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SPECIAL REPORT

THE XVI DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SMALL BUSINESS SUMMIT 2015

The U.S Minority Chamber of Commerce (U.S MCC) organized an event in Santo Domingo to plan and implement a strategic marketing objectives for U.S. MCC in their effort to reduce poverty but for the Chamber to achieve its new initiative of ending extreme poverty and boosting shared prosperity in the region, the benefits of trade must be extended to the poorest and most vulnerable are in Dominican Republic. The event was compromised that without the powerful sector of the minority companies in the United States will be difficult to increate opportunity to rural area that will reduce the costs of trade and create a more transparent and predictable environment for regional and global commerce. The event was at the wonderful Be Live Collection Mariel in Puerto Plata last December 8-13, 2015.



Thank you Mr. President, Hon. Danilo Medina For your hospitality and attention to U.S MCC



Arriving to the County received by the **Chief of Santo Domingo National Airport**

One of the mission of the Summit was to get all information possible about Dominican Republic government, facts of the county in business & investment and role of the Small Businesses. We established relations with he U.S Embassy functionally, meet potential partners, export-importer companies, and enter into partnerships with our counterpart in different economic sectors. Subsequently our summit was expanded to allow the preliminary step to establish a hub center for U..S MCC in Santo Domingo to facility information, logistic, U.S promotion in Trade, Education and Investment.





Staff in San Domingo, Dominican Republic Women - Farmers – Workshop to Export and Management

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE XVI EDITION OF THE SMALL BUSINESS SUMMIT DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



This mission was to make research and development of DRMSWS 2015, value of hosting, and costs, Identify target companies, and recruit participants plan and implement the events according to the terms of the Scope of Work set forth in our preliminary phase.

- 1. Established connections with 200-regional representative in the country during the summit
- 2. Prepared a list of potential business associations per city, region and department of the nation
- 3. Created an information center in every single office of the organization about DRMSWS 2015
- 4. Making a data profile of every single associate with name of the company, contact, industry, experience with U.S marketplace, sales, email, phone and total employees.







Carmelo Rodríguez and Mr. Luis Abinader U.S Commercial, David McNeil Former President, Hipolito Mejia





The U.S Minority Chamber of Commerce, participated during a global forum dinner dedicate to the Honorable President, Danilo Medina.



<u>Initial research:</u> To decide whether will be the official venue for DRMSWS 2015 and who should host our events, type of attendees, exhibitors and partners. Our first task was to determine interest by the capital in the country, metropolitan area companies in importing from U.S and whether these companies would devote the resources (time and money). We created a "Due Diligence" program for our members and partners with a pillars and structure for Dominican Republic.

Formal agreements with the following organizations.

- 1. The U.S -Dominican Chamber of Commerce in Santo Domingo.
- 2. Puerto Plata Chamber of Commerce
- 3. The Cooperative of Commercial Insurances led by Mr. Andres Ortiz
 - 4. University of Technology in Dominican Republic led by Benvenuto Castro
- 5. Junior Chamber International Dominican Republic led by Ms. Vania Nunez
- 6. <u>Contacts:</u> Contacts were made in Santo Domingo capital of the country, and other main cities like Santiago and Puerto Plata with various U.S. Department of Commerce personnel lead Mr. David McNeill, Senior Commercial Officer of the U.S Embassy in Dominican Republic, 34 Chambers of Commerce and Trade Councils in Dominican Republic, and US companies doing business in the region, and local companies.

IN PICTURES DOMINICAN REPUBLIC'S EXPERIENCES





Leaders from different sectors in the country.

Senior Advisor for the U.S MCC, Mr. Eddy Martinez



Business Leaders and Pubic Officials in D.R



Former President, Hipolito Mejia - Keynote Address







Our National Conference: How to do business with the United State in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic



Our Keynote Speaker Dr. Hipolito Mejia Former President of Dominican Republic

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