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ECLAC Official Says Cuba Example of Equity for Latin America

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Cuba is an example and guide to promote equality in Latin America as a right and not as an opportunity, an expert of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) said. In an exclusive interview with ACN, Jorge Mattar, director of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute of Economic and Social Planning of the organization, said that despite the economic, financial and commercial blockade imposed by the United States, Cuba has a revolutionary process allowing equivalence and sovereignty of its people.

He explained that Cuban economic model has conceived a society with high level of education and low inequality, and for ECLAC those are two key features of development.

In this regard he considered that Cuba has gone a long way when building a wide and influential educational system, and that's part of its essential ingredient in the progress of nations, he said.

Máttar noted that next year ECLAC will hold a regional workshop-course in Cuba, in order to promote equality and combat the differences between Latin American and Caribbean nations.

The manager stated that the island was chosen for being a country where everyone has equal access and rights to the benefits of the Revolution.

He added that ECLAC's main objective is considerably mitigate extreme poverty, achieve full and productive employment, health access to everyone and reduce hunger in the region for aspiring to welfare and progress. With this training workshop it is also intended to achieve representativeness of local realities, to know how territorial dynamics will be within each country, Mattar noted.

Today Latin America is facing an international scenario of slow economic-trade growth and in a globalized world this strongly impacts on the development of countries, he said.

