

Even in a complex situation, Cuba continues special relationship with Africa

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The broad prospects of Cuban medical assistance to patients suffering from diabetes in Mozambique, with the possibility of assisting others in the region, stands out among the points discussed during the visit of President Miguel Diaz-Canel to African countries.

Mozambique was one of the nations visited by the Antillean head of state, along with Namibia, Angola and South Africa, in the latter, invited to participate in the fifteenth summit of the BRICS group of emerging economies.

The stop in Maputo, the capital, was one of the sites of the tour because Cuba, which has graduated 105 health professionals from Mozambique, plays a decisive role in the Diabetic Center.

It is an institution with state-of-the-art technology, expected to become a reference for the region, thanks to the advice provided by specialists from the Caribbean nation.

The project, to which part of the 360 Cuban professionals in white coats on mission in Mozambique pay tribute, illustrates Havana's objectives in the so-called black continent.

The same altruistic purposes were evident in Angola, where the Cuban President began his tour.

Three agreements were signed there on the regulation of medicines, tourism and joint work between special development zones.

A promising future was outlined during Díaz-Canel's stay in Namibia, where health has also been the strong point of collaboration for more than 30 years of exchanges.

From the talks held in Winhoed, the capital, there is a glimpse of an increase in Cuba's services to Namibia in construction, information technology, robotics, culture and sports.

In addition to his public interventions in Luanda, Maputo and Winhoed, the President of the Republic of Cuba made a significant speech in Johannesburg, South Africa, at the fifteenth BRICS Summit. Invited because Cuba holds the presidency of the Group of 77 plus China, the dignitary enumerated aspects defended by that group of nations and the largest of the Antilles.

The Head of State recalled how the real transformation of the current international financial architecture, described by him as deeply unfair, anachronistic and dysfunctional, is a historical claim. So Cuba has just taken its voice again to Africa and the rest of the world, including the BRICS meeting, and has reiterated its willingness to collaborate even in the midst of the U.S. economic blockade.

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