**Mission**

Eccopoli is a non-government organization (NGO) that aims at identifying important needs within vulnerable communities in Haiti, Mexico and other countries in the region. These identified needs can eventually lead to important changes in public policy issues. Working with communities at the grass root level, Eccopoli is an important actor in catalyzing change and progress, through economic and political development.

Working through our three pillars, Rule of Law-Human Rights, Sustainable Development, and Gender-equality, Eccopoli funds projects to improve communities in these three areas. In Haiti, there are ongoing developments to fund water filters for communities that lack potable water. There are also ongoing developments to fund Gender-equality projects, such as conferences promoting “The Eradication of all Kinds of Violence Against Women”, and other conferences where members of the community attend talks given by women leaders, in which also Governors, Mayors, Women Organizations, Civil Society and Academia participate. In the third pillar of Rule-of-Law-Human-Rights, Eccopoli brings together judges, mayors, local police, crime prevention organizations and against human trafficking, United Nations Police (UNPOL), when a UN Mission is present, Civil Society and communities where the incidence of crime is high, to discuss the best way to implement Rule-of-Law initiatives and involve the police in the community.

Eccopoli functions in the following way: First, issues of importance are defined with the help of the communities, and once such issues that require intervention are identified, Eccopoli through the allocation of different sources of funding, comes in and develops projects to aid the community in question solve its problem. Examples of these issues are: Haitian communities struggling with insufficient funds so that Rule of Law can be effective, insufficient funds to end Gender Based Violence, and insufficient funds for environmental projects.

Eccopoli also undertakes the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the United Nations for 2030. The aim of the NGO is to implement one project within the seventeen (17) SDG each year until 2030. Eccopoli is currently striving to be a strong actor and to act as a catalyst for change by prioritizing the SDGs, abiding by the framework they set in their structure.

**How Eccopoli Started:**

The first idea of conceiving Eccopoli began in 2009. Eccopoli became a reality after a journey of more than a decade around the globe by its founders, a group of world travelers living out an extraordinary life story.

Graduates from Columbia University, London School of Economics, Stanford University, the University of Toronto, and the University of California, among others, the founders look at the world through the eyes of compassionate environmental, policy, design, rule-of-law and human-rights scientists. Eccopoli is a project that was born out of this passion to do something for the world; to establish the grounds for a contribution to peace and development in the world. Through sharing these ideas for human-rights, environmental remediation, rule-of-law, and gender initiatives, these progressive actions, propositions and policy initiatives may become a resounding echo sent out to make waves in worldwide policy efforts, from that derives the name **echo poli: Eccopoli**

Eccopoli shares propositions to improve the conditions of communities worldwide.