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## Government of Nicaragua welcomes invitation for more Peoples, Countries and States to join BRICS

We are pleased to send an important Press Release from our Government, on the invitation of the Founding Presidents of BRICS to their counterparts from Argentina, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Arab Emirates, Ethiopia and Iran.

### PRESS RELEASE

The Government of National Reconciliation and Unity of the Republic of Nicaragua, acknowledges with appreciation and joy the invitation that the Founding Presidents of the BRICS extended to their counterparts from Argentina, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Arab Emirates, Ethiopia and Iran, to join this Powerful Group of Emerging Economies on behalf of their Peoples and Governments.

The Government of Nicaragua recognizes in the BRICS a powerful initiative and reality that will strengthen the Multipolar World that we so need, and change the unjust, colonialist and imperialist Economic Model, which still pretends to dominate the Peoples and submit the Countries and Governments to its hegemony, and includes the perversion of these so-called Sanctions that only constitute aggressions against the Freedoms and Human Rights of those who are unyielding to them.

The incorporation into BRICS of more Peoples, Countries and States will, we are sure, generate the necessary conditions for a Better World, which are urgent and indispensable.

We would like to congratulate all of them and, in particular, we greet and congratulate the Leaders and Peoples of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

Managua, 24 August 2023

Government of National Reconciliation and Unity  
Republic of Nicaragua

### FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

[Gobierno de Nicaragua saluda la invitación al BRICS de más Pueblos, Países y Estados \(el19digital.com\)](https://el19digital.com)



## Academics and students highlight importance of the National Literacy Crusade

On Tuesday morning, 22 August, the Casa de la Soberanía Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann held the first meeting of the Genuine Cooperation Forum, which highlighted the experience of the Heroes and Martyrs of the National Literacy Crusade for the Liberation of Nicaragua, in the framework of the celebration of the 43rd anniversary of this historic milestone.

The panelists at the forum were Dr. Luis Alfredo Lobato Blanco, vice rector general of the UNAN-Managua and director of the House of Sovereignty, and Herman Van de Velde, coordinator of the virtual learning network ÁBACOnRed. The university community also participated, as well as national and international collaborators, who shared some of their experiences from this important cultural project.

In his remarks, Dr. Lobato emphasized that the success of the Crusade was based on the wide popular participation in this significant commission, which demonstrates the most significant experience of genuine cooperation which comes from generating a special bond between the literacy trainers and workers and peasants throughout our national territory.

The academic pointed out the support of international brigadistas who identified with the historical-political context and decided to support this revolutionary project. He also emphasized that as part of the cooperation from this period, other contributions arose such as the historical recovery [or re-counting] of the popular insurrection, the inventory of flora and fauna, and of our material and immaterial heritage.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

[Académicos y estudiantes resaltan trascendencia de la Cruzada Nacional de Alfabetización - UNAN-Managua](#)



## House of Sovereignty promotes the rediscovery of Comandante Fidel Castro's internationalist vision

With the participation of students, collaborative members, teachers and university authorities, this morning, the Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann House of Sovereignty of the UNAN-Managua organized a conference entitled "The vision of Commander Fidel Castro and Cuban internationalism with the peoples of the world", delivered by Compañera Claudia Peña, in charge of cultural and academic affairs of the Cuban Embassy in Nicaragua.

The activity was chaired by Dr. Luis Alfredo Lobato Blanco, Vice Rector General of the UNAN-Managua and Director of the House of Sovereignty and by Compañero Orlando García Batista, Chargé d'Affaires of the Cuban Embassy in Nicaragua.

During the meeting, the guest speaker made a historical and reflective journey on the figure of the leader of the Cuban Revolution, who left a mark on the politics and society of Latin America and the world. The speaker also highlighted Fidel's contributions to education, health, defense of sovereignty and influence on different liberation movements, plus the development of science and culture.

