

# *Cuba to Expand WiFi Services in Public Places*

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Havana, June 18 (RHC) — Cuba's telecom company ETECSA announced the setting up of 35 WiFi public areas in early July throughout the island, which will effectively increase the people's access to the Internet.

ETECSA communications director Luis Manuel Diaz told Juventud Rebelde newspaper that the initiative will be implemented after some major adjustments are concluded at the center that will operate the WiFi technology in order to guarantee the quality of the service.

The wireless network will operate under the codename WIFI-ETECSA for all temporary or permanent users of the local Nauta.cu domain, either in cellphones, laptops or tablets.

The official explained that in a first stage, the price of this service will be 2.00 CUC (similar to U.S. Dollars) per hour on the Internet as of July 1st, lower than before but still considered high.

Diaz said that this is not a new service, but a new way to access the service currently operating in public Internet rooms set up by the company.

Some of the areas include La Rampa, the popular 23rd Street in downtown Havana near the Malecon sea-front drive, centrally-located parks, boulevards and other open areas throughout Cuba, from Pinar del Rio in the west to the most eastern province of Guantanamo.



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