

# *Cuba also bets on green jobs*

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In the world, in the face of the threat posed by climate change, the so-called green jobs are gaining space, which is defined as a decent job whose objective is to reduce the impact of human activity on the environment, as well as to guarantee its preservation and restoration.

According to the International Labor Organization, these jobs can be found in various sectors, from traditional ones such as agriculture, to others such as environmental and ecological services, such as renewable energy.

In line with its commitment to environmental protection, supported by its legal framework, Cuba also seeks to promote this category of employment, which has among its advantages, minimizing waste and pollution and increasing the efficiency of energy consumption and raw materials.

Developed by the Ministry of Labor and Social Security, in conjunction with the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment, the initiative will contribute to combating climate change, protecting biological diversity and improving environmental quality.

In this endeavor, our country has received the support of the Office of the International Labor Organization Mexico and Cuba, which has made it possible for Cuban specialists to learn about this experience in the municipality of Cuernavaca, in the Mexican state of Morelos.

Likewise, workshops on green jobs have been developed in the national territory to prepare for this labor category, which, as experts have pointed out, allows for a fair and inclusive transition in economic, social and environmental terms for the population affected by climate change.

The implementation of this initiative reinforces the steps taken by the Caribbean nation, highly vulnerable to climate change due to its insular condition, to take care of the environment, preserve its natural resources and protect the lives of its inhabitants.

This is the context of Tarea Vida, the Cuban state policy to face this phenomenon, which was approved in April 2017 and has been readjusted to respond to environmental problems that have intensified due to climate change.

Thus, it contemplates actions in the face of an increasingly warmer climate in the country, with an increase in the frequency and extent of drought and an accelerated rise in sea level.

At the core of Cuba's environmental policy is the protection of human life and its quality, because as the historic leader of the Cuban revolution, Fidel Castro, warned more than three decades ago, an important biological species is at risk of disappearing: man.

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