

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, CUBA AND PUERTO RICO; THE SAME DREAM.

VIII CONTINENTAL MEETING IN SOLIDARITY WITH CUBA.

SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC JULY 28, 29 AND 30, 2016.

PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY JULY 27

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Welcoming and registration of delegates.

Location: Housing Centers.

10:00 am Program of Activities in Baní. (All day)

THURSDAY JULY 28

9. a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Registration continues.

Place: Event site.

10:30am: Opening with the songs *Quisqueya*, *Verde Luz* and *La Guantanamera*.

11:00 am: National Anthems of the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and Cuba.

11:15 am: Welcoming the delegations participating from different countries.
Welcoming of personalities throughout the activity.

11:25 am: Welcoming words from **Mr. Rector Magnífico** from the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo –UASD and **Dr. Iván Grullòn Fernández**, Honorary President of the National Organizing Committee.

11:40am: Opening remarks by **Ivan Rodriguez**, General Coordinator of the VIII Continental Meeting in Solidarity with Cuba.

11:55am: Remarks by **Kenia Serrano**, President of the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples. (ICAP)

12:10 pm: “Significance of Latin America, Caribbean Integration and the Solidarity with Cuba”

1:10 pm: Lunch

2: 10 pm: Artistic Presentation

2:30 pm: Conference "The colonial system in the Caribbean, the Human Rights violation and the political prisoners of the Empire, Oscar López Rivera and Ana Belén Montes. Presented by **Eduardo Villanueva**, President of the Committee of Human Rights in Puerto Rico, writer **Miriam Montes Mock**, a family member of Ana Belén Montes and **Linda Backiel**.

3:30 pm: Break

4:00 pm: Panel about the situation in Venezuela and the threats being made against the Bolivarian revolution by the imperialists and the Venezuelan oligarchy. - by invited guest **Rodrigo Cabezas** (PSUV)

6:00 pm: Dinner

8:00 pm: Concert honoring the Five Cuban Heroes.

FRIDAY JULY 29

A) Simultaneous Workshops:

- Santiago de los Caballeros.
- San Francisco de Macorís
- Barahona.

B) Continuation of the conference in the main event site

9:00 - 10.30 am: Floral Offering at the Homeland Altar

Remarks by **Mr. Iván Grullón Fernández**, Dean of the Santo Domingo Autonomous University or a representative and **Mr. Roberto Payano**, President of the Dominican Campaign in solidarity with Cuba.

10:30 am: Presentation: "The U.S. Economic Blockade against Cuba and its consequences, the illegal Naval Base in Guantánamo, the U.S. subversive plans against Cuba, and the process toward the normalization of relations between Cuba and the United States, by **Carlos de Jesús de la Nuez**, Ambassador of Cuba in the Dominican Republic.

11.30am: Questions and interventions

12:30pm: Lunch

2:00pm: Presentation of the book about Carlos Muñiz Varela's assassination

2:30pm: "Women's Participation in the Integration Process", with panelists representing Nicaragua, Venezuela and Ecuador.

3:00 pm: "Youth in the Front of the Crisis and Solidarity Alternatives" with panelists from the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and Venezuela.

3:30pm: Explanation of the Organization and Functioning of the Workshops

Workshop # 1. Continental action plan in solidarity with Cuba to end the blockade and for the return to Cuba of the occupied territory of Guantánamo.

Workshop # 2. Colonialism and Neo Colonialism in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Workshop # 3. Integration Process in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Workshop # 4. Women and Integration.

Workshop # 5. The Youth in Front of the Crisis and Solidarity Alternatives

Workshop # 6. Political Prisoners of the Empire and Human Rights.

3:45pm -7.00 pm: workshop discussion.

(At the time of registration participants will select the work shop he or she wishes to participate in that will be listed)

7:00 pm: Dinner
Free night.

SATURDAY JULY 30

9:00 am: Plenary session featuring the summarizations and conclusions of the workshops (10 minutes will be given to each workshop)

10.00am: Adoption of the Resolutions and Declaration of the VIII Continental Meeting in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 2016.

11:15am: Proposals for the location of the IX Continental Meeting in Solidarity with Cuba.

11:30am: Farwell remarks to delegates of the event by **Milagros Rivera**.
President of the CSC of Puerto Rico
Closing message from representatives of the Cuban delegation.

12:00 pm: Lunch

1:30 pm: Return of the national delegates to their cities.

2:00 pm: Optional activity; Tour of Santo Domingo with international delegates.

8:00 pm: Dinner and farewell dance.

SUNDAY JULY 31

Departure of International delegates.