

National Reunion 2008

Programme of Activities

January 2008

“Education, Self Awareness and National Pride”



ACTIVITIES	DATE	DESCRIPTION
OPENING EVENT– REUNION WIVÈ: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Symbolic Kalinago Entrance 2. Official Lighting of Reunion Torch 3. Prayer & Praise on The Boulevard 4. Reunion 2008 Opening Ceremony 5. Breakfast and Cultural Extravaganza 	1 st	Official grand opening of Reunion 2008 celebrations through a symbolic entrance of Caribs on Canoes into Roseau, the commissioning of the Reunion Torch, official opening ceremony with a Prayer and Praise session, followed by Breakfast and a Cultural Extravaganza on the Boulevard.
Launch of National Drug Awareness Month	1 st	Programme organized by the Drug Reduction and Abuse Prevention Unit of the Ministry of Health focusing on youth participation in Drug Awareness Activities to highlight the various initiatives and gains in combating the use and abuse of harmful drugs among youth within Dominica.
LAUNCH OF CARNIVAL 2008 SEASON	12 th	Launch of Reunion 2008 REAL MAS celebrations with a National Parade and Official Opening featuring Triple Kay & WCK at Carnival City.
Roseau Street Fest	13 th	Launch of the twelve month event aimed at increasing awareness of Dominica’s musical arts: calypso, bouyon, reggae, gospel, soca along with food, drink, crafts
Launch of Calypso Commemorative Magazine	15 th	Official release of the Reunion 2008 endorsed Calypso Publication
LAUNCH BETTER & SUSTAINABLE VILLAGE COMPETITION		Programme to improve the overall quality of the village environmental, ecological and economic attributes and allow villages to compete in bringing out the unique features of the village that makes it attractive and welcoming.
SYMPOSIUM ON EDUCATION & RENEWAL – A SEARCH FOR BEST PRACTICES	22 nd	Overview of the Education system particularly the non-formal education sector with specific emphasis on its’ linkage to National Development
Launch of Coffee Table book: <i>Dominica, an Invitation to Indulge</i>	25 th	The book features the works of Eve’s Photo Inc’s photographers along with contributions from other local photographers. The book along with a screen saver and a deck of cards captures the cultural heritage, local cuisine, people and faces, festivals, sceneries, architecture, flora and fauna and the quality of life in Dominica.
HIV-AIDS Gala	26 th	HIV/AIDS promotional feature drawing greater awareness to the disease, its management and its consequences in Dominica.

Thursday, January 03, 2008

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February 2008
“Carnival and Cultural Industries”



ACTIVITIES	DATE	NOTES/ COMMENTS
Launch of Dominica Social Security 30 th Anniversary Celebrations	1 st	Celebrations of the 30 th Anniversary year of operations in Dominica
Convent High School 150 th Anniversary Mass	2 nd	Mass followed by a march through Roseau by past and present students. A 150 th Year Commemorative Plaque will also be unveiled
CALYPSO FINALS	2 nd	Calypso King finals featuring the top ten calypsonians competing for the National Reunion 2008 Carnival Crown
KIDDIES' OLD MAS	3 rd	Special carnival showcasing children parade
Reunion of the Carnivals	3 rd	A National Carnival Costume Parade highlighting the array of costumes used over the past years by bands, carnival queens and calypso kings along with individuals such as Andy Carty. The Reunion will encourage the various nations/nationalities to have a Parade called <i>‘The People Who Came.’</i>
MISS DOMINICA PAGEANT	1 st	Miss Dominica Pageant featuring seven young ladies from around Dominica competing for the National Queen Pageant 2008 Carnival Crown.
CARNIVAL STREET JUMP-UP	4 th & 5 th	Two days of REAL MAS Bacchanal on the streets of towns and villages across Dominica, showcasing carnival costumes parade on Monday and the traditional Masquerade Competition on Tuesday.
Dominica Vs Barbados	6 th	World Cup Soccer qualifier between Dominica and Barbados at the Windsor Park Sports Stadium.
NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON CULTURAL INDUSTRIES: (a) SYMPOSIUM: Cultural Industries in Dominica- Carnival/ Festivals, Craft, Performing Arts (b) RADIO & TV PANEL DISCUSSION		A workshop focusing on Dominica’s festivals, art, craft, theatrical performances, and music. It will bring together artistes, play-writers, composers entertainers, songwriters, calypsonians, organizers, events managers to share ideas on how Dominica’s’ cultural industries can be used to effectively communicate, cultivate and engender national identity and contribute to economic and national development.
REENACTMENT OF THE REVOLT OF 8TH WI REGIMENT		Theatrical reenactment of the Revolt of the 8 th West Indian Regiment of the CABRITS organized by SHAPE.
PANEL DISCUSSION ON VILLAGE FEASTS & CULTURAL RENEWAL		National Forum to evaluate the state of village-based culture and Community Feasts Days with the aim of developing a strategy to revitalize those village Feasts.
Roseau Street Fest		Second street festival event aimed at increasing awareness of Dominica’s musical arts: calypso, bouyon, reggae, gospel, soca along with food, drink, crafts

