support from the US Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL), PADF and its partner, the "Eastern Caribbean Alliance for Diversity & Equality" (ECADE), are working in seven Eastern Caribbean countries to reduce violence and discrimination against LGBTQI+ individuals.

In Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, PADF has provided ECADE local member organizations with assistance collecting up-to-date information about the decriminalization of anti-LGBT legislation and to build the capacity of local civil society organizations fighting for improved LGBT rights.



More information:

PADF



ECADE



Strengthening the Climate Resilience of Businesses

"Eastern Caribbean Business Resilience Challenge"

- Period: 07/2022-12/2022 (pilot phrase I)
- Brief:

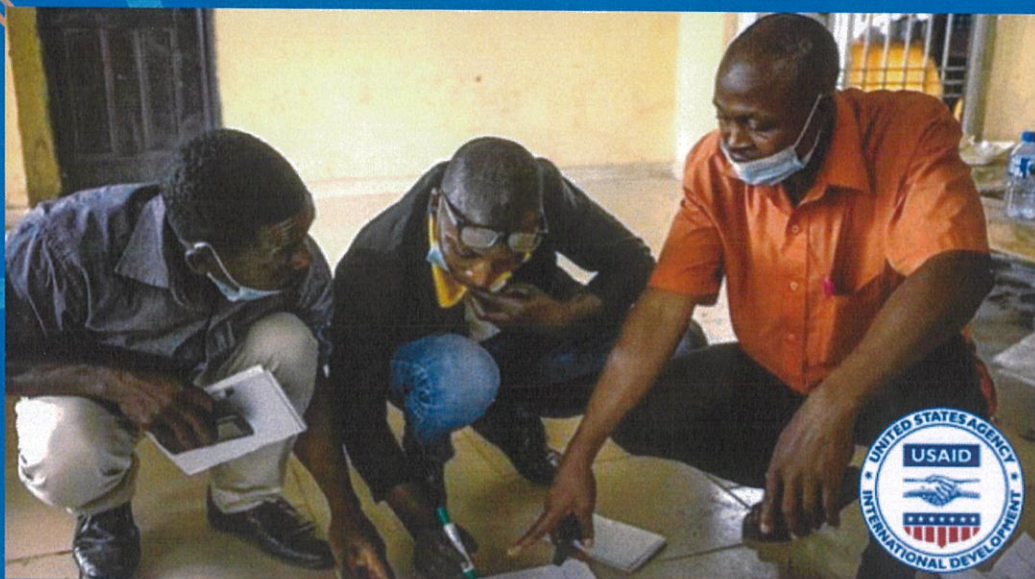
As members of a USAID-funded coalition, PADF is creating a sustainable blended finance mechanism to increase disaster resilience in local businesses and communities across the Eastern Caribbean.

In the first funding window, our coalition partnered with government ministries and community organizations in St. Lucia, and held six online trainings about business planning, investment pitching and accessing new markets, reaching approximately 106 participants.

The program has since expanded to accept applications from across the region until June 2023.

- Recent activity:

Virtual Regional Launch Event on December 1, 2022.



More information:

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PADF Staff Spotlight

This section highlights three of our colleagues working in the Caribbean. For more information about our work, please feel free to reach out!

Caribbean Regional Director

Roberto Obando



With 15 years of experience in citizen security and justice, rule of law, and government innovation, Roberto supervises program implementation in the Caribbean. He is also the leader of the Peace, Justice, and Security Community of Practice at PADF, covering issues including crime prevention, justice sector reform, policing and rights improvement.

Haiti Country Director

Cédrelle Jean Louis



Joined PADF in 2014 and is a senior executive with over 25 years of financial and organizational development experience in NGOs. Cédrelle is based in Port-au-Prince and oversees Haiti programs, which cover a wide range of thematic areas and implementation modalities.

Senior Program Manager-DCHQ

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Aaron has implemented projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to improve disaster risk reduction and resilience, such as early warning and monitoring systems. Aaron is also the main contact person for TECRO at PADF and oversees the Taiwan Diplomatic Fellowship Program.



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泛美發展基金會 新聞快訊第2期



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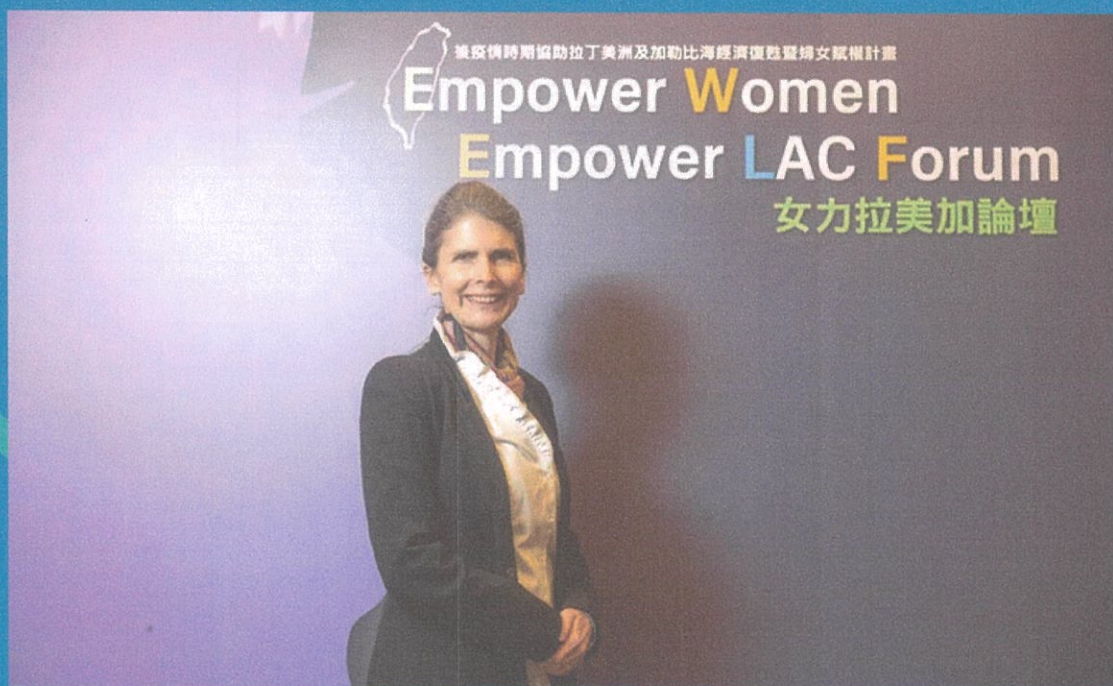
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簡介

自2012年起，PADF與我國建立夥伴關係在氣候減災預防領域合作，迄今已造福逾130萬人口、遍及達10國包含貝里斯、瓜地馬拉、海地、宏都拉斯、巴拉圭、聖露西亞及聖文森等。

本新聞快訊旨在促進泛美發展基金會（PADF）與我國在拉丁美洲及加勒比地區館處間資訊流通，以深化雙邊夥伴關係。本期主題為「婦女賦權」，首先聚焦PADF執行長Katie Taylor於本（2023）年2月首次訪台並出席「拉丁美洲及加勒比海婦女賦權國際論壇」之相關成果。

