

# *Cuba Celebrates National Science Day*

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Havana, January 15 (RHC)-- Cuba celebrates Monday its National Science Day, with over five thousand projects of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) currently underway to overcome the complex and various challenges the island faces.

“Some 200 scientific centers and 52 universities are currently focused in the quest of a greater link between its scientific findings with the economy and society”, Armando Rodriguez, STI Director at the Ministry of Science, Technology and Technology told Prensa Latina.

In Cuba there are currently 30 national science, technology and innovation programs, associated with the country's priorities. In 2017 there were two additions to the programs, one devoted to the Cuban and Latin American cultural Identity, and another on Nanoscience and Nanotechnology.

According to Rodriguez, during 2018 the science sector will do its best to take advantage of the financing allotted to it, which he said has been substantially increased.

Rodriguez added that human and animal food production, sustainable energy development, the automation and computerization of society, and climate change adaptation are top priorities of the Cuban scientific community as well as the conscious use of natural resources and the preparation of biotechnology products and vaccines.

With regard to global warming and climate change, Rodríguez said that Cuba has designed a National Strategy, Life Task is its name, to address the consequences of this natural phenomenon that that was presented to UNESCO last October by Elba Rosa Pérez, Cuban minister of Science, Technology and the Environment.

Cuban Science Day was established on January 15, 1990 to mark the 30th anniversary of the famous remark by the historic leader of the Revolution, Fidel Castro, in which he assured that "The future of our country must necessarily be a future of men and women of Science."

At present, the scientific sector on the island has more than one million graduates and 943 Doctors of Science per one million inhabitants, and more than 50 percent of its workers are women.

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