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March 2008
“Sports, Health and Wellness”



ACTIVITIES	DATE	DESCRIPTION
KFC CUP CRICKET MATCH	7 th -10 th	Regional First Class Four-Day Cricket match at the National Stadium, Windsor Park: TRINIDAD Vs. WINDWARDS
Schools Sports Festival	TBA	
WEST INDIES UNDER 15 CRICKET COMPETITION	TBA	WICB Under 15 cricket completion at the Peoples' Stadium at Windsor Park
CRICKET MASTERS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT	TBA	Limited-overs cricket tournaments with a one-day sightseeing/RR intervening period. The first tournament will be between Dominican Greats and a masters' team made up of cricketers from the Windward/Leeward. The second tournament could be a mixed affair, open to West Indian Greats from outside the OECS.
International Women's Day	8 th	International Women's Day (IWD) is the global day connecting all women around the world and inspiring them to achieve their full potential. IWD celebrates the collective power of women past, present and future.
PANEL DISCUSSION ON MAJOR CHRONIC DISEASES AND MENTAL HEALTH		Panel and lecture focusing on the major chronic diseases
LAUNCH FITNESS HIKES PROGRAMME WITH FOCUS ON THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN WATERFALLS		Launching of the monthly fitness hike to one of 'Seven Magnificent Waterfalls' in Dominica in Dominica. The activity seeks to encourage nature hikes as a healthy lifestyle activity while promoting our beautiful waterfalls. There will be seven hikes from March –September.
Launch of National Bank of Dominica's 30 th Anniversary Celebrations	14 th	Celebrations of the 30 th Anniversary year of providing financial services in Dominica
Students' Exchange : Guadeloupe Nestor De Kermadec College	12 th – 15 th	French students' exchange visit with activities involving discussions with Political and Cultural Leaders
World Water Day - UN	22 nd	The international observance of World Water Day is an initiative that grew out of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro. Countries are asked to devote the Day to implement the UN recommendations and set up concrete activities as deemed appropriate in the national context.

Harlem Veterans Masters Football Tournament	21 st & 22 nd	A two-day tournament at the Newtown Savannah attracting teams from Martinique, St. Croix, and Dominica consisting of players thirty-eight years and over aimed at providing activities to encourage participation of middle-aged persons in sports specifically Football.
WESLEY REUNION	23 rd	Launching of the Reunion with an Easter Prayer March at 03:00 a.m. through the village and an ecumenical service at 05:00 p.m. with a opening ceremony at the Four Roads intersection.
Village Excursions	24 th	Nation-wide Easter Monday village visits and family picnic.
Roseau Street Fest		Third month event aimed at increasing awareness of Dominica's musical arts: gospel along with food, drink, crafts in keeping with the celebrations of Lent.
JOUNEE BOD L'AVERE		Initiation of the river enhancement programme in which each district will select a specific pool or picnic spot on the river to clean-up, and create a picnic area with restroom, benches and bath spots. A River designated to each District on that day, area will be cleaned, cooking at the river etc.
HERB TEA DAY-JOURNAY DEETAY FEYE		A special day celebrating Dominica's Biodiversity aimed at providing support for its budding herbal industry and to promote the use of local teas in healthy lifestyles