最後，介紹PADF有關婦女與性別之三項計畫：(1)推廣STEM教育；(2)減少性別歧視暴力；(3)促進家庭幫傭勞權等。



▲PADF執行長Katie Taylor於2023年2月15日赴台北出席「拉丁美洲及加勒比海婦女賦權國際論壇」擔任與談人。

PADF執行長受邀參加 「女力拉美加論壇」

本年2月10日至16日，執行長Katie Taylor首次訪台並出席「拉丁美洲及加勒比海婦女賦權國際論壇」，擔任「後疫情時期婦女社會經濟發展挑戰與展望－公私協力與國際合作」、「金融女力論壇」等2場政策座談與談人，分享PADF在該區域協助改善婦女權益經驗。

我國在該地區重視議題包含婦女賦權、氣候變遷等，PADF透過本次訪台分享專業經驗，執行長盼未來能更進一步在拉美加地區多元議題，強化雙方合作夥伴關係。



▲本次論壇邀請蔡英文總統及巴拉圭阿布鐸總統（Mario Abdo Benítez）出席並擔任致詞貴賓，與會外國貴賓更包含貝里斯婦幼特使羅莎娜（Rossana Briceño）女士、聖文森國外交部彼德絲（Keisal Peters）部長、宏都拉斯婦女城計畫執行長Tatiana Lara、PADF執行長Katie Taylor及多個駐臺大使館及代表處等重要國際友人。



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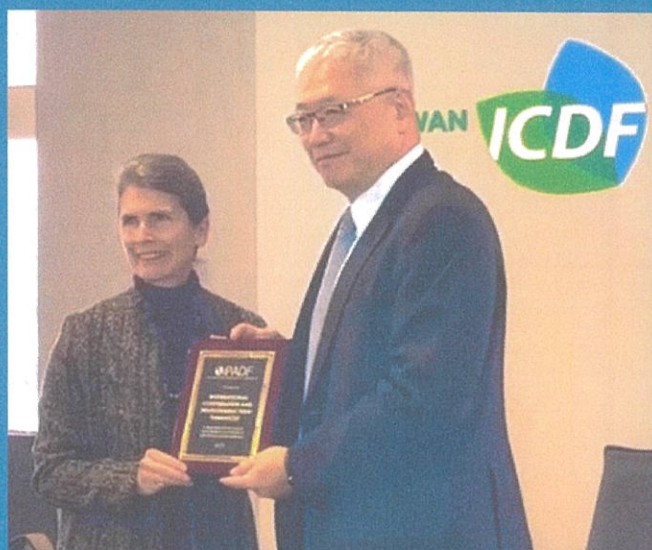
▲PADF執行長Katie Taylor擔任政策座談與談人，分享在公私部門、非營利組織多年經驗。

PADF執行長 與公私部門交流及互動

訪台期間，執行長Katie Taylor與逾20位公部門、私人企業團體等進行會談，包含我外交部俞常務次長大潤、國際合作發展基金會項秘書長恬毅，以及中美洲經貿辦事處（CATO）、台灣永續能源研究基金會（TAISE）及台灣區電機電子工業同業公會（TAITRA）等，就婦女賦權、潔淨能源、經貿等多元議題進行交流，探索未來可能合作新方向，成果斐然。



▲正值PADF與台灣在減災預防領域之夥伴關係十周年，PADF執行長Katie Taylor（左）與資深企畫經理Aaron Van Alstine（右），和外交部俞常務次長大潤會晤，就拉丁美洲及加勒比地區共享利益進行深度交流。



▲PADF執行長Katie Taylor與國際合作發展基金會項秘書長恬毅（右）進行談話，更代表PADF表達對國合會致力於支持拉丁美洲及加勒比地區人民之感激，雙方互動熱絡。

PADF執行長接受專訪

此外，執行長更接受中央社（CNA）專訪，針對記者提問如何應對有關中國利用一帶一路倡議攏絡台灣友邦，執行長強調「台灣是具有誠信的長期夥伴之事實不言而喻」。執行長提及台灣援助模式「世界一流」，進一步說明台灣兩大強項在於「資料」（data）與「證據」（Evidence），擅長採用先進技術、資料導向解決方案並根據當地情況進行調整，高度肯定台灣援外成果。

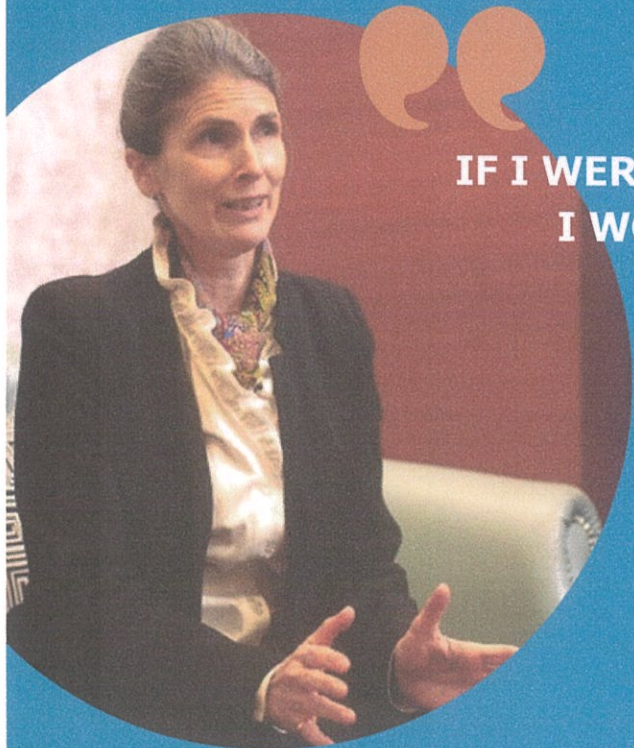
針對ADF與台灣夥伴關係，執行長表示雙方同樣在艱難地區致力於解決困難，強調PADF與台灣共同面對挑戰。



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— PADF執行長Katie Taylor



▲訪台期間接受中央社專訪，PADF執行長Katie Taylor表示台灣不僅在先進科技、環保等議題，更在自由民主、婦女賦權等價值，為其他國家樹立典範。

「STEM美洲教育計畫」

自2016年起，PADF與波音公司合作發起「STEM美洲教育計畫」(STEM Americas Program)，統計迄今已在阿根廷、巴西、智利等12國培訓逾7,740名師資、87,532名學生接受高等數理工科學教育。

迄今，本計畫已幫助逾43,000名女學生，其中許多女學生赴哥倫比亞參與PADF當地夥伴Cipsela所資助之航太教育計畫。



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減少性別歧視暴力

拉美地區針對女性之仇恨犯罪、性騷擾及暴力比例為全球最嚴重地區之一，如玻利維亞據統計逾7成女性曾遭受性暴力，每3天有1名女性遭殺害。近年疫情衝擊更加劇家暴事件發生，如墨西哥家暴專線通報次數激增6成。

PADF駐墨西哥及玻利維亞團隊針對「性別歧視暴力」(Gender-Based Violence, GBV) 在美國政府資助下，與當地婦權公民社團合作實施數項計畫，如舉辦工作坊提升大眾意識、強化當地社群組織能力及其與公部門合作機會。



▲2022年PADF墨西哥團隊以「策略溝通與協商」為訓練目標舉辦2次工作坊，邀請2位國際專家培訓11位來自4個不同國家之婦權領袖，成果斐然。



▲與PADF「婦女暨性別團隊」駐墨西哥計畫負責人Anya Victoria (左) 及駐玻利維亞企畫負責人Tania Sossa (右上) 就GBV議題進行線上訪談之畫面。

