
Cuba's President Will Be Special Guest at CARICOM Conference

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Kingston, Jul 1 (Prensa Latina) Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel will be one of the special guests of the 39th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the regional entity reports today.

The event will take place in this capital from July 4 to 6 and will bring together some 200 foreign officials, since the 15 member states and the associated governments confirmed their attendance.

In a press conference, Jamaica's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kamina Johnson Smith, said that the other president honored will be Chilean President Sebastian Piñera.

'We welcome both leaders with open arms and we hope to receive them here,' said the Minister.

'They will have the opportunity to get involved with other Heads of State in the context of the forum, and we look forward to strengthening our partnerships with the two countries,' he said.

Among the key issues of the event's agenda are crime and violence, disaster management and climate change, and the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME).

The Conference of Heads of Government is the supreme organ of the Caribbean Community and determines and provides its political orientation.

The celebration of the conference in Jamaica this year is consistent with the regular system of rotation within CARICOM.

This conclave will be the first event organized by Prime Minister Andrew Holness after assuming the presidency of the Conference on July 1.

The Jamaican mandate in the regional entity will last until December 31, 2018.
