

Cuban president urges use of AI for emancipation



Havana, March 25 (RHC)-- The First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba and President of the Republic, Miguel Díaz-Canel, urged the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to advance the causes of the people, in the face of the ambitions of capitalist hegemonic powers to perpetuate their dominance.

In a conversation with representatives of the nearly 400 participants from 47 countries at the recently concluded Patria Colloquium, he affirmed that this technology must become an ideological battlefield for justice.

“We are not talking about just another tool; it is the threshold of a new paradigm that will have a real influence on human, political, economic, and social issues,” he noted in the meeting held on March 19th and broadcast today on national television.

In the podcast "Desde la Presidencia," also broadcast on YouTube, the president warned that, like any technological revolution, the use of AI is not neutral, and behind every algorithm, system, or training process, there is a power struggle.

"The same people who colonized territories yesterday and plunder resources today seek to control our world with artificial intelligence to impose their dominance," Díaz-Canel stated.

He noted that the global south must unite to create common frameworks and alliances of countries to democratize AI with principles of participation, transparency, justice, anti-imperialism, and with culture, science, and ideas.

"It must be our tool of decolonization to map inequalities, democratize knowledge, and organize global resistance," he said.

He noted that this is not a new struggle; "it is the same old battle against the empire using other weapons, and we have reached a point where the debate is not whether we are going to use it or not; the debate, once again, is how we appropriate it and how we make it our own."

At the meeting, the head of state reiterated his denunciation of the media campaign facing this Caribbean nation, which, he said, is currently focused on attempts to discredit the work of Cuban medical brigades abroad.

Such healthcare collaboration is an expression of the principles of the Revolution, "which are principles of Martí, which are principles of Fidel, and are principles that reflect the best of our Cuban people," he noted.

In this regard, Díaz-Canel urged turning the Patria colloquium into an integrated platform for emancipation and against cultural colonization.

"It is up to us to decide, and it is a historic responsibility, whether we are going to allow AI to be a weapon of the powerful or a bridge to a world where technology liberates, not enslaves," he said.

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