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April 2008
“Renewal and Spirituality”



ACTIVITIES	DATE	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
WESLEY REUNION	6 th	Closing of the Wesley reunion with events such as Achievement Day, Gala and Awards Ceremony with an ending Band Splash on Londonderry Park.
DOMFESTA		National arts festival showcases theatrical and dance performances, concerts, and artistic workshops geared at developing local artistic expressions. The programme commences in April and runs through to June 2008.
HAITIAN VINTAGE FESTIVAL		A cultural and musical celebration of the contributions and relationship shared between Dominica’s Diasporic Haitians and the people of Dominica featuring the visit of President Preval and a musical concert.
NATIONAL HIKE		Second National Hike to Waterfall
PUBLIC LECTURE ON “VISIONARY THINKING”		A review of Dominica’s development strategy in the context world affairs, the OCES and regional integration.
Schools’ Science Fair	22 nd – 28 th	National Schools Science Fair depicting the innovative and creative minds of the pupils of primary schools through an exhibition of their inventions, scientific theory applications or practical solutions to some of our everyday challenges and problems.
Administrative Professionals Day	23 rd	Dominica Association of Administrative Professionals will host a Special Luncheon, where employees show appreciation to their Administrative Professionals. Rev Wes Hall will be the featured speaker.
Roseau Street Fest		Forth month event aimed at increasing awareness of Dominica’s musical arts: calypso, bouyon, reggae, gospel, soca along with food, drink, crafts
Launching of VOLUNTEERISM Programme hosted by the President		A special programme stimulate resurgence of the spirit of volunteerism in community in the pursuit of national development
REGIONAL FORESTRY CONFERENCE	28 th	Opening Day of the Foresters’ Regional conference and expose on Forestry with the aim to explore Dominica’s forests and its ecotourism potential

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May 2008
“Enhancing Community Tourism”



ACTIVITIES	DATE	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
TOURISM & LOCAL GOVERNMENT MONTH: Focus on Tourism & Community Development activities		Special programme of activities organized through the collaborative efforts of the Hotel & Tourism Association, the Ministry of Tourism and the Discover Dominica and Local Government Authorities.
FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH/ MAY DAY	1 st	St. Joseph is honored by the Feast of St. Joseph the Workman, celebrated as the Patron of the Universal Church and May Day, a national holiday of Trade Unions and workers.
REGIONAL FORESTRY CONFERENCE	2 nd	Closing Day of the Foresters’ Regional conference and expose on Forestry with the aim to explore Dominica’s forests and its ecotourism potential
Marigot Festival	2 nd – 5 th	Celebrations and festivities organized by the Marigot Development Corporation
LECTURE – “EMPOWERING LOCAL COMMUNITIES”		Special lecture on the role and impact of local government authorities in the socio-economic and political development of Dominica.
DOMFESTA: Dominica Art Exhibition	6 th	National arts festival showcases theatrical and dance performances, concerts, and artistic workshops geared at developing local artistic expressions. It involves expositions of pictures, drawings, video, sound, installation, performance, interactive art or sculptures by individual artists, groups of artists or collections of a specific form of art organized by the Cultural Division featuring artist from Dominica and other Caribbean Islands.
ZION PRAISE GOSPEL EXPLOSION	11 th	The celebrations of Dominica’s unique spiritual and religious talents through song, dance, and preaching by a combination of local, regional and international renown artists, preachers and other religious personalities.
FÊTE ISIDORE	9 th – 12 th	Saint Isidore the Labourer, also known as Isidore the Farmer, (c. 1070–May 15, 1130), was a Spanish day laborer known for his goodness toward the poor and animals. The feast is a farmers’ celebration since he is the Catholic patron saint of farmers.
GIRAUDEL FLOWER SHOW	12 th – 14 th	Giraudel Flower Group organized (horticultural) floral exhibition showcasing the wide range of floral arrangements, potted plants, and the various home and garden plants grown in Dominica
Pentecost Day (Whitsunday)	14 th	Church Feast to commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus as described in the Book of Acts.
World Information Society Day –UN: MEDIA TRAINING	17 th	Programme aimed at building capacity within Dominica’s Media through support and training by CARICOM Secretariat Communications Advisor Mr. Carlton James.

