

# *Association of Caribbean States summit underway in Nicaragua*

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Managua, March 29 (RHC)-- The Association of Caribbean States (ACS) is holding its 8th summit meeting in Nicaragua on Friday. The Cuban delegation is being led by President Miguel Diaz-Canel.

The Vice President of Nicaragua Rosario Murillo welcomed the official delegations in Managua. "We want to greet in a special way all the delegations that are arriving for the 25th Anniversary Meeting of the Association of Caribbean States," Murillo said in a message.

Delegates from 25 member countries of ACS and nine partners have arrived on Thursday for the two-day summit to work on a plan of action for the coming years. One of the main issues to be addressed is climate change and vulnerability to it.

Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez wrote on Twitter: "The ACS Ministerial Meeting has begun. Cuba reiterates its commitment with the Greater Caribbean and defends principles enshrined in Proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a Zone of Peace, and underlines the importance of dialogue, coordination and cooperation in the face of common challenges and threats."

The ACS -- the Association of Caribbean States -- is composed of Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Dominican Republic, San Cristobal and Nieves,

Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela.

Associated States are Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, Guadeloupe, French Guiana, British Virgin Islands, Martinique, Saba Island, Saint Barthelemy, Saint Martin (French), Saint Eustatius and Saint Martin (Dutch).

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