促進家務幫傭勞工權益

家務幫傭 (Domestic workers) 在中南美洲高達9成為女性，未受保障且深受超時工時、低薪資等不平等待遇所苦。PADF在墨西哥及瓜地馬拉協助推動家務幫傭證照法制化，舉辦訓練課程提升勞權意識與領導能力，並輔助當地公民社群團體監督法制實施情況與評估。

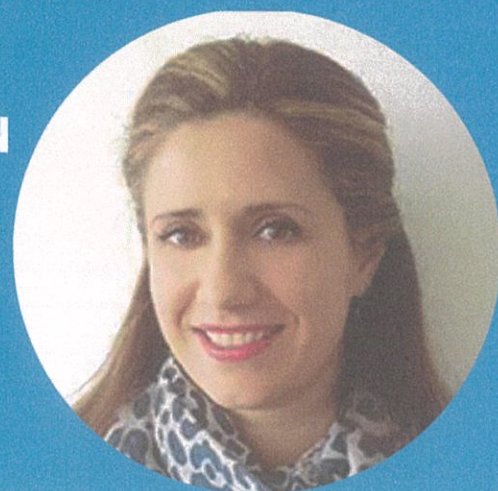
統計至今，PADF已協助約1,347名家務幫傭提升勞權意識與專業技能，以及226名雇主了解勞權法制與社會安全，教育宣導更觸及逾920萬人次。



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泛美發展基金會 (PADF) 創立於1962年，隸屬於「美洲國家組織」(Organization of American States, OAS) 轄下之獨立運作非營利組織。成立60年來，PADF致力保障脆弱族群權益，整合區域資源並與當地公民社團、公私部門等建立夥伴關係，為該地區繁榮盡一份心力。

PADF發表三項新策略目標分別為：(1)滿足脆弱族群需求，如災難韌性、性別暴力、人道救援及移民權益；(2)提倡永續生活，如創造經濟機會、改善教育品質、氣候環境與營養照護；(3)追求權益與正義，如促進民主治理、人權、勞工、人口販賣及婦女賦權等議題。

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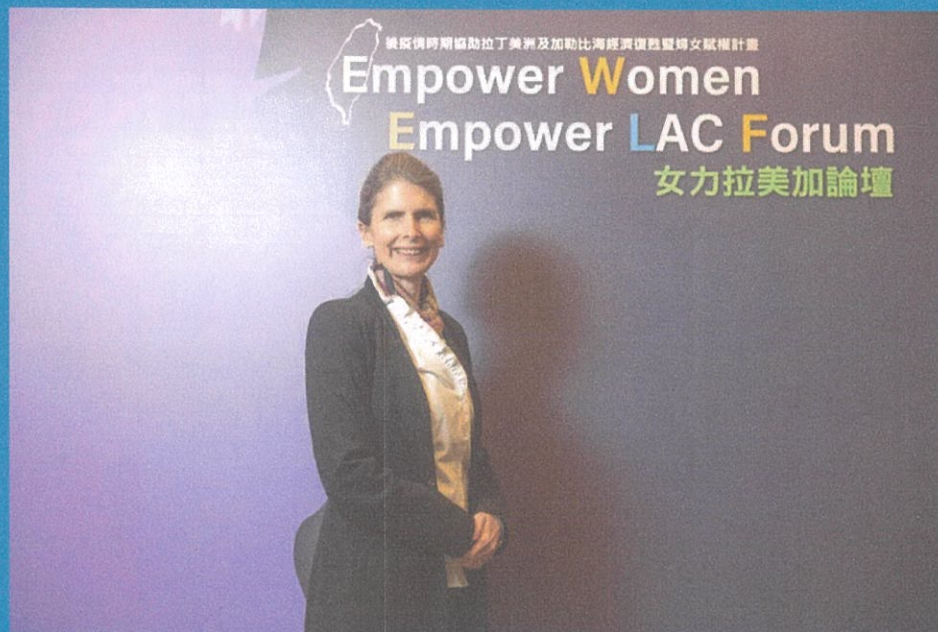
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Introduction

Since 2012, PADF has partnered with Taiwan in disaster reduction and prevention in the region. We have reduced disaster risks for more than 1.3 million people and supported 10 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, including Belize, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Paraguay, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

This bulletin aims to strengthen the exchange of information between PADF and Taiwan. This issue sheds light on "Women's Empowerment." Included in this issue are highlights from PADF Executive Director Katie Taylor's first visit to Taiwan in February 2023 and her participation in the "Empower Women! Empower LAC!" international forum held in Taiwan on February 15, 2023.

This issue also introduces three of PADF's areas of work related to women and gender: (1) STEM Education; (2) Gender-Based Violence; (3) Domestic Workers Rights.



▲PADF Executive Director Katie Taylor attended "Empower Women! Empower LAC!" forum in Taipei on February 15, 2023.

"Empower Women! Empower LAC!" Forum in Taiwan

Between February 10-16, 2023, PADF Executive Director Katie Taylor visited Taiwan for the first time and attended the "Empower Women! Empower LAC!" forum. As a speaker on two conference panels, she showcased PADF's expertise in areas of shared interest with Taiwan: "Public-Private Partnerships and International Collaboration" and "Empowering Women Through Finance."

Considering Taiwan's priorities in the region include women's empowerment and climate change, she expressed willingness to further strengthen partnership with Taiwan in diverse and comprehensive topics.



▲The event brought together foreign dignitaries, business representatives, technical experts, and the government officials outlined above. Prominent participants included the President of Taiwan Tsai Ing-wen, Minister of Foreign Affairs Jausheih Joseph Wu, President of Paraguay Mario Abdo Benitez and First Lady Silvana Abdo, and Belize First Lady Rossana Briceño.



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▲PADF Executive Director Katie Taylor spoke on two panels, sharing her years of experience in public and private sectors.

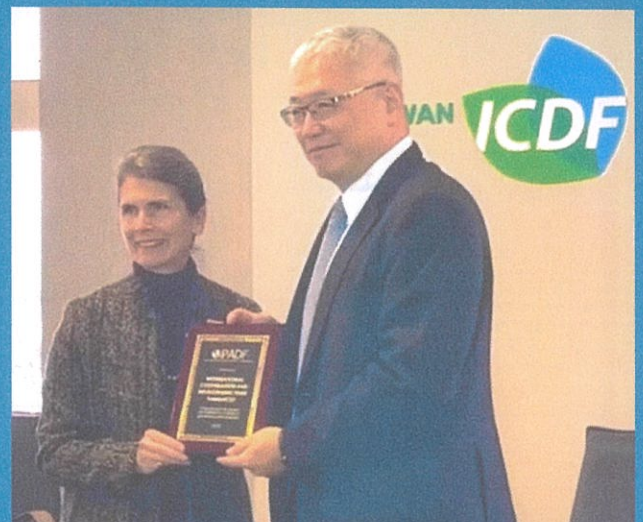
Stakeholder Engagement

In Taiwan, PADF Executive Director Katie Taylor visited with over two dozen public and private sector officials, including high-level representatives from Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) and TaiwanICDF, as well as representatives from industry trade groups including the Central America Trade Office (CATO), Taiwan Institute for Sustainable Energy (TAISE), and Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA).