LAUNCHING OF THE CHATEL HOUSE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT		Focus on Point Michel to Mahaut houses and that involves painting / repairs and enhancement of the streets
Launch of National Emblems Programme		Activity to launch a revised edition of President Signoret's Book on Emblems
SYMPOSIUM FOCUSING ON NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT IN TOURISM		An academic forum on Dominica's tourism product and how it can be enhanced, packaged, and promoted in the search for and development of new opportunities in tourism.
Roseau Street Fest		5 th RSF Committee Festival aimed at increasing awareness of Dominica's musical arts: calypso, bouyon, reggae, gospel, soca along with food, drink, crafts
Legends Heritage Event (Symposium and Concert)	30 th & 31 st	Teyat PAWOL / UWI organized event to recognize the contributions of Legendary Dominican Artists/Musicians to our celebrated cultural and artistic heritage.
National Reunion Hike: # 3		Third National Hike to the Waterfall
African Liberation Day	23 rd	A day of celebration of the many achievements and victories of African people worldwide and a rededication to their current struggle for freedom, justice and unity.
UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER: DISTANCE LEARNING EDUCATION GRADUATION CEREMONY	31 st	Education for Advancement (E _r A) Inaugural Regional Graduation for distant education programme in the OECS and Barbados.

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June 2008 Activities “The Environment”



ACTIVITIES	DATE	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION MONTH		Traditional Pre-school month celebrations involving visits, trips, parties and special activities highlighting pre-schoolers and early childhood educators in Dominica.
Book Launch – Mrs. Viela Bruney		
FÊTE MAWIN – GRAND T'ANSE PORTSMOUTH YACHT REGATA		Portsmouth main festivities featuring a Yacht Regata, beach activities, music, fish, local foods and drinks.
Sport Fishing Tournament		Dominica Watersports Association annual sports fishing tournament
Energy Conference		Educational and promotional activities bringing to focus Dominica's Energy & alternative energy issues.
Environmental Awareness & Promotions		ECU
Feast of St. Anthony	13 th	Celebrations of the Patron Saint of elderly people, travelers, and the oppressed in the community of Toucari.
University of the West Indies Awards Fundraising Dinner	21 st	Annual awards dinner organized by UWI Alumni (Dominica)
Roseau Street Fest		6 th RSF Committee Festival aimed at increasing awareness of Dominica's musical arts: calypso, bouyon, reggae, gospel, soca along with food, drink, crafts
Non-Communicable Disease Awareness Programme		Documentaries on hygiene and non-communicable diseases featured in the media by the Health Promotions Department
NATIONAL REUNION HIKE		Forth National Hike featuring Waterfall
Vilaj Teyat	June 29 th - July 6 th	An event to embrace the artistic expression of Dominica's Alex Bruno Teyat PAWOL initiative. The idea is to get all the major players in the ART under one Reunion Umbrella at the Peoples Park in Roseau. The event will take the form of a day time family event with major theatrical highlights each evening.

