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MONDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2022

With the participation of the representatives of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), as well as the Ministry of Health (MINSa) and counterpart entities, Nicaragua hosted the International Workshop on Effective Vaccine Management (EVM), where the use of a new tool to identify gaps that may affect the supply chain of vaccines was analyzed.

"It is very appropriate that the Nicaraguan government be the host of this workshop because Nicaragua has important experience in vaccine management, it was one of the countries that a few years ago had the opportunity to measure how the supply chain was performing and we are pleased to acknowledge that Nicaragua got a good evaluation on that occasion and now Nicaragua is making its experience available to other member states so that they will all be encouraged to prepare a second evaluation of this," said Enrique Pérez, PAHO's interim representative in Nicaragua.

For her part, Nora Lucia Rodriguez, PAHO regional advisor for the 'cold chain', said that, in 2015, an evaluation was performed in which Nicaragua ranked first worldwide and now through the use of this new tool that has more advanced technology, the evaluations will be carried out in a more agile and timely manner.

"This tool was developed by PAHO. This new version was developed in 2019 and we are starting

to implement it now because due to the pandemic it could not be implemented in 2020. But we are already here in the Americas region implementing it. There are 10 countries invited, we are starting with them and what we want to do is to be able to carry out these evaluations," he said.

Previous evaluations show that Nicaragua has an adequate management of the cold chain, vaccine tracking, storage and distribution and, currently, thanks to the actions of the government, has achieved optimal coverage that guarantees the health of its people.

"We continue developing vaccination drives in the regular scheme of children of different age groups and also in the vaccination of all risk groups against pneumococcus, influenza, pneumonia and everything that has to do with measles and rubella. We are going to exchange with other countries our family health model, the activities we carry out from our sector with community participation", said Dr. Cristian Toledo, Director of Health Surveillance Services. Nicaragua currently has the necessary immunizations against 17 diseases, including COVID 19, through the strengthening of family healthcare plans.

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<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:134612-nicaragua-se-coloca-a-la-vanguardia-en-el-manejo-y-uso-apropiado-de-las-vacunas>



The National Assembly approves the nation's General Budget for 2023

TUESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2022

The National Assembly unanimously approved the law of the General Budget of the Republic for the year 2023, which has revenues of 109,989.5 million córdobas, of which 56.4% is directed to the fight against poverty and extreme poverty.

This revenue budget reflects a nominal growth of 20.2% with respect to the approved budget for the year 2022, with an absolute variation of an additional C\$18,447.0 million.

According to the approved project, growth is estimated at 3 percent, a cumulative inflation rate of 5.0 percent, nominal devaluation of 2.0 percent annually, and an average exchange rate of C\$36.6 to US\$1.0.

Thus, the General Budget of the Republic is 109,989.5 million córdobas and total Public Expenditure is 105,263.1 million córdobas.

Social spending in the 2023 Budget will continue to be very high at 56.4 percent, with the education sector receiving 21.7 percent, health 21 percent, social protection 3.5 percent, housing and community services 9 percent, defense 3.3 percent, transportation and communication 11.1 percent, public order and security 9.8 percent, public services 13.1 percent, and other spending 6.4 percent.

The Budget, Economy and Production Committee was charged with conducting the consultation

process, and subsequently issued a favorable opinion which was approved during the session held this Tuesday, 22 November. The opinion was read by Representative José Figueroa.

This budget guarantees many social and productive programs, such as school lunches, school backpacks, hiring of new teachers, high school bonus, teacher bonuses, construction of hospitals, health centers, construction of new schools and maintenance, subsidy of transportation rates, subsidy to consumers of less than 150 kilowatts of electricity, construction of 201 new kilometers of roads, maintenance of roads and bridges, productive agricultural programs, fishing, cattle and pigs, drinking water and sanitation projects in more than 30 municipalities of the country.

In the energy sector, renewable energy generation projects will continue, and electricity coverage will be increased to exceed the current 99.2 percent nationwide. Likewise, this budget law allocates resources to strengthen citizen security and the fight against organized crime, as well as the construction of new housing by INVUR in coordination with local governments.

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<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:134643-asamblea-nacional-aprueba-presupuesto-general-de-la-republica-2023>



The economy is revitalized and growing

WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2022

This Wednesday, commenting on the recent Article IV assessment of the national economy made by the International Monetary Fund, Minister of Finance and Public Credit, Iván Acosta, stated that Nicaragua's economy has recovered, is reactivated and on a path of growth, while appearing on Channel 4's En Vivo morning talk show.

Acosta explained that in the first post-pandemic visit that the IMF made to our country, they reviewed statistics, growth numbers and projections; the performance in FATF relating to such issues such as the anti-money laundering program, and the defense against terrorist financing; and the management of funds and accountability.

