

# *Cuba celebrates International Women's Day with challenges*

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Havana, March 8 (RHC) -- With a significant presence in all sectors of society, women in Cuba arrive today at International Women's Day with new challenges in terms of gender.

More than 300 delegates at the eleventh Congress of the Federation of Cuban Women are debating precisely these challenges in this capital.

Gathered at the Palacio de las Convenciones, the participants will analyze until Friday the results of the last five years of the organization, highlighting the achievements and challenges in the face of the obstacles imposed by the U.S. blockade against Cuba.

In the period between the tenth edition of the Congress and the current one, several changes took place in the Caribbean nation and Cuban women were protagonists in all of them.

It is worth mentioning the approval of important documents for women, such as the Family Code, the National Program for the Advancement of Women and the Integral Strategy for the Prevention and Attention to Gender Violence and in the Family Scenario.

In the opinion of Santiago de Cuba Municipal Court Judge Solanch Sanz, who was invited to the meeting, holding this event in unique circumstances, marked by the economic and social situation the country is going through, is a possibility of patriotic reaffirmation for the federated women.

She also pointed out that it is a necessary space for reviewing the organization's methods, style and work priorities.

In Sanz's opinion, March 8 is a day of transcendental importance for women around the world and celebrating it on the island, "where today we enjoy victories and conquests in terms of rights and guarantees, represents the pride of being Cuban women".

She recalled that Cuba reaches this date in a context of recent adoption of the Family Code and other legal norms that pose new challenges in the construction of a more just and egalitarian society, where the gender inequality gaps that still exist in the Caribbean country are considerably reduced.

The island, she said, still faces the challenge of continuing to work on the legal culture not only of Cuban women, but also of Cubans "to be able to take ownership of all those contents of gender equality, peace and harmony, respectful upbringing, responsible motherhood and fatherhood, which also contributes to the absence of gender violence in our country".

At present, women represent 55.74 percent of the membership of the National Assembly of People's Power and more than 40 percent of those who do research, between incumbents and assistants (Source: Prensa Latina). (Source: Prensa Latina)

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