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July Activities

“New Opportunities for Employment: New Media, Film and Informatics”



ACTIVITIES	DATE	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
ICT Week: Publication in ICT & Development & Panel Discussion		Series of activities to highlight the role of ICTs in Dominica’s development including a special panel on the status of the Caribbean’s CKLL project headed by Ken Sylvester.
St. Peter’s Feast		The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul is a feast commemorating the martyrdom at Rome of the two great Apostles observed on June 29. In Dominica St. Peter’s Feast is celebrated in Calibishie and Calihaut between June 29 th and July 12 th as a Patron of Fishermen.
Training on the Production of TV Documentaries		Short Course at the Dominica State College in the Production of TV Documentaries targeting young persons interested in media, performing arts, and journalism.
Youth Sports Camp		Sports Division lead summer camp featuring local sports personalities conducting training camps in the various fields of sports.
Dive Fest 2008	11 th – 19 th	Dive Fest is the longest running Scuba Diving Festival in the Caribbean. Dive Fest 2008 will be the 15th consecutive year that the Dominica Watersports Association has presented this event which provides whale watching deals, special dive packages snorkeling picnics, canoe racing, and marine educational tours.
” PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION”		Special exposition presenting pictures, by individual artists, groups of artists or collections of a specific form of photographic art in an attempt to produce truthful, objective, and usually candid photography of a particular subject
Youth Training Camp In Film		Focus on young persons telling their stories in film Film Commission
Feast of ST. ANNE	25 th - 27 th	Massacre Parish Feast celebrating the Feast of the Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary the patron saint of homemakers/housewives, poverty and pregnancy.
Roseau Street Fest		7 th RSF Committee Festival aimed at increasing awareness of Dominica’s musical arts: calypso, bouyon, reggae, gospel, soca along with food, drink, crafts
2 nd Vieille Case Reunion	28 th	Opening day of the ‘Children of Itassi’ Reunion celebrations. The reunion is centered on the theme: CELEBRATING OUR LEADERS , highlighting the contributions of Vieille Case to the Spiritual, Political, Educational, and Cultural Leaders in Dominica.
NATIONAL REUNION HIKE		Fifth National Hike Featuring Waterfall

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Programme of Activities
August 2008
Theme –“Emancipation Heroes and Survivors”



ACTIVITIES	DATE	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
Emancipation Celebration Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emancipation Day Celebration • Lecture on Emancipation • Emancipation Hike 	1 st – 7 th	In the first week of August, the National Cultural Council and the Cultural Division organize a sequence of events to commemorate Emancipation Day , recognized on August 1 st .
National Rabbit Festival	3 rd	Cochrane Improvement Committee’s celebrations of Rabbits Foods, Husbandry, Stories and other attractions forming a grand agricultural, culinary and agritourism feast in a rural community setting.
2 nd Vieille Case Reunion	4 th	Closing of the first session of the ‘Children of Itassi’ Reunion celebrations
WEEK OF KALINAGO PEOPLE - UN INT’L DAY OF WORLD’S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE	9 th	Special celebrations of our indigenous populations particularly our Kalinago people in Dominica.
International Youth Day – UN	12 th	Around the world young people organize concerts, workshops, cultural events, fund-raisers, rallies and meetings that involve national and local government officials, youth organizations and young people. International Youth day is on August 12 each year. It was designated by the United Nations in 1999 by the adoption of resolution 54/120
FETE KAICHÉ		Trafalgar annual village festival of prayer, fun and games organized by the Village Council.
Castle Bruce Feast	15 th	Feast of the Lady of the Assumption celebrated by the Catholic Church in the Community of Castle Bruce; special activities organized by the village council will take place following the grand Mass at the Village Church.
Roseau Street Fest		8 th RSF Committee Festival aimed at increasing awareness of Dominica’s musical arts: calypso, bouyon, reggae, gospel, soca along with food, drink, crafts
Penville Feast	16 th	Penville Village Council feast celebrations centered on St. John Bosco the only Saint with the title "Father and Teacher of Youth."
Int’l Day for Remembrance of the Slave Trade & its Abolition – UN:	23 rd	Special day commemorating the abolition of the slave trade.

