

L.A. and U.S. Academicians to Focus in Havana on Regional Economic Development

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Speakers from organizations like the World Bank, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Andean Development Corporation (CAF), co-sponsor of the meeting, will focus on ways for the international integration of the region that are more in keeping with their objectives for development.

The meeting will be an opportunity for university professors of the country to strengthen links with the CAF and assess the participation of Cuba in that institution, which has become one of the main sources of funding for infrastructure projects in Latin American and Caribbean nations.

The Vice-rector for Research and Graduate Studies at the UH, Vilma Hidalgo, told reporters that one of the topics under debate will be the impact on the area of the crisis of developed countries, which have an impact on the strategies to attract external financing and on those for regional integration.

Another issue under analysis will be updating of the island's economic model, the development of which will be presented by a group of Cuban academicians, who will also tackle the prospects offered to trade by the new stage of relations with the U.S., she underlined.

Addressing participants in the Seminar will be prominent international speakers, such as Enrique Garcia, president of the CAF; Alicia Barcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC; and Mario Bergara, President of the Central Bank of Uruguay.