

# *National Survey to Tackle Major Problems Affecting Cuban Youth*

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Havana, March 24 (RHC) The Cuban Center for Studies on the Youth announced a National Survey next year which will allow the youngsters to address the major problems that affect them in today's Cuba.

This will be the fifth national survey to be implemented and it will take place as the country implements the social and economic guidelines adopted by the Communist Party and meets the objectives of the First National Conference of the political organization. The poll is expected to render a vision of the role of the Cuban youth during this process, said Study Center researcher Maria Josefina Luis.

The survey, currently in preparation, will provide a demographic characterization and address areas such as , housing, the family, sexuality, education, employment, migration, social and political participation, juvenile associations, recreation and leisure time, culture, among others like relations of youngsters to information technologies, and their participation in the defense of the country.

For the first time, the survey will include youngsters in rural areas, a social segment not included so far, but significant enough since this will contribute to a wider characterization of the Cuban young people, said the official and added that also new is that the age considered for the interviews, now from 15 to 34 years, while in previous occasions it was topped at 29. The survey will also include questions from the Ibero American Youth Poll, in which Cuba has participated as well.

At present exchange in underway with the Center of Studies on the Population an Development to agree on the design, processing and implementation of the survey, while a training course will take place by the end of this year for those who will apply the initiative.

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