

Cuba and Ecuador signed an agreement of cooperation and mutual recognition of professional diplomas and homologation of Higher Education studies, as part of the activities of the 11th International Congress Universidad 2018.

Both countries were represented by Jose Ramon Saborido, Cuba's Minister of that sector; and Augusto Barreras, Secretary of Higher Education, Science and Technology in the Andean nation.

Saborido told ACN that the agreement includes all areas of higher education, will influence the development of institutions and will provide solutions to the demands and challenges that society imposes.

The agreement will enhance academic and scientific exchange, the formation of human resources, the realization of joint projects, undergraduate and postgraduate training and will not be applied to a specific university, but will include the system of Ecuadorian universities, whether public or private, Saborido said.

Maria Augusta Calle, Ecuadoran Ambassador in Havana, told ACN that her country's interest in establishing this type of ties is not new, but is the result of the
effort that has been made for 10 years.
There is a large number of Ecuadorian students who are studying or have graduated in Cuba, hence the recognition of their university degrees is essential for the validation of their studies, the diplomat noted.

Similarly, we have a lot of cooperation from Cuban professionals in Ecuador, and they also need the validation of their diplomas to better perform their activities, she added.

Ecuador is one of the foreign delegations with the highest representation in Universidad 2018, event attended by two thousand delegates from some 60 countries, with headquarters in Havana's Conventions Palace until tomorrow.