Discussions touched our shared interest in exploring new opportunities for future collaboration, such as women's empowerment, clean energy, and trade.



▲ In celebration of PADF-Taiwan's 10 years of partnership to reduce disaster risk in Latin America and the Caribbean, PADF Executive Director Katie Taylor (left) along with Senior Program Manager Aaron Van Alstine (right) met with the Vice Foreign Minister Alexander Tah-ray Yui (middle) and discussed shared interests in the region.



▲ After a fruitful talk with Secretary-general of TaiwanICDF Timothy Hsiang (right), Taylor expressed her gratitude on behalf of PADF for TaiwanICDF's support to the people of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Exclusive Interview

During her visit to Taiwan, Katie Taylor provided an exclusive interview with Central News Agency (CNA). In response to a question regarding the Belt and Road Initiative, she emphasized that "Taiwan is a partner with integrity." When asked to describe Taiwan's "world-class" programming in the region, she stated that "Taiwan is brilliant at taking sophisticated technology, solutions, and processes, and adapting them to the local conditions." She added that Taiwan is renowned for its data-driven, evidence-based approaches to addressing persistent challenges.

Regarding PADF's partnership with Taiwan, "PADF and Taiwan are both working to address the most complex development challenges in some of the most difficult areas, and we face them together."

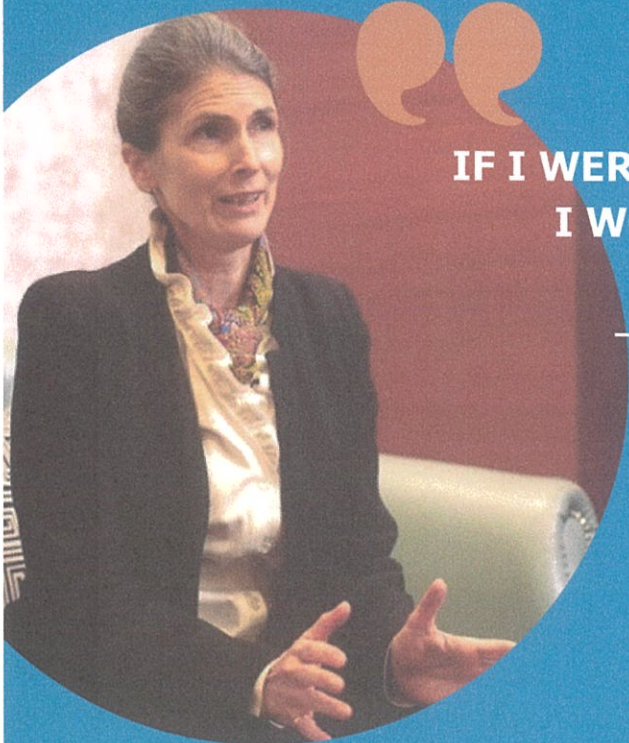


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During the interview, PADF Executive Director Katie Taylor commended that what Taiwan has accomplished is a model for other countries, not only technology and environmentalism, but democracy and women's empowerment.



STEM Americas Program

Since 2016, with support of Boeing Company, PADF has expanded STEM education through its "STEM Americas" program, which has trained over 7,740 teachers and reached more than 87,532 students across 12 countries, including Argentina, Brazil, and Chile, providing access to high-quality education and the opportunity to acquire 21st century skills.

To date, over 43,000 female students have benefitted from the program. Many girls have joined a competitive aerospace program offered by PADF partner Cipsela in Colombia.



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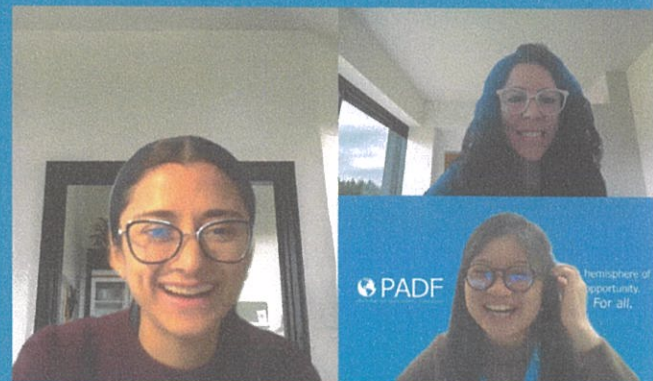
Gender-Based Violence

Women in Latin American and the Caribbean face the highest rates of gender-based violence (GBV) in the world and the highest rates of femicide. For instance, in Bolivia, over 70% of women have experienced sexual violence, and every three days one woman falls victim to homicide. During the pandemic, many countries have seen increases in calls to domestic violence hotlines. In Mexico, such calls increased by 60%.

PADF in Mexico and Bolivia has partnered with local civil society organizations with funding from the US Government to combat gender-based violence. PADF holds workshops to raise public awareness of gender equality, strengthens networks, improves the capacity of local civil society organizations, and supports civil society engagement with the government.



▲ In 2022, PADF held two workshops to train strategic communication and negotiation skills, inviting two international experts and eleven female leaders from four countries.

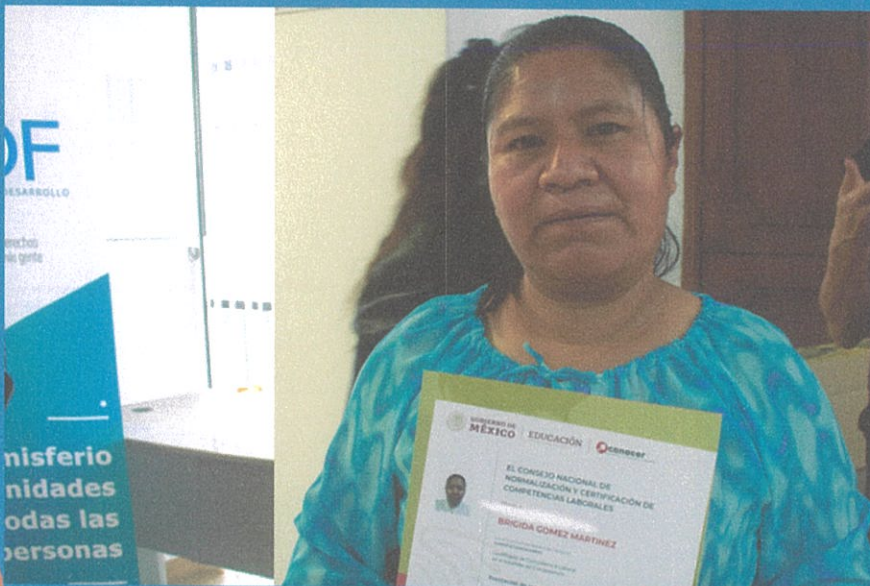


▲ Interview with the program managers, Anya Victoria (left) in Mexico, and Tania Sossa (upper right) in Bolivia, discussing their efforts on reducing GBV.

Labor Rights of Domestic Workers

Over 90% of domestic workers in Latin America are females, and most of them experience unpaid overtime, low income, and lack of insurance. In Mexico and Guatemala, PADF has helped to formalize domestic workers under labor laws by holding workshops and educational trainings, as well as strengthening institutional capacity of state and local organizations to implement and monitor new regulations.

