

Government launches public debate on economic program



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The Cuban government has announced that it will subject its “program to correct distortions and revitalize the economy,” also known as the “[macroeconomic stabilization program](#),” to a nationwide public debate. According to an [announcement](#) by the leadership of the Communist Party (PCC), the program will be analyzed and discussed in all grassroots organizations across the country between November 15 and December 30.

The approximately 90-page document was presented by Prime Minister Manuel Marrero Cruz in several sessions of the National Assembly and published at the end of October ([PDF](#)). The government describes it as a “guide for the gradual recovery of the economy” with which the “complex situation we face” is to be overcome.

Ten goals for economic recovery

The program contains ten general goals focusing on macroeconomic stabilization, national production, external revenues, restoration of the electricity system, and reduction of crime and corruption. In addition, it includes more than a hundred specific goals, 327 actions, and 257 targets and indicators.

The publication comes two years after the original announcement of its implementation, following a recent update to the program. Cuba's economy has been in [recession](#) for several years.

All grassroots organizations of the party, the Communist Youth League (UJC), the trade union federations (CTC), the National Association of Small Farmers (ANAP), and the Student Federation (FEU) are to participate in the discussion process. There will also be debates in all municipal parliaments. In the Women's Federation (FMC) and the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution (CDR), the discussion will take place at the middle management level.

Delay in important currency reforms

Meanwhile, the ongoing delays in implementing the reforms have led to criticism. The well-known private consulting firm Auge [warned](#) on its Telegram channel that the public debate could mean a further postponement of the [planned currency measures](#) for the last quarter of the year. Originally, the creation of a new currency market was to begin in September.

In reader comments in the Cuban media, aspects such as the abolition of subsidies and price increases were met with criticism in some cases. Economists have also reacted cautiously to the draft so far. Economist Pedro Monreal [called](#) the program “unnecessarily scattered, with poorly defined goals and indicators, imprecise descriptions of actions, and implausible targets.” Other economists share this assessment and warn that, despite the participatory nature of the announced debate, the document lacks an integral vision.

Preparation for the ninth party congress

The discussion of the program is also likely to take place with a view to preparing for the upcoming IX Party Congress of the PCC which will [meet](#) from April 16 to 19, 2026, and has the economy high on its agenda. According to the [statement](#) published in the party newspaper *Granma*, the goal is to put every authority, grassroots organization, party member, and citizen in a “better position” to “contribute to the search for solutions to reverse the country's situation.”

The government describes this process as an expression of “participatory democracy and direct citizen participation in economic development.” The program was developed in collaboration with institutions such as the University of Havana, the School of Management, and the economic commissions of the PCC, and the National Assembly, with the involvement of experts and academics. ([Cubaheute](#))

- The complete [program as a PDF](#) on the website of the Office of the President