



OVERVIEW

Vision:

The Ayahora (1) Communities of Excellence (ACE) Foundation Inc., a registered non-profit organization as of 06 June 2018, focused on education and training for sustainable development, promotes and inculcates sustainable development principles and practices rooted in indigenous wisdom and 7 Generation knowledge.

Mission:

Ayahora achieves its vision through the delivery and support of quality environmentally-sensitive, culturally-relevant pre-primary and adult educational programmes and initiatives, focused on Dominica's indigenous Kalinago community, creating linkages to other Caribbean and global indigenous communities. To develop centres and programmes of excellence, Ayahora will continue to partner with related NGOs, CSOs, global developmental and/or indigenous-focused agencies, educational institutes, local and central government, other relevant entities and interested persons.

Keystones:

Within a holistic education framework, Ayahora's learning keystones are:

- health and well-being ● environmental stewardship and climate literacy ● resilience and regeneration
- leadership and entrepreneurship ● creativity & innovation ● science and technology ● permaculture

It is anticipated that Ayahora's partnerships with the Native Child and Family Services of Toronto (NCFST), with Montessori schools in Canada and with other local, regional and international agencies, will continue to provide essential resources to inculcate indigenous pride and support indigenous community empowerment. We will continue to explore emerging educational developments and linkages that foster regional and international educational and cultural exchanges, and trade opportunities amongst indigenous communities.

Ayahora's key partners include Conscious Caribbean Connections, [Native Child and Family Services of Toronto \(NCFST\)](#), [Dominica Tours DMC](#), [WILDDominique](#), [Félicité Organics](#), [Global Resilience Systems](#), [Association of Caribbean Museums \(MAC\)](#), Ministry of Environment, Urban Renewal and Kalinago Upliftment, Kalinago Council, Sineku Community Centre

Ayahora is committed to providing affordable, world-class education and training via face to face and remote platforms. This we will accomplish, as we have successfully done in the past through the Montessori Centre of Dominica, our sustainable tourism development work in the Kalinago Territory and through Ayahora's ongoing initiatives. Our overarching vision is to respect and celebrate the contributions of our First Peoples and contribute to the responsible development of our community, island, Caribbean region and global village.

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Notes:

(1) "Ayahora" is the Kalinago word for "Thanksgiving"

**See below for Highlights of Ayahora's Community Empowerment Work

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Indigenous community development projects aimed at empowering community members, building leadership and inculcating Kalinago Pride

- Facilitation of the Kalinago-focused panel discussion on "Kalinago Perspectives on Resilience and Sustainability" which formed part of the Museum Association of the Caribbean's 31st annual conference themed "Cultivating Resilience in Museums and Cultural Heritage Sites". The astute Kalinago panelists included the Minister of Kalinago Upliftment, Kalinago Opposition Senator, former Opposition Senator/Economist and local Thought Leader/Former US Senator. [..\..\MAC Museum\Final docs\Flyer Ayahora-MAC Kalinago-focussed Panel Discussion.pdf](#)
- Facilitating international scholarship opportunities for Kalinago students and young adults to pursue postgraduate studies overseas
- Partnership development with the Native Child and Family Services of Toronto (NCFST) and negotiated 10 spaces in the fundamental community helper Ogichidaa Training based on Seven Generation teaching and the indigenous medicine wheel. [..\..\Native Child & Family Services\Ogichidaa training\Flyer re Ogichidaa Training.jpg](#)
- Coordinated the pre-recorded filming of and participation by the Kalinago Shaman/High Priest and associated as Kalinago contribution to the virtual Ogichidaa Training delivered by the NCFST.
- Developed partnership with ZoomerMedi Limited Toronto who have donated 5 desk top computers to support Ayahora's work. These computers were placed at the Sineku Community Centre with a partnership arrangement
- Support to the regional Francophone CSO coalition Karayib Klima project focused on Climate Resilience, Reforestation, Community Empowerment and Sustainable Tourism Development in Dominica's indigenous Kalinago Territory, through Ayahora's Chair
- Support to Dominica's Ministry of Tourism to develop winning bid for the Compete Caribbean's Cluster project re Community-based Tourism Development in Dominica's indigenous Kalinago Territory, linked to the Dominica Essential Oils and Spices Cooperative (DEOSC) in the southeast of Dominica, through Ayahora's Chair
- spearheading the organization of the post-hurricane Maria organization event "Kalinago Joy" for over 250 primary school children in the Kalinago Community in collaboration with the school principals, and local, regional and international sponsors; [Kalinago Joy event](#); along with distributing food and personal supplies to needy persons in the Kalinago Territory and neighbouring communities [..\..\Bi-weekly Newsletter of Colin Powell College 2020.jpeg](#)

Ayahora ACE Foundation also seeks to incorporate good practices into all of its programmes including the following which members of our board are experienced in:

- Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC)'s Sustainable Tourism Standards
- Caribbean Tourism Organisation (CTO)'s Hospitality Assured programme – promoting Service and Business Excellence
- Dominica's Nature Island Tourism Standards of Excellence (NISE)
- UNDP-UWI-FS Future Tourism MSME Tourism Business Adaptation programme
- Adventure Travel Trade Association (ATTA)'s standards and programme
- Urban Planning & Community Development
- Ecology & Natural Resources Management/Expertize in Flora and Fauna
- Kalinago Resident/Community Mentor and Legal Counsel
- Kalinago Resident/former Caribbean Tourism Organization-Dominica's Youth Junior Minister