

# *ALBA Members to Discuss UN Climate Change Plans*

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United Nations, September 17 (RHC)-- Latin American nations will present a common agenda at the UN Climate Summit to be held on September 23rd in New York.

Ministers of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA) met Tuesday in Caracas to discuss climate change and outline a common agenda to deal with the problem. Members will present the agenda at the Climate Summit, summoned by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon.

Others attending the U.N. summit will include government leaders and representatives of financial institutions, businesses and the civil society which will to foster the accomplishment of goals and specific measures, according to the United Nations news reports.

Venezuela's Presidential Commissioner for Climate Change, Claudia Salerno, said the United Nations Convention must target global sustainability. She said: "We are convinced that only a strong alliance between governments and people will make possible to deal with the critical struggle for life itself."

ALBA Executive Secretary Bernardo Alvarez has recently presented the outline position of the regional body on climate change and world peace, which gives importance to social and political struggle.

ALBA was created by Hugo Chavez and Fidel Castro on December 14, 2004, to promote Latin American unity. Member nations include Venezuela, Cuba, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Bolivia, Saint Vincent and the

Grenadines, the Dominican Republic, Antigua and Barbados.

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