To date, PADF has helped 1,347 domestic workers to improve their knowledge of labor rights and leadership, and 226 employers to understand formalization in social security. PADF awareness campaigns have also reached over 9.2 million people.



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– Country Director in Mexico Valeria Uribe



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For 60 years, PADF has served the most vulnerable communities, investing resources throughout the hemisphere. We partner with and enable civil society, governments, and the private sector for the greater good of the region.

PADF has three goal areas: (1) Address the needs of vulnerable populations; (2) Promote sustainable livelihoods; and (3) Advance rights and justice.

For more information and updates about our work, please check out our website and feel free to reach out!



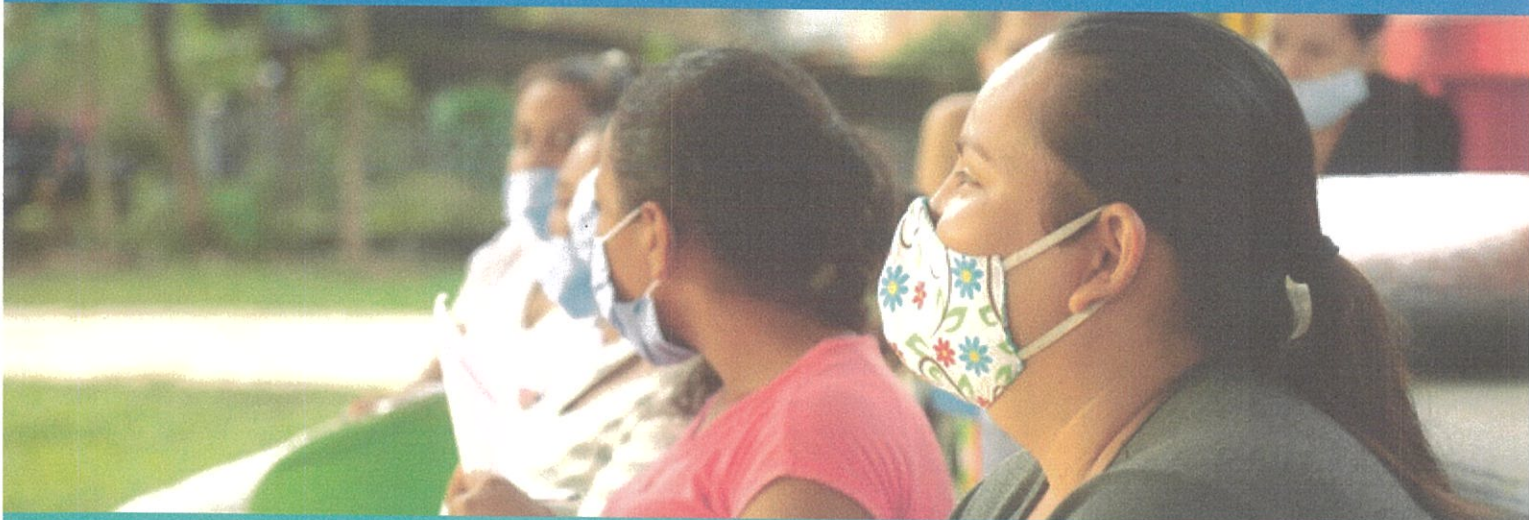
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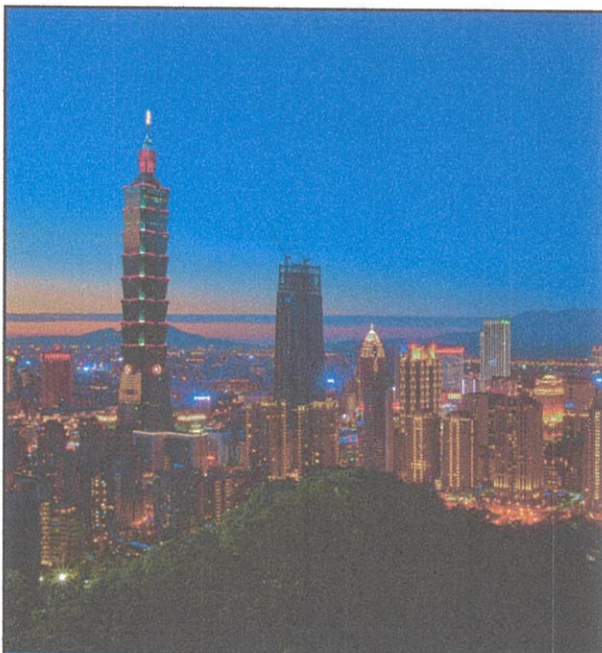
Presentation on Results and Feedback of Taiwan Diplomatic Fellow Program

September 2022 - June 2023

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Program Objections

- Since 2012, Taiwan and PADF have maintained a partnership to foster disaster risk reduction and resilience across LAC. We have reduced disaster risks for more than 1.3 million people and supported 10 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, including Belize, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Paraguay.
- PADF hosts one diplomat from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as part of a 10-month diplomatic fellowship and training program. It helps fellows develop professional skills by supporting project implementation, business development, communications, and organizational learning.

Rotations

Month	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Rotation								
0	PSF team (Supervisor: Aaron)							
1	Caribbean team (Coordinators: Madeline and Elkin)							
2			Women and Gender Team (Coordinator: Anya)			Projects, Partnerships, and Strategic Communications (Supervisor: Aaron)		

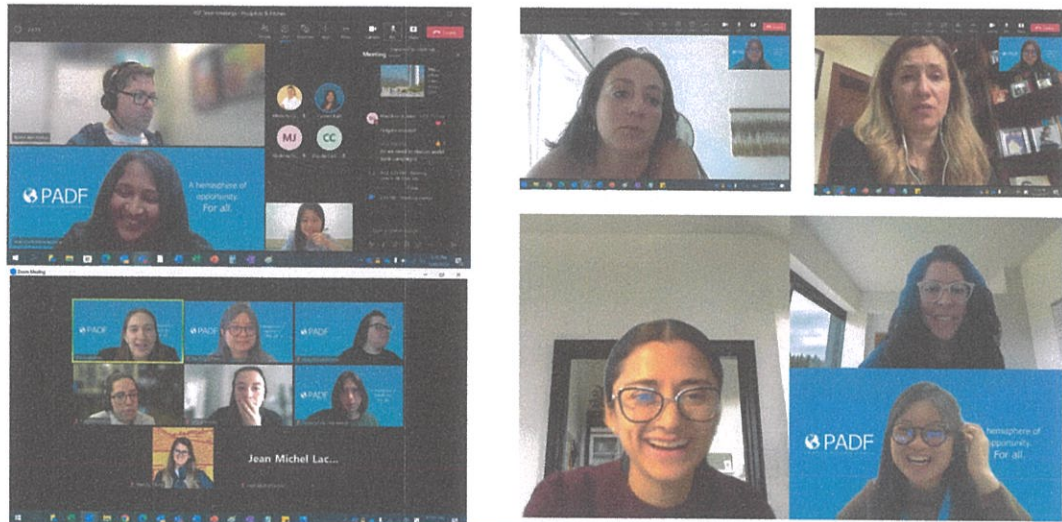
What I do?

- Participate in team meetings and calls with team members.
- Check-ins with coordinators on a regular basis.
- Profile on strategic partners and complete other additional tasks.