He explained that the IMF recognized the good management of statistics, certifying the projections made by the Central Bank of Nicaragua, and also highlighted the necessary reforms, the controls carried out to strengthen the Financial Analysis Unit (UAF) so that the country would be able to be dropped from the 'gray list'; and

emphasized that Nicaragua, in addition to having a solid accountability, is one of the countries that has best optimized resources, focusing them so that there are more goods and services for the population.

Acosta noted that the IMF recognized the 10.3% GDP growth achieved in 2021, was an extraordinary recovery that erased the economic losses of 2018 due to the failed coup attempt, and those of 2019 and 2020, which had to do with the Covid-19 pandemic.

He pointed out that the IMF evaluated the most important variables for good performance of the economy in 2022 where there are complexities in inflationary issues, there are relevant issues that have to do with the supply chain, the manufacturing chain, and there are global problems that are impacting the world's economic centers deriving from the war in Europe.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://radiolaprimerisima.com/noticias-generales/destacado/economia-revitalizada-y-en-crecimiento/>



Nicaragua participates in Ibero-American Conference meetings

THURSDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2022

Our good Government of National Reconciliation and Unity (known by its acronym in Spanish, GRUN), representing our people participated, from November 22nd to 24th, 2022, in the (various) meetings of the Ibero-American Conference, held in virtual format, including the meeting of the National Coordinators and Cooperation Officers, and the Extraordinary Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

Foreign Minister Denis Moncada, on behalf of our People and Government, conveyed the fraternal greetings of President-Commander Daniel Ortega Saavedra and Vice President Rosario Murillo, to all the participants, and expressed: "Nicaragua continues to defend international peace and security, demanding that the aggressions of the empires against the states and nations that seek the Common Good of their peoples and humanity must stop; this is the only way we will be able to overcome the climate crisis, guarantee food security, and ensure a more just, equitable international financial architecture that includes all sovereign peoples, in a better world, free from hegemonic meddling, strengthening multilateralism and pluripolarity."

The Nicaraguan Delegation highlighted the importance of assuming consensus positions on priority issues, such as the climate crisis; South-South and triangular cooperation; energy security; food security; cultural promotion and exchange; gender equity; and the boosting of official development assistance, with a view to achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda.

These meetings of the Ibero-American Conference are part of the preparations for the upcoming XXVIII Meeting of Ibero-American Heads of State and Government, to be held on March 25, 2023, and where they are expected to adopt a Declaration of Heads of State and Government, as well as an Ibero-American Environmental Charter; Ibero-American Digital Charter; Ibero-American Food Security Route and the proposal for a "Sustainable Financial Architecture and Ibero-American Economic Revival.

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<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:134734-nicaragua-participo-en-reuniones-de-la-conferencia-iberoamericana>



Nicaragua and People's Republic of China participate in academic seminar

FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2022

On Friday, in the framework of the anniversary of the reestablishment of diplomatic relations between Nicaragua and China, UNAN-Managua and the Embassy of China held an academic forum/seminar: "China in the new Expedition, Mission and Responsibility".

The event, which took place in the Fernando Gordillo Auditorium, was presided over by comrade Chen Xi, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China; Ramona Rodríguez, Rector of UNAN-Managua and President of the CNU; Alberto Sediles, Rector of the National Agrarian University; Ileana García Peralta, Rector of URACCAN. comrades from the Sandinista Youth, professors and students of UNAN-Managua also participated.

Ambassador Chen Xi thanked UNAN-Managua for their collaboration in realizing this important seminar, to share the experiences of China and Nicaragua in the development of both countries.

In his remarks, the ambassador expressed that, "China is willing to work together with various countries to actively implement the global development initiative and the global security initiative, jointly enhance the common values of humanity, peace, development, equity, justice, democracy, and freedom, and to promote knowledge and rapprochement among the peoples of the world".

He noted that in a few days the anniversary of the reestablishment of diplomatic relations between China and Nicaragua will be celebrated.

For her part, Ramona Rodríguez, rector of the UNAN-Managua and president of the CNU, referred to the perspective they envision with respect to the strengthening of these relations of brotherhood and solidarity cooperation between both peoples and governments of Nicaragua and China.

"We are all aware that Nicaragua is focused on peace building, because we have the leadership of our party, the Sandinista Front, led by our Commander Daniel Ortega and Vice President Rosario Murillo".



She pointed out that "that peace, will allow us to achieve the projected goals already articulated in the national plan for the Fight against Poverty and for Human Development, that is why the national education system and particularly the higher education subsystem, we assume that educational model of our country, focused on the person, the family and the community, because we have a great commitment to train professionals who are true citizens, who possess values and humanistic principles and who are competent in their professional performance".

President Ramona Rodríguez said that, in this new world order, China is emerging as an alternative that promotes peace and common values for humanity.



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