

# *Fruitful Exchange on Sexual Education between Cuban and Argentina*

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Buenos Aires, November 7 (PL-RHC)-- The director of the National Center for Sexual Education (CENESEX) in Cuba, Mariela Castro, who today ends a professional visit to Argentina, considered as very fruitful the exchange of experiences she had with local specialists.

The head of Cenesex was specially invited to speak about the work being done on the island in this field in the Conference on Good Practices in Comprehensive Sexuality Education that addressed the treatment to lesbian, gay, bisexual, intersex and transgender people (Lgbit, in Spanish).

The event, sponsored by the Ministry of Education, took place from Monday to Friday at several places, in which lectures, debates, round tables and discussions on various topics of interest to the Lgbit community were scheduled.

“The meetings were really very rewarding, because we could exchange ideas and experiences in this complex matter,” Mariela Castro told reporters. She also praised the cutting-edge legislations approved in Argentina to ensure the Lgbit rights.

She pointed out that the Argentinians were interested in knowing the work done by Cenesex in comprehensive sexual education, in the battle against homophobia, and how this is supported by making the Lgbt people to incorporate into society with equity.

During the day's discussions, which wrapped up with a March for Lgbt Pride, Mariela Castro gave lectures, participated in talks and debates in the federal capital and locations of Buenos Aires.

Her final activity took place last night in the Auditorium of the Cultural Center of Memory Aroldo Conti, and it was devoted to discuss child transsexuality. Among the participants was Gabriela Mansilla, mother of the first transsexual girl in Argentina, and author of biographical book 'Me baby, me princess'.

Also, Sabrina Volpe, a transsexual person who is representative of the Secretariat for Human Rights of Argentina, and Marcelo Zelarrallán, an anthropologist of the team of the Law on Sexual Education of the Argentinean Ministry of Education were present.

During her speech, the head of Cenesex outlined an overview of the awareness process in Cuban society on the rights of this community and how ministerial resolutions and headings in the Labor Code were incorporated, as well as working and attention methods to these people.

"Cuban society is very attached to social justice and to the extent that knowledge increases, then it responds positively in accepting these people, and this facilitates the fight against homophobia", she said.

Mariela Castro signed with the director of the National Institute against Discrimination, Xenophobia and Racism in Argentina an agreement of mutual cooperation and exchanging experiences in order to promote and develop public policies that promote comprehensive sexuality education and sexual health.

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