

Position Statement for the JCP Executive Committee: Dominican Republic JUG

Summary

The Dominican Republic Java User Group (JUG), also known as Java Dominicano, was founded in February 2014 and formally established as a non-profit organization in 2023.

Our community of over 300 members is dedicated to fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing around Java technologies. We organize monthly sessions with local and international speakers, and our flagship event, **JConf Dominicana**, stands as the Caribbean's only Java conference. Beyond our borders, we actively collaborate with Latin American JUGs through initiatives such as **JDK Fundamental Talks** and the **Zero to Hero Java Bootcamp**.

If elected, our representatives will prioritize education and the empowerment of the next generation of Java developers, ensuring that the Caribbean's voice is heard in the global Java ecosystem.

History & Detailed Position

The Dominican Republic JUG was founded in February 2014 with a clear mission: to create a space where developers could learn from each other, collaborate, and make a tangible impact on the local and regional tech landscape. Our commitment to education and community building has driven our growth and influence.

JConf Dominicana:

JConf Dominicana is our annual conference, designed to showcase the latest advancements in the Java ecosystem, from JVM languages and web development to mobile and cloud technologies. As the only Java conference in the Caribbean, it has become a vital platform for innovation and networking. The 2026 edition attracted **215 registered attendees**, reinforcing its role as a cornerstone for the region's developer community. Since its launch in 2019, JConf Dominicana has hosted six successful editions, bridging the academic, business, and government sectors.

Java in Education:

Education is at the heart of our mission. We have long championed initiatives to promote Java adoption and support students in overcoming learning barriers. Our active participation in the **Java in Education Working Group** (since 2023) led to the group receiving the **2024 JCP Award in the Java Education category**—a testament to our impact. We also collaborate with Latin American JUGs on **JDK Fundamental Talks**, a monthly virtual series co-hosted by 10 JUGs, and serve on the program

committee for the **Zero to Hero Java Bootcamp**, a 13-week initiative involving six JUGs.

Our engagement extends to discussions, workshops, blogs, and open-source contributions. Our leadership team's commitment to the Java ecosystem is reflected in their individual recognitions: **Eudris Cabrera** was named a **Java Champion** in March 2024—the first in the Caribbean—and **Freddy Peña** was recognized as a **Vaadin Champion** in November 2024, highlighting our dedication to open source and the broader Java community. **Brayan Muñoz** is an Oracle ACE Associate.

The Team

Our leadership team includes **Eudris Cabrera, Carlos Camacho, Brayan Muñoz, Freddy Peña, Eliezer Herrera, and Rafael Almonte**, each bringing unique expertise and a shared passion for Java and community growth.

Our Commitments

If elected to the JCP Executive Committee, we commit to:

- **Advance Java Education:** Develop and expand educational programs, workshops, and resources to nurture new talent in the region.
- **Foster Open Collaboration:** Strengthen ties with local and international communities, promoting the exchange of knowledge and best practices.
- **Bridge Local and Global Initiatives:** Ensure that the Caribbean's perspective is represented in global Java discussions, contributing to the future of the platform.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Brayan Muñoz

Eudris Cabrera

Freddy Peña

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