



## **Solidarity and Sustainability In Cuba: Cuba Solar, the 13th International Conference on Renewable Energy**

**May 19-27, 2018**

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### **Saturday, May 19 2018**

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| 3:00pm  | Flight to Jose Marti International. We recommend you arrive by 2 pm for a group transfer . Or arrival earlier and take a cab to the hotel.   |
| 6:00 pm | Check in at our hotel where we will have a brief orientation meeting with Altruvistas and our local Cuban tour guide, with a welcome Mojito. |
| 7:30pm  | <b>Welcome dinner</b> at the local paladar, San Cristobal.<br><br><b>Meals Included:</b> Dinner<br><br>Hotel Requested; Hotel Copacabana     |

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## Sunday, May 20, 2018

- 9:00am Enjoy a fast paced historical overview of the development of Havana (requested architect and urban planner *Miguel Coyula*). Here you will receive a basic overview of the changing economic realities and trends in Cuba, the importance of tourism, trends in emigration and the dual currency system. After we will visit the Plaza de la Revolucion for and drive through modern Havana for a further overview of the city.
- 11:00am Tour of Havana Vieja We start our day with a brief bus tour of Havana as we make our way from the airport to start a walking tour of Old Havana. View the diverse architecture of the city. We walk through Havana's oldest neighborhood to learn about its historic, architectural, and cultural significance. The area was declared a World Heritage Site in 1982 by UNESCO. Learn about the City Historian's massive efforts to restore Old Havana buildings to attract tourism and new investment, and improve social services for local residents. The group will explore the four main plazas of the 18th-century colony: Plaza de Armas, which originally housed the main administrative buildings of the colony; Plaza Vieja, the oldest of the plazas; Plaza de la Cathedral, site of the baroque cathedral of Havana; and Plaza de San
- 12:30 pm Lunch at Le Chansonnier paladar, a privately owned restaurant. We will request to speak with the owner to learn about how increased private entrepreneurship is realized.
- 2:00pm Visit to the Museum of the Revolution.
- 3:30pm Exchange with a representative of FANJ, the Foundation of Antonio Nunez Jimenez (Roberto Perez requested) to discuss their work promoting sustainable development and agroecology in Cuba.
- 7:00pm Dinner tonight is family style at El Aljibe Restaurant.
- 9:30 pm Evening free for optional Cultural Activities. We recommend the Fabrica De Arte Cubano for live music and art installations. You can taxi there and back easily

**Meals Included** :Breakfast,Lunch. Dinner

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**Monday, May 21, 2018**

9:00 am	Check out of the hotel.
9:30 am	Exchange with Muraleando Community Art Project, a community-based art programs in Havana, inspired originally by local neighborhood artists who taught art “in the streets.” Outdoor murals and sculptures, depicting fanciful celebrations of Cuban life, were a natural outgrowth of these art classes. In a country where nothing is disposable and everything is useful, broken typewriters, old telephones, tire rims, wrought-iron chair parts - all were fair game to weld and paint and turn into sculpture. The original efforts were made in conjunction with cleaning up trash dumps that had collected throughout the neighborhood. Found art objects, parks and murals now replace piles of trash and serve as gathering places for residents and visitors. We will request to meet with local artist and co-founder of the project, Manuel DíazBaldrich.
11:00 am	Briefing by a representative of CITMA, the Ministry of Technology and the Environment. We will learn about the country’s commitment to sustainability and how the World Wildlife Fund identified Cuba as the only country in the world to achieve sustainable development.
1:00 pm	Lunch
3:00 pm	Transfer to the airport. We will fly to Holguin and transfer to Las Tunas (Hotel Tba)
7:30 pm	Check in to your hotel and enjoy time to rest. Join the group for dinner if you feel inspired. We will make a reservation at a local Paladar.
	Meals Included:Breakfast, Lunch

**Tuesday, May 22 , 2018**

- 9:00 am Exchange with ICAP, the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples. Here we will have the opportunity to hear about Cuban foreign policy with the US.
- 11:00am Inscribe with the Cuba Solar Conference.
- 12:30pm Lunch
- 3:00pm Afternoon free for Cuba Solar Conference Events and Sessions.
- 7:00pm Evening free for dinner, personal exploration and for local cultural events.

**Meals Included :**Breakfast,Lunch,

**Wednesday, May 23 , 2018**

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| 9:00 am | Visit to a local farm and learn about the work of ANAP, the Association of Small Farmers. We will learn about farming, cooperatives and local food production. |
| 12:30pm | Lunch  |
| 2:00 pm | Afternoon free for Cuba Solar Conference Events and Sessions.  |
| 7:00 pm | Evening free for dinner, personal exploration and for local cultural events.   |

**Meals Included :**Breakfast,Lunch,

**Thursday, May 24, 018**

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| 10:00 am | Morning dedicated to Cuba Solar morning sessions for visit to local renewable energy sites.     |
| 12:30 pm | Lunch   |
| 2:00 pm  | Afternoon free for Cuba Solar Conference Events and Sessions.                                   |
| 7:00 pm  | Evening free for dinner. .  |
| 9:00pm   | Enjoy a community exchange with a local CDR- Committee for the Defense of the Cuban Revolution. |

**Meals Included :**Breakfast, Lunch,

**Friday, May 25, 2018**

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| 9:00 am | Check out of hotel.   |
| 9:30 am | We will visit a local farmer's market and also bodega. Here we will learn about food security in Cuba and how the distribution of food works in Cuba. Morning is free for any Cuba Solar visits and sessions. |
| 12:30pm | Lunch   |
| 2:30pm  | Return to Havana.   |
| pm      | Check back in to the hotel and enjoy time to rest.  |
| 9:00pm  | Evening optional cultural activities.   |

**Hotel: Copacabana****Meals Included :** Breakfast, Lunch


**Saturday , May 26, 2018**

- 9:00am Mercedes and Maria's Workshop in Word with Nancy Morejon, Cuban poet. In 1986 she won the Cuban "Premio de la crítica" (Critic's Prize) for Piedra Pulida, and in 2001 won Cuba's *National Prize for Literature* awarded for the first time to a black woman.
- 10:30am Leave for an excursion and exchange with an organic urban farm in Alamar, on the outskirts of Havana and exchange with local gardeners. At the Organopónico Vivero Alamar we will engage with one of Havana's largest and most successful urban garden, a Unidad Básica de Producción Cooperativa (Basic Unit of Cooperative Production). Covering 11 hectares in Alamar, a residential suburb, the allotment's rows of vegetables are overshadowed by grey Soviet-style blocks of flats. Though small, the garden (really more of an urban farm) is incredibly productive. As well as fresh vegetables, fruits, ornamental plants, seedlings, timber and medicinal and spiritual plants, the cooperative also produces dried herbs, condiments, garlic paste, tomato sauce and pickles; vermicompost, compost and substrates; goat and rabbit meat and mycorrhizal fungi. The Organopónico also welcomes tourists and holds workshops and courses in organic agriculture (requested Isis Salcines)
- 1:00pm Travel to Cojimar and enjoy lunch at a local Paladar, Ajiaco.
- 3:00pm Visit to the community of Regla and learn about Santería at the Church and Museum of Regla. The community is named after the Virgin of Regla, also known in Ifa or Santería as the Orisha Yemaya Nsila Che Che
- 6:30pm Farewell Dinner at el Divino Paladar and enjoy time to walk the farm.
- Meals Included : Breakfast, Dinner
- Hotel: Copacabana**

**Sunday, May 27, 2018**

9:30 am | Transfer to airport

**Meal s Included:** Breakfast,

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