

# *Stellar Arlenis Sierra to defend Pan American title*

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Sierra announced her participation for Cuba in the continental lid after winning on May 5 the first women's edition of the Vuelta a Andalucía, a three-day international elite race in Spain, dominated from start to finish by the 29-year-old from Manzanillo, at the command of the famed Movistar, one of the three best teams in the world.

According to the official website of the Pan American Cycling Confederation (COPACI), this Thursday the individual time trial races for the three categories of the event, women and elite men and men under 23 years old, will be held. Marlies Mejías and Aylena Quevedo will be on the roads for Cuba.

On Saturday will be the route for the under 23, on Sunday those of the seniors and on Monday 16 will be held the Convention of the COPACI, organization chaired by the Cuban José Manuel Peláez, in addition, the event will be attended by the president of the International Cycling Union, the Frenchman David Lappartient.

Some 200 competitors from 23 countries have confirmed participation, in an event where in 2018 the Cubans Arlenis Sierra, Iraida García and Marlies Mejías topped the podium of the main event, also on a Sunday in San Juan, Argentina.

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