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Programme of Activities
September 2008
Theme – “Agriculture, Science, and Technology”



ACTIVITIES	DATE	DESCRIPTION
LAUNCH OF “BUY LOCAL” CAMPAIGN	1 st	Yearlong campaign promoting and marketing Dominican products and services aimed at drawing greater awareness among the populace and soliciting their support for local entrepreneurs through domestic market sales.
INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY –UN: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOOK FEST 2008 • CONFERENCE • SCHOOL READING DAY 	8 th	National Book festival highlighting the contributions of local authors, writers, and editors. The festival will see the launching of the New edition of the Nations Series “Dominica, Nature Island of the Caribbean.” Book sales, readings, literacy conferences along with exposure of new and youthful local writers will be the focus of a three-day festival on literacy.
FARMERS’ WEEK	1 st -7 th	A celebration of famers’ contribution to Dominica’s development and highlighting the programme of activities aimed at modernizing the farming sector in Dominica. Special programs focusing on Youth in Agriculture and the work of NAYA will be brought to focus. Organized by the Division of Agriculture.
FORESTERS’ WEEK	8 th – 14 th	Similar activities as the farmers’ week however focus will be on Foresters’ and Wildlife and parks personnel, Carpenters and other forestry stakeholders in Dominica. Organized by the Forestry, Parks and Wildlife Division.
Int’l Ozone Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer -UN	16 th	ECU organized event with speeches and PSAs on the relationship to climate change and environmental protection.
INDEPENDENCE GRAND OPENING GALA	21 st	The Official Opening of the 30 th Anniversary of Independence Celebrations through a grand Gala showcasing Dominica’s Best in Culture, performing arts, music, and songs.
FISHERS’ WEEK	15 th – 21 th	Similar activities as the farmers, week however focus will be on marine activities, fishers, fisheries division personnel, the fishing industry and its linkages to sports and other forestry stakeholders in Dominica. Organized by the Fisheries Division.
PRISON SERVICES OUTREACH		Open Day Exhibition and visits by entertainers and high profile Personalities to Dominica’s Prisoners. Special visit by Government officials and families of incarcerated men and women.

UN MOCK ASSEMBLY	UN Day	Mock Assembly organized by the Min. Foreign Affairs, the Speaker of the House, and the DSC mimicking the UN Assembly proceedings while allowing for focal dialogue on important issues affecting life in Dominica and Dominican in the Diaspora.
WEEK OF KALINAGO PEOPLE - UN INT'L DAY OF WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE		Special celebrations of our indigenous populations particularly our Kalinago people in Dominica.
Roseau Street Fest		9 th RSF Committee Festival aimed at increasing awareness of Dominica's musical arts: calypso, bouyon, reggae, gospel, soca along with food, drink, crafts
Caribbean Youth Day		Youth Division/NYC
National Reunion Hike		DDA
Paix Bouche/Dos'Dane 2008 Reconnection	21 st	A reunion 2008 activity organized by the Paix-Bouche/Dos'Dane communities with the aim of 're-energizing of our people at home and abroad to celebrate the community's achievements and strengthen ties for future development beyond 2008.'
Maroons' Day	24 th	

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Programme of Activities

October 2008

Theme –“Celebrating Our Identity; Fabric of the Past, Tapestry of the Future”