She also shared fundamental ideas on the internationalist vision of Fidel, who played a significant role promoting fraternity and solidarity in defense of the sovereignty of the Dominican Republic, the independence of Puerto Rico and popular support for Venezuela, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Panama, Ecuador, Nicaragua, as well as other nations in Africa and elsewhere, thus contributing to strengthening the ideas of nations free from the hegemonic model of the West and the imperialist ideals of the United States.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:**

[La Casa de la Soberanía organizó una conferencia sobre el internacionalismo de Fidel Castro \(unan.edu.ni\)](http://unan.edu.ni)





## Nicaragua strengthens financing efforts for anti-poverty programs

The National Assembly approved the decree on the Payment for the Increase of Resources adopted in Resolution Number 248 of the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank, under the title "Additions to Resources: Twentieth Replenishment", which permits capitalization for the purchase of shares from this entity, which will help Nicaragua to continue accessing resources for the fight against poverty and extreme poverty.

The payment confirmed from the World Bank by the Government of Nicaragua, in a Commitment Instrument, is for an amount of 233,515 córdobas.

The payment for these shares represents a little more than US\$6,500, but beyond their monetary value, the political message that Nicaragua is sending is that there is a Sandinista government that is committed to improving the living standards of the people.

With the approval of this decree, Nicaragua strengthens its actions to channel more financing in favor of programs to fight poverty.

"The opinion of the economic commission explains in a very punctual manner the reasons why Nicaragua subscribes these 266 new actions of the IDA window of the World Bank, therefore, this plenary has sufficient tools of judgment to support an initiative of this nature, which in synthesis what it does is to guarantee the voting power of the recipient countries members of the IDA as a window of the World Bank", said Congressman Walmaro Gutiérrez.

From 2007 to date, Nicaragua has received loans for economic affairs for US\$40.7 million, for education US\$85 million, for citizen security US\$121 million, for social programs US\$41.5 million, for response to natural events a loan for US\$80 million, 5 loans for health totaling US\$216 million, for public services US\$55 million, for transportation and communication 7 loans for US\$173.3 million and for housing we have received 3 loans for US\$34.6 million. This makes a total of 33 loans with the World Bank for a total of 847.1 million dollars.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:**

[Nicaragua fortalece acciones de financiamiento para programas de lucha contra la pobreza \(el19digital.com\)](http://el19digital.com)



## Central Bank reports on the evolution of the monthly economic activity index

The Central Bank of Nicaragua (BCN) published on 22 August 2023, the Monthly Index of Economic Activity (IMAE) for the month of June 2023, which showed, in the original series, a growth of 3.0 percent with respect to June 2022, 3.8 percent in the accumulated variation January-June, and 3.3 percent in annual average.

On the other hand, the seasonally adjusted series of the IMAE showed a 0.7 percent decrease with respect to the previous month, and a year-on-year growth of 3.1 percent. In the trend-cycle series, the IMAE registered a growth of 0.5 percent with respect to the previous month and 4.0 percent with respect to June 2022.

The BCN points out that, in the original series of the IMAE, the activities showing the highest growth were: energy and water, 30.0 percent; hotels and restaurants, 22.3 percent; construction, 13.6 percent; financial intermediation and related services, 7.2 percent; agriculture, 4.1 percent; among others. On the other hand, there was a decrease in fishing and aquaculture activities, -31.4 percent; manufacturing industry, -3.0 percent; livestock, -0.8 percent; and mining and quarrying, -0.4 percent.

In primary activities, growth in agriculture was the result of greater cultural work in coffee and basic grains, among other agricultural products; in forestry and timber extraction, it was due to greater forestry planting and timber log extraction. The decrease in fishing and aquaculture was due to lower production of farmed shrimp and lobster, among other fishery products; in livestock, there were lower exports of live cattle and cattle and pork slaughtering, among others; and in mining and quarrying, it was due to lower extraction of metal mining.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

[Banco Central informa sobre la evolución del índice mensual de actividad económica \(IMAE\) \(el19digital.com\)](https://www.el19digital.com/boletines/2023/08/22/boletines-2023-08-22-01)

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