

ECLAC: Cuba is a Relevant Example of South-South Cooperation

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Cuba is a relevant example of how much it can be done in favor of South-South cooperation, today said ECLAC's executive secretary, Alicia Barcena, when she inaugurated a meeting of the United Nations' agency.

The highest representative of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) extolled the solidarity practices of this Antillean nation, whose economic and social policies place the human being as the central axis, she stressed.

According to her, there are multiple coincidences between the economic and social thinking of ECLAC and the views defended by Cuba since the triumph of its revolution in 1959, under the leadership of the statesman Fidel Castro.

The revolution, she said, undertook profound transformations of the country's socio-economic system to prioritize the well-being of society, industrialization, job creation and the diversification of exports, with the active intervention of the state.

According to Barcena, the Cuban experience demonstrates the possibility of achieving equality and justice, even in economic conditions of great restrictions such as those experienced here, after the extinction of the links with the socialist

field and the extinct Soviet Union.

In the expert opinion, the social policies in this Caribbean nation stand out for their results in education, health and social assistance, as part of a comprehensive vision of the fight against poverty and for multidimensional equality.

ECLAC maintains 'its commitment to continue accompanying Cuba in its own and sovereign path towards development,' summarized the official at the beginning of the National Day associated with the celebration of the 37th session of the body.

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