ACTIVITIES	DATE	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
International Day of Older Persons –UN: Honoring our Elders	1 st	Special activities of recognition of Senior Citizens with special attention to our centenarians organized by the Council on Aging in collaboration with the National Bank of Dominica.
World Habitat Day-UN	1 st	
Unsung Heroes	4 th	First Caribbean Int'l Bank Unsung Heroes Award Ceremony
World Teachers' Day	6 th	Day of appreciation of our teachers: Teachers under the guidance of their respective associations have special activities of recognition.
World Post Day – UN: Launch of Parish Codes	9 th	Official launch of Parish codes and release of reunion 2008 and 30 th Anniversary of Independence commemorative stamps
NATIONAL EXPO 2008		Official Opening Ceremony of the Reunion 2008 National Expo organized to stimulate trade and expand the volume of exports of Dominica's products. It will involve the participation of foreign businesses and investors while creating a forum for meaningful business interactions and transactions among key industry stakeholders, suppliers, agents. It will raise awareness of locally produced goods and create the opportunities to develop new strategic partnerships among participants.
Dominica History Week	6 th – 10 th	Cultural Division's hosted activities focusing on Dominica's History.
WORLD FOOD DAY	16 th	World Food Day was proclaimed in 1979 by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). It marks the date of the founding of FAO in 1945. The aim of the Day is to heighten public awareness of the world food problem and strengthen solidarity in the struggle against hunger, malnutrition and poverty. In 1980, the General Assembly endorsed observance of the Day in consideration of the fact that "food is a requisite for human survival and well-being and a fundamental human necessity" (resolution 35/70 of 5 December 1980).
CULINARY FESTIVAL "CELEBRATING DOMINICAN CUISINE": CONFERENCE / EXHIBITION ON DOMINICA CUISINE	15 th – 17 th	Celebrations of the diversity and variety of the local cuisine through a grand festival showcasing the chefs, cooks, mum's kitchen recipes, foods, and beverages that defines the Dominican Creole Cuisine. A number of Diasporic chefs and other renowned international chefs will display their skills while discussions on Dominicans' eating habits, nutrition and health will be brought into focus.
International Credit Union Day	17 th	Special day highlighting the socio-economic contributions made by the Credit Union Movement in Dominica with highlights on the current state of small Credit unions, in respect to the issue of mergers and the regulatory framework

		promulgated through new proposed financial services regulations in Dominica
St. Joseph Reunion (Senjoreunion)	17 th	Official opening of 'Senjoreunion' highlighting the launching of the Reunion Magazine, the opening of the reunion Exhibition and trade Show culminating with a Cultural Show at 07:00 p.m.
Layou Village Fish Nite	18 th	Special fish night activity organized as part of the Senjoreunion celebrations at Layou where fish, food and drink will be the prized outing for all in the heart of the Independence celebrations.
DAAS SOCCER TOURNAMENT	19 th	Official opening of a Grand Soccer Tournament between diasporic organizations youth teams
Paix Bouche/Dos'Dane Reunion	24 th	Formal end of the Paix-Bouche reconnection
WORLD CREOLE MUSIC FESTIVAL	24 – 26 th	Dominica Festivals Commission
MARKET DAY WITH A DIFFERENCE	25 th	Special Market Day highlighting the cultural heritage and touristic linkages with agriculture, foods and health while showcasing the artistic and creativity among vendors, hucksters and other small enterprise owners in the famers' market square at the Roseau Market.
Pointe Michel Reunion		Pointe Michel Reunion Committee official launch of the Village reunion
HERITAGE DAY	26 th	Heritage Day , held in a different village every year, is a celebration of the village's uniqueness; the people and aspects that make that village what it is. It is a day of appreciation where awards are given to outstanding individuals in that community. A cultural elder recognition is a highlight of the day.
St. Joseph Reunion	26 th	Official closing of Senjoreunion celebrated with Thanksgiving Mass and Services throughout the churches in St. Joseph and Layou. A Beach Bash at MERO will see the end of the Senjoreunion festivities and celebrations.
CREOLE IN THE PARK	27 th	Cable & Wireless grand Creole celebrations of Creole food, drinks, entertainment in the Botanical Gardens in Roseau.
NATIONAL YOUTH RALLY	30 th	Spectacular parade of uniformed youth groups and all schools in Dominica with an awards ceremony and exhortations from the Prime Minister, Minister of Youth Affairs and local celebrity young people in Dominica.
CREOLE COUPLE PAGEANT	30 th	Cultural Division's Traditional show piece of National Wob Dwiyet featuring couples.
CREOLE DAY	31 st	International Day in recognition of the Creole culture with special emphasis on the National attire, foods, and speech unique of Dominica.
NATIONAL REUNION PAGEANT	31 st	International style pageant drawing contestants from Dominica's Disapora