Deliverables:

- Reports on PADF's works and strategic priorities of the US and Taiwan governments.
- Newsletter "Taiwan Partnership Bulletin" shared with Taiwanese embassies in LAC.

Interaction with team members



Achievements



Feedback:
consider the possibility of distribution of the printout during visiting the TW Ambassador in the region.

Taiwan Partnership Bulletin

- **First time ever!**
- **Bilingual (English and Mandarin)**
- **Sent to 7 embassies and 8 representative offices**

Issue 1: PADF's works in the Caribbean

- Introduction on 4 projects in Haiti and East Caribbean
- PADF Staff Spotlight

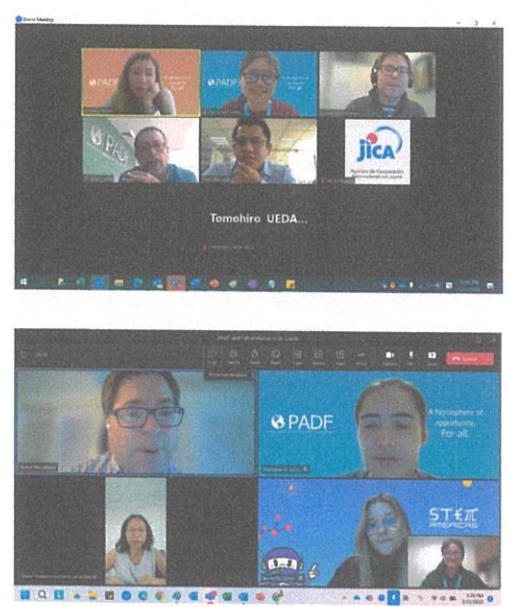
Issue 2: PADF's works on women and gender

- Katie's Visit to Taiwan in February 2023
- Introduction on STEM, GBV and domestic labor rights

Outcomes:

- Response to follow ups questions and maintain communication
- Coordinate calls with Taiwan embassy in St. Lucia


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Profile on Strategic Partner

- **Language skills**
- **Written summaries on its policy/focus**
- **Coordinate meetings, notetaking and follow-ups**

JICA:


- JICA office in Mexico and JICA Individual Expert in Barbados
- Interested in STEM program
- Connect with ICDF in Belize

Taiwan Embassy in St. Lucia:

- Calls with STEM team
- Exploring opportunities to cooperate this year

US Congressional Delegations to LAC:

- Concluded a chart of 15 US congressional delegations to LAC in 2022-2023
- Discovery: one bipartisan delegation visited Guatemala and Honduras and met with private sectors that PADF had interacted before.


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Activity Participation

- Caribbean Retreat in Miami
- 60 years anniversary celebration
- Trash picking on Earth Day
- PADF soccer playoffs
- Seminars such as OAS-led seminar on AI governance, and JICA-led webinar on Japan's engagement in LAC, etc.

Survey on " PADF-Taiwan Engagement in Latin America and the Caribbean"

23 PADF Presence

El Salvador
Honduras
Nicaragua
Costa Rica
Panama
Bahamas
Jamaica
Guyana
T&T
Aruba
Curacao
DR
Bolivia

7 TW Ambassies (**ally**) & 8 Representative offices (non-ally)

US
Mexico
Ecuador
Colombia
Peru
Brazil
Guatemala
Paraguay
Belize
Haiti

St. Kitts
St. Lucia
St. Vincent
Argentina
Chile

Survey Design

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Questions | Responses (0) | Preview | Style | Collect responses | Present

PADF-Taiwan Engagement in Latin America and the Caribbean

Each year, PADF hosts a Taiwanese diplomat from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). During this 10-month professional development program, fellows support organizational learning, communications, and other key strategic objectives. This year, Yu-ting Chang seeks to better understand ways to foster collaboration between PADF and Taiwan representatives (embassies and representative offices) across Latin America and the Caribbean. This survey aims to identify challenges and opportunities to build closer relations between PADF and Taiwan. Your personal information will remain confidential and your individual responses will not be shared outside of PADF.

Thank you for your participation!

Yu-ting Chang
Taiwan Diplomatic Fellow
ychang@padf.org

1. Name

Enter your answer

- Via online meeting or complete individually
- Multilingual (English, Spanish, Portuguese)

Consist of 19 questions:

- Basic info
- Familiarity on TW and our partnership
- Multilateral activity attendance
- Bilateral activity attendance
- Frequency
- Barriers
- Recommendation

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Ideas and Suggestions

Suggestions

❖ Improve information exchange:

TO FIELD TEAMS

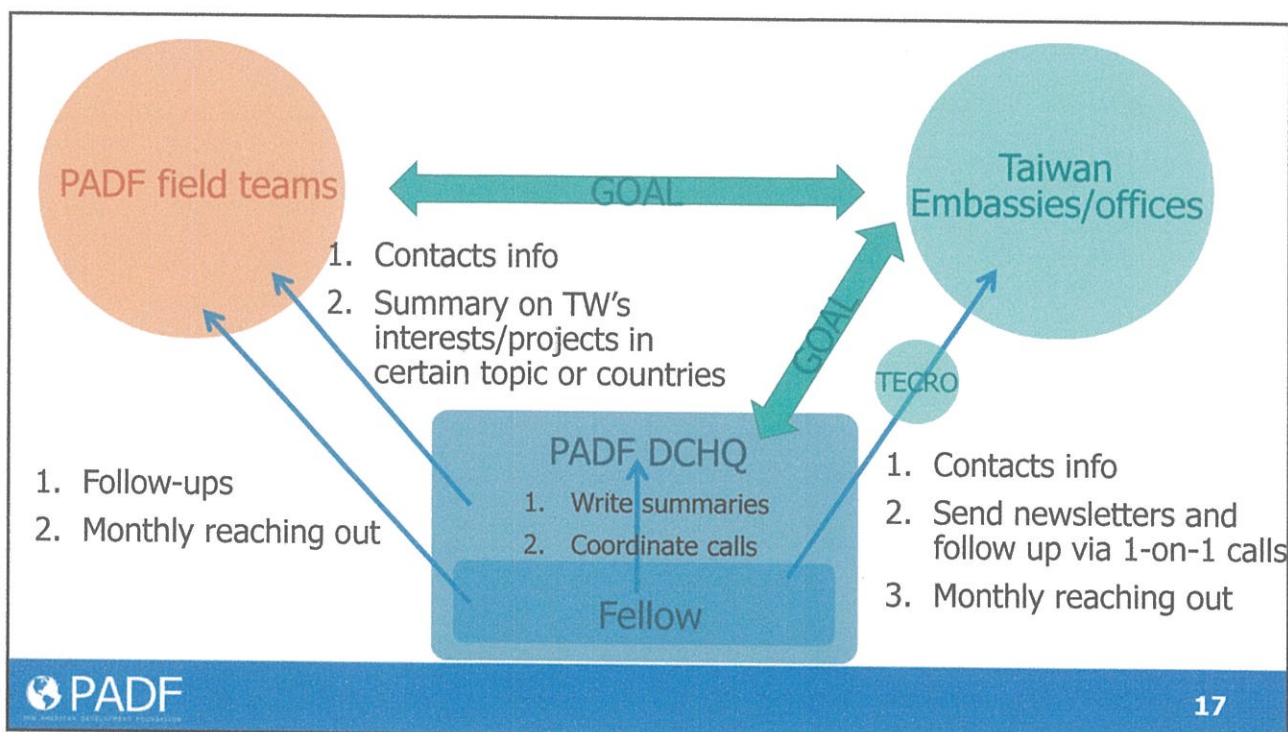
- Provide updated contacts of TW embassies/offices
- Provide summary on TW's interests and ongoing projects (based on either countries or topics)

