

# *Cuba holds scientific seminar on climate change*

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Havana, March 11 (RHC) – The role of the Cuban civil defense system in disaster risk reduction and combating climate change is being analyzed in a meeting between higher education professionals, running through March 13.

During the seminar, on the challenges of confronting climate change, Project Life, the State Plan designed to tackle the phenomenon, will be updated.

The project is based on research started in 1991 by the Cuban Academy of Sciences, which increased in 2004 following the destruction caused by hurricanes Charley and Ivan in the west of the country.

The State plan includes actions aimed at counteracting the effects of climate change on vulnerable areas, including banning the construction of new houses in coastal settlements and reducing cultivation areas close to the sea or damaged by marine intrusion to underground aquifers.

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