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Havana Hosts International Forum on Gender and Communication

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Media professionals from over 20 countries are attending the 9th Iberoamerican Encounter on Gender and Communication underway in Havana till May 30.

The challenge posed by the audience is the theme of the forum, hosted by the National Hotel in the Cuban capital, said Barbara Doval, vice-president of the Cuban Journalist' s Association (UPEC), which along the Cuban Women's Federation and the Association of Social Communicators, has organized the international meeting.

Some of the issues for discussion include the relationship between community environments and the media, and how the public can contribute to draw up the programming of local media outlets.

Social networks as a new kind of audience, gender violence, sexuality and masculinity studies are also part of the agenda, said Doval, who said that 40 presentations will be discussed out of 100 that were previously acknowledged at regional gatherings last April.(acn)