TO TW EMABASSIES/OFFICES

- Continue sending newsletters
- Follow up their thoughts on it via calls or video chat (preferred)

❖ Foster Fellow's Role as A Bridge:

- Reach out and setting calls with at least one PADF field team or TW embassy/office per month or on a regular basis, to collect and share:
 - Ongoing projects/focuses
 - Activity calendar of the year (invite info)



Ideas

❖ Build a platform for PADF-TW Interaction

- A platform may include info from both sides:
 - Activity calendar with invite links
 - A Chart of ongoing projects and one-pagers
 - PADF-Taiwan Partnership Bulletin
 - Contact lists
 - Newsfeed on joint activities (such as donation ceremony in Paraguay in June 2023)
 - Run and updated by the fellow

Feedback:

Consider that the idea of setting up a platform via sharepoint should be brought up to higher level, making it organizational-wide. Especially stressed on the need of building activity calendars.

❖ Better use of PADF-Taiwan Partnership Bulletin:

- Content-wise:
 - Add newsfeed on joint actives such as photos and brief intro
 - Currently is one-way information to Taiwan embassies, could add on info of TW projects and share with field teams
 - In this case, the bulletin could be considered posted on social media

Ideas

❖ Choose certain program to reach out and set calls with TW emb. Expand the collaboration to other emb/offices

- 2023 Taiwan's priority topics and interests for LAC including:
 - **Women's Empowerment**
 - Climate Change
 - Clean Energy
 - **Green Transportation (Paraguay)**
 - **STEM education (currently discuss with TW emb in St. Lucia)**
 - Financial inclusion
 - Livelihoods
- Work culture of MoFA
 - Multiple-layer bureaucracy: need details for approval for next step. Spontaneous coffee chat is not widely welcomed (email first)
 - It's a must obtaining approval from TECRO before the fellow reach out to the embassy. Technically in their eyes, the fellow is supervised by TECRO.

Thank you!
Q&A

10/31/2022

Highlights on PADF's Expertise and Focus in the Caribbean

Yu Ting, Chang

Taiwan Diplomatic Fellow

I. Introduction

The Caribbean is a diverse region comprised of countries ranging from small island states to coastal continental states and have a gap of income levels. For 60 years, PADF has worked with public sectors, private partners, and local communities aiming at sustainable growth of the region as a whole. This report will first elaborate on what challenges the region is facing with, and thus move on to how PADF has devoted to address the issues and what expected results of projects as a conclusion.

II. Key Challenges

Global Threats

Most of the Caribbean countries are tourism-dependent and thus has been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic due to travel restrictions. Moreover, the region is extremely vulnerable to climate change and natural disasters. Extreme weather such as hurricane and floods could easily crush an entire annual GDP, especially for the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) which are mostly located in the Caribbean.

Domestic Issues

How to strengthen society order and rebuild community trust is one of the major problems for the region. The malfunction of policing academic system and rising gang violence leads to decline in security, especially evident in Haiti, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago(TT).

Also, the pandemic has caused educational loss. Most schools have been closed for two years, so that thousands of students are facing trouble accessing to education. It has caused damage in terms of education outcomes, human capital, and the productivity for future generations.

III. Highlight Areas of Work

To help to manage the urgent challenges facing the Caribbean, PADF is working to address these problems in the following ways:

Police Professionalization

In Dominican Republic and TT, PADF has implemented an INL-funded project to enhance their police training academy operating procedures. PADF helped the local law enforcement groups to identify the gap in such as risk management, training methodologies, recruitment, and educational quality measurement. Therefore, PADF has updated the police academy curriculum and established protocols so as to secure transparency and effectiveness. The timeframe of the project is from September 2021 to September 2023.

In Jamaica and Guyana, PADF has worked on enforcing police investigation capabilities and practical competences so as to improve responses to the marginalized and vulnerable populations.

Gang Violence

In Haiti and TT where has been suffered from severe gang violence, PADF has worked with their national police and local communities to address the root cause of gang-related crimes. By supporting citizen security networks and bringing in the youths to participate, the project aims at reducing of gang impact and foster community trust. The ongoing project in Haiti for violence prevention is from February 2022 to September 2023, and the other one for TT is until August 2023.

Blue Economy

With support from IDB and local recycle company, ECSSA, PADF is leading a project in Haiti to address the problem of ocean-bound plastics pollution and increasing transparency in the plastics supply chain. It is expected to create over 5,000 job opportunities for plastics collectors. Further, PADF collaborates with local universities to train students using drones and GIS mapping technology to monitor coastlines.

To date, PADF has trained over 500 plastics collectors in Port-au-Prince, developed 5 community-level Blue Economy plans in 5 coastal communes, trained 38 students in drone piloting and GIS mapping, and taught 160 business owners and community members about the benefits of circular economy and circular economy tools to use in their communities. The timeframe of the project is from March 2020 to March 2023.

Climate Resilience

PADF works with a Haitian local organization, FoProBiM, to enhance resilience and promote community adaptation to the climate change risks of sea level rise and increasing frequency of storm. It involves coastal management plans, mangrove reforestation, and watershed reforestation. By using ecosystem-based adaptations, PADF is expected to assist to develop sustainable fisheries and train community members on climate risks and sustainable ecosystem management. The timeframe of the project is from July 2021 to July 2023.

STEM Education

Since 2016, PADF has partnered with the Boeing Company to implement the “STEM Americas Program”, aimed at providing access to high-quality education. The program has trained over 5,000 teachers and 77,000 students in the Latin America and the Caribbean, such as Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Brazil. Most importantly, the program enables female students to pursue careers in science and technology, accepting education abroad.

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Notes on the Webinar: “Japan’s Evolving Engagement with Central America and the Caribbean: What lies Ahead?”

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I. Quick Takeaways

- Digitalization and green transformation have been two major drives to draw Japanese private sectors’ attention in investment, such as reinforcing a secured digital society throughout the LAC region and providing affordable clean energy system in solar and hydrogen power.
- Japan has put a significant emphasis on dialogues, which is not only in bilateral wise but with international/regional organizations, such as SICA, CARICOM, IDB and CDB.
- The US initiatives in the region, such as Americas Partnership Economy Prosperity launched in June 2022, helps to attract more Japanese companies to invest in the region. Strengthening Japan-US cooperation is highly in line with mutual interests.

