

# *Costa Rican President says the People will Take the Lead*

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Costa Rica, April 8 (RHC) Costa Rican president-elect Luis Guillermo Solís said on Monday that his country's political history will undergo deep change as to the people's role in government decisions.

In statements to Telesur TV, Solís said that the people will regain their significance after more than 60 years of exclusion policies by traditional parties, such as the Partido Liberacion Nacional party and the conservative Partido Unidad Social Cristiana party, which generated high levels of discontent among the people, he said.

Solís said that his government will be marked by a close attention to the masses, which includes public gatherings, meetings with entrepreneurs, politicians and workers, while the people will be consulted to appoint public officials.

Luis Guillermo Solís, of the Partido Accion Ciudadana party, won Sunday's second round of presidential elections in Costa Rica after defeating his rival Johnny Araya, from the Partido Liberacion Nacional party, with 77, 88 percent of the votes, meaning 1 million 258 thousand 715 votes, according to preliminary results.

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