

# *Cuba Develops Renewable Energy Sources*

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Havana, July 15 (RHC) -- The Vice President of the World Wind Energy Association Conrado Moreno said that Cuba expects to generate 633 megawatts of wind energy and 700 of solar energy, while developing hydro-energy which will contribute 56 megawatts.

However, the executive said that in order to achieve sustainable development based on renewable energy sources, Cuba must consider the availability of each resource, the technology to be used and the consensus of decision-takers in the sector.

According to the Cuban Energy and Mining Ministry, Cuba has 34,000 renewable energy facilities, including heaters, solar panels, bio-gas and brick ovens burning bio-mass; these are joined by hydroelectric plants, turbo generators, boilers and wind farms.

The Cuban government has prioritized the use of renewable energy sources to change the current energy pattern in the country, particularly to generate power replacing fossil fuels.

By late 2012, renewable energy sources translated into more than 26 percent of the whole world energy production capacity and 21.7 percent of the global electricity output.

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