II. Main Speakers

This webinar is co-organized by the Japan Association of Latin America and the Caribbean (JALAC) and the Inter-American Dialogue. ([info](#); [recording](#))

1. **Maki KOBAYASHI**: Director General, Latin America and Caribbean Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
2. **Kota SAKAGUCHI**: Director, Central America & the Caribbean Division, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
3. **Mark LOPES**: Chief Operating Officer, Partnership for Central America
4. **Ayesha CONSTABLE**: National Coordinator, Japan-Caribbean Climate Change Partnership (J-CCCP, one of the UN Development Programme)
5. **Itaru MOTOBAYASHI**: Executive Vice President, Yazaki North America, Inc.
6. **Jonathon CASEY**: Chief Integration Officer, Nissha Medical Technologies

III. JICA’s Focuses

JICA is an incorporated administrative agency of the government of Japan in charge of official development assistance (ODA)

1. Modalities:

3 mains (technical cooperation, loan and investment, and grants) and 2 others (Public Private Partnership, citizen participation)

Technical Cooperation : 60 ongoing activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 37 Technical Cooperation Projects and 23 individual activities(Long term Expert, etc.) are ongoing • 20+ New requests
Loan : 350+ million USD approved in JFY 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 projects approved in 2021 • 1 projects approved and 3 projects under appraisal/formulation process in 2022
Grant Aid : 3.98 billion Yen approved in JFY 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 projects approved in 2021 • 2 projects approved and 2 projects under formulation in 2022
PPP : 39 partnerships during 2017-2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31 PPP joint surveys during 2017-2022, 6 new surveys are under preparation • 2 JICA investment program are approved during 2019-2021
Citizen's Participation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers dispatched to 11 countries • 2 Community Projects are ongoing

2. 7 Pillars/issues in 2022:

Free and Open Indo-Pacific (*Note: It is a terminology of Japanese diplomatic policy*); pandemic; climate change; human resource development; science and tech; internationalization of Japanese local communities; and gender equality.

3. Operations:

Countries in operation : 23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama; Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Surinam and Trinidad and Tobago
Offices : 13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia (also experts in SICA and CARICOM institution)
Experts: 153 in JFY 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term Japanese Experts, Short term Japanese Experts, Third Country Experts,
Training: 785 in JFY 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP), Country Focus Training, Third Country Training Program, MEXICO- JAPAN Global Partnership

4. Key projects

Math education (El Salvador), Metro construction (Panama), bridges building (Honduras, St. Lucia, and Haiti), disaster management (Chile), community police (Guatemala and Honduras), primary health care (DR and Honduras), sustainable coffee value chain (Guatemala), geothermal development (Costa Rica)

IV. Private Sectors Engagements

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Yazaki Corporation, a leading global automotive parts supplier, has 78,000 employees in north and central America, mainly in the US, Guatemala, Mexico, El Salvador, and Nicaragua. As a result, Yazaki has invested in the region to boost partnership.

For example, in June 2022, Yazaki announced a pilot project factory built in western Guatemala and will invest nearly US\$10 million in the pilot project factory, which is expected to start production by January 2023, creating up to 1,000 jobs.

Also, Yazaki also has joined the US “Call to Action” to address root causes of irregular migration in June 2022.

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Summarized by Yu-ting Chang, Taiwan Diplomatic Fellow

Summary on JICA's Policy for the Caribbean Region

via email from Mr. Nakamura(中村隼人)

I. JICA's Operational Focus Areas for LAC Region

- 1) Infrastructure development for economic development;
- 2) Disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate action;
- 3) Support for addressing urban environmental problems and reducing disparities.

II. JICA's **Current (09/2016~)** Country Development Cooperation Policy

- Three key areas for CARICOM countries (excluding Haiti):
 - 1) Disaster Risk Reduction and Environment
 - 2) Fisheries: only in 6 OECS countries, including Antigua, DR, Grenada, 3 saints;
 - 3) Reducing inequality: only in Jamaica
- For Haiti:
 - 1) Improving health and sanitation
 - 2) Promoting education
 - 3) Promoting agriculture and strengthening of food security
 - 4) Strengthening the economic base through Disaster Risk Reduction and Environmental Conservation

III. JICA's **Revised** Country Development Cooperation Policy

In 2020, COVID-19 pandemic reveals the vulnerability of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and poor coordination within CARICOM region, the revision emphasizes all 14 CARICOM members as a whole and resets the goals:

- 1) **Building a resilient society**: to develop a resilient social infrastructure
- 2) **Sustainable economic development**: boost industry and human resource development
- 3) **Vulnerabilities particular to small island countries**: promote regional integration and interregional cooperation



IV. Future Direction of Cooperation

- 1) Disaster Risk Reduction;
- 2) Climate Change Countermeasures;
- 3) Strengthening of human resource development: education from primary to higher education;
- 4) Promotion of domestic industries: fisheries sector, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);
- 5) Health care against diseases such as obesity, diabetes, and COVID-19;
- 6) More collaboration with CARICOM Partners and other organizations.

V. Priority Countries for Future Cooperations

 Priority Countries for Future Cooperations		
Country	Scheme	Contents
Belize	Technical Cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sole Central American Country in CARICOM. One of few countries with Taiwanese Recognition, therefore strengthening of Policy Dialogue is required.
Guyana Trinidad and Tobago	Technical Cooperation Loan Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The main cooperation will be through technical cooperation to CARICOM Partner Organization. Several Loan Projects will likely be implemented.
Haiti	Technical Cooperation Grant Aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bilateral Technical cooperation and Grant Aid will likely to increase, once public safety and political stability are improved.
Jamaica	Technical Cooperation Loan Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement several bilateral technical cooperation as well as loan projects.
Others	Technical Cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical Cooperation and Trainings through CARICOM Partner Organization. Cooperation to Fisheries.

VI. Six New Cooperation Programs based on the Revised Policy (see III.)

 Revised Cooperation Program		
Current Issues		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 reveals vulnerabilities unique to island countries that cannot be measured by economic indicators alone. Limited coordination within the CARICOM region and knowledge sharing among small island developing states (SIDS) 		
 All 14 CARICOM Members		
Focus Area	Development Issues	Cooperation Program
Building a Resilient Society	Development of a Resilient Social Infrastructure	(1) Climate Change Programs
		(2) Health and Sanitation Improvement Program
		(3) Education Sector Strengthening Program
Sustainable Economic Development	Industrial Promotion and Human Resource Development	(4) Agriculture and Fisheries Development Program
Vulnerabilities particular to Small Island Countries	Promotion of Regional Integrations and Interregional Cooperation	(5) Private Sector Development Program
		(6) CARICOM Development and Collaboration Program

- 1) Climate Change Action Program
 - disaster risk reduction: will cooperate in rehabilitation and reconstruction measures with a view to Build Back Better (BBB);
 - Energy: follow IDB's CORE Scheme
 - waste management
- 2) Health and Sanitation Improvement Program
 - CARICOM: diseases such as obesity, diabetes, and COVID-19
 - Haiti: maternal and child health
 - Will work with CARPHA
- 3) Education Sector Enhancement Program
 - Haiti: improve the quality of primary and secondary education and vocational training
 - Other countries: higher education
 - gender disparity
 - limited schooling opportunities for people with disabilities
- 4) Agriculture and Fisheries Development Program
 - Fisheries sector development: secure food security, diversify the income structure
 - Marine resource conservation
 - Agricultural: increase sustainable agricultural productivity (Haiti)
- 5) Private Sector Development Program
 - Promote community-based tourism, reducing relying on foreign capital (such as resorts and cruise ships companies)
 - Sustainable tourism
- 6) CARCIOM Development and Collaboration Promotion Program
 - Background: There is currently little cooperation among CARICOM partner organizations and among member countries
 - JICA aims to cooperate and provide peer-learning opportunity(for those SIDS with similar population and economic size), with other regional organizations including the African Union and Oceania region.