



**III CONFERENCIA INTERNACIONAL
POR EL EQUILIBRIO DEL MUNDO**

**La Habana, del 28 al 30
de enero del 2013**

**CALLING TO THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
“FOR WORLD EQUILIBRIUM”
ON THE 160th BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF JOSÉ MARTÍ
January 28-30, 2013**

On January 28, 2013 we will celebrate the 160th birth anniversary of José Martí, a topmost figure of American history who is also a world personality because of the universality of his ideas, his political and social project and his far-reaching contributions in the field of ideas, education, culture and literature.

The celebration of that event, while urging us to search in history, compels us to meditate on today's challenges on the basis of Martí's cosmic vision, where we find the great wealth of ideas that gives us a better understanding of today's world; and at the same time it compels us to transform it according to the supreme interests of mankind, threatened by huge social and environmental challenges and bearing in mind the true dangers of a nuclear war.

The third International Conference FOR WORLD EQUILIBRIUM, sponsored by the UNESCO through the José Martí Project of World Solidarity of that organization, will be held on January 28, 29 and 30 of 2013 at the International Conference Center Palacio de las Convenciones de La Habana, Cuba, and will be one of the main celebrations of that anniversary.

The purpose of this event in this third edition is to bring together again men and women of the most diverse trends of thought, disciplines, institutions and countries, together with scholars and persons interested in the life and work of José Martí, identified by common concerns in the face of contemporary problems. Among them will be the present members of the World Council of the José Martí Project of World Solidarity, which brings together more than 50 relevant international personalities.

This conference will be presided by Martí's statement THE FATHERLAND IS MANKIND, and it will show evidence of the high level of coincidence of the Apostle's ideas and action with the noblest paradigms and purposes that today move the best of universal thought, committed with the creation of a world in equilibrium, diverse, educated, cultured, ecologically sustainable and socially fair, inter-dependent and at the same time respectful of the sovereignty of nations, against the hegemonic and excluding trends.

The Office of Martí's Program, the José Martí Cultural Society and the Study Center on Martí, of Cuba, convoke to participate in the Third International Conference FOR



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WORLD EQUILIBRIUM, with the following thematic guidelines and collateral activities:

- ***Mankind in the face of the global dilemmas.***
- ***For a culture of nature: the need to stop the impairment of the ecosystem.***
- ***Sustainable development, equity and social justice: the ways to achieve them.***
- ***The social mobilization and the dialogue to face the real dangers of a nuclear confrontation.***
- ***Terrorism, drugs traffic, poverty and violence: hopeless evils?***
- ***The world economic crisis: real causes, effects and —solutions?***
- ***The new information technologies and their impact on society.***
- ***Role of education under the circumstances of today's world.***
- ***The dialogue of civilizations and the culture of peace as opposed to all kinds of fundamentalism.***
- ***Art and literature: a social role?***
- ***The youth as dynamic sector of society: need for a dialogue of generations.***
- ***Latin America and the Caribbean: toward the integration dreamt by the founders.***
- ***Simón Bolívar and José Martí and world equilibrium.***

The Conference will work in commissions and plenary sessions, and will include the celebration of a Youth Forum, the symposium For a Culture of Nature; the workshop Notables and Thinkers of Our America; the seminar In Defense of Mankind and a colloquium on Bioethics and Development conducted by experts.

The outcome of the debates, as well as the conferences and interventions, will be recorded digitally and sent to universities, libraries, NGOs, ministries of education and associations of writers and artists of the different countries, with the support of the national commissions of the UNESCO.

The third International Conference FOR WORLD EQUILIBRIUM intends to create a space for the widest reflection and debate on these topics and thus contribute to develop ideas and actions to face the multiple and complex problems of the 21st century.



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The memory of José Martí, with his love for mankind, greatness of ideals, unyielding support of democracy, wide legacy and validity of his ideas, creates the most favorable conditions for his endeavor.

We call upon all progressive intellectuals in the world, upon educators, artists, writers and journalists, upon all social fighters, leaders of trade unions, of political parties, of youth, women's, peasants', natives' and professionals' organizations, as well as upon non-governmental organizations moved by principles of justice and equity, universities and other educational, scientific and cultural institutions; upon governments made up by persons of good will, to take part in and disseminate the information on this event convoked on the occasion of the 160th birth anniversary of José Martí.

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