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November 2008

Theme –“Independence and Development: Linking the Diaspora”



ACTIVITIES	DATE	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
Ville Case Reunion	1 st	Formal Closing of the Second Part of the ‘Children of Itassi’ Reunion Celebrations
Independence Celebrations: National Day of Prayer	2 nd	National Day of Prayer Message is read throughout all the Churches on the island
Prime Minister’s Report to the Nation	3 rd	The PM’s Official Address to the Nation on the Occasion of the 30 th Anniversary of Independence
President’s Parade	3 rd	Parade of uniformed groups & presentation of national awards
GRAND CLOSING CULTURAL GALA	3 rd	Grand formal closing of Independence Celebrations
NATIONAL DAY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE: Designated “Koudmen Day”	4 th	A day dedicated to the implementation of community projects by volunteers Local Government Department
INDEPENDENCE CARNIVAL	5 th	Special Carnival organized for All Dominicans who did not have the opportunity to enjoy regular Carnival in early 2008. It involves traditional Mass depicting the way in which we celebrated our Unique Carnival in Dominica.
National Reunion Hike		Final National Hike
MISS CARIBBEAN WOB DWIYET PAGEANT	15 th	Pageant highlighting Dominica’s national dress with participants from the Caribbean & Dominican Diaspora organized by the Cultural Division
Roseau Street Fest		11 th RSF Committee Festival aimed at increasing awareness of Dominica’s musical arts: calypso, bouyon, reggae, gospel, soca along with food, drink, crafts
World Diabetes Day – UN	Nov 14	
DIASPORA WEEK: LAUNCH OF DIASPORA CENTER AND POLICY		Official commissioning of the Center for Diaspora Affairs by the Ministry of Diaspora Affairs with special session of Visiting Dominicans and CABINET focusing on the implementation of the policy on Diaspora
People’s Action Theatre (Reunion)		Members and fans of the People’s Action Theatre special reunion event
LAUNCH OF “WATER EXPERIENCE” EXHIBITION		Special Water base theme park launching
Public Service Week		Celebration of a week of activities highlighting the role and contributions of the Public with special emphasis on customer service, deportment and attire and overall work ethics in the Public service sector.
Feast of St. Andrew	30 th	Parish Church feast Celebrations in Ville Case

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December 2008
Theme –“Thanksgiving and Vision 2020”



ACTIVITIES	DATE	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
Voluntary HIV Counseling & Testing Day – UN	1 st	HIV/AIDS Response programme
Reunion Calypso Monarch Concert	1 st	Calypso competition and concert featuring the past 30 yrs Calypso Kings (1978-2008) support music from the Government Music Lovers Band. The winner takes 30!
Feast of St. John the Apostle		
LAUNCH OF “WATER EXPERIENCE” EXHIBITION		Launching of a special theme park depicting Dominica’s water-scapes, uses, songs, features, and potential.
Christmas Day	25 th	Celebrations of the feast of Christ Birth.
Boxing Day	26 th	
Queen of the Seniors - Pageant		Council on Aging organized Seniors Pageant
Roseau Street Fest		12 th RSF Committee Festival aimed at increasing awareness of Dominica’s musical arts: calypso, bouyon, reggae, gospel, soca along with food, drink, crafts, steelpan and the Music Lovers Band.
The Dame Eugenia Lecture		University of the West Indies
Unveiling of Monument		First Caribbean International Bank
BETTER & SUSTAINABLE VILLAGE COMPETITION CLOSING		Awards Ceremony for Better Village Competition
Dance-A-Thon		Special gospel performing arts festival in Portsmouth
Reunion Thanksgiving Service		Dominica Christian Council and Evangelical Council organized Christmas Choirs Cantata and Music Festival featuring musicians and church groups around Dominica. The event will be the official closing of reunion 2008 Year of activities involving an ecumenical Prayer service and the presentation of the 20/20 Vision Plan for Dominica.