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**July 17, 2023, Brussels, Belgium** – The peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean and of Europe will meet today and tomorrow in Brussels, Belgium at the Peoples' Summit. This summit is being held in parallel to the III CELAC-EU Summit to serve as a space for debate, exchange, and discussion amongst the people about the most important issues for them and their communities.

??The Cuban President @DiazCanelB condemned the US-imposed blockade against Cuba: "The economic, commercial, and financial blockade imposed by the US against Cuba is not morally, ethically, nor humanly acceptable. Down with the blockade"#CubaSí #BloqueNo#CumbreDeLosPueblos2023  
[pic.twitter.com/dODJiWaOuB](https://pic.twitter.com/dODJiWaOuB)

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?? Bolivian President @LuchoXBolivia spoke out against the blockade: "It is

imperative to have a sincere dialogue without conditions or impositions. (...) To begin, the sanctions that various Latin American and Caribbean countries face would have to be lifted.”#CumbreDeLosPueblos [pic.twitter.com/Z3MPH4IZFg](https://pic.twitter.com/Z3MPH4IZFg)

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With a message that only the unity of the working class in Latin America and in Europe will lead to liberation, the leader of France Insoumise @jlmelenchon declared that the working class should be inspired by the revolutionary Latin American spirit. #CumbreDeLosPueblos2023 [pic.twitter.com/VpMPIwL4xk](https://pic.twitter.com/VpMPIwL4xk)

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More than a thousand people are expected to attend the Summit and delegations have arrived from Cuba, Brazil, Venezuela, Peru, Colombia, Honduras, Bolivia, Mexico, Haiti, Argentina, Puerto Rico, Ecuador, Chile, Belgium, Germany, Greece, Italy and Holland.

The People's Summit has taken on even more importance after the condemnation by CELAC countries, as well as social organizations, of the colonial and arrogant attitude of the EU, which has tried to impose its agenda, as well as its vision of cooperation, international relations, and democracy.

Rodrigo Suñe of the International Peoples' Assembly (IPA) and the Summit's organizing team, emphasized: « We understand that these spaces for dialogue have to take place from a perspective of mutual respect, reciprocity, complementarity, cooperation and solidarity, which historically has not been the case. Our summit will be this example of how we build balanced, fair relations, based on full respect for national sovereignty and the principle of self-determination of peoples. »

The People's Summit is organized by a broad coalition of more than 100 organizations, collectives, unions, political parties, and movements throughout the two regions, such as ALBA Movimientos, INTAL, CELAC Social, IPA, Jornada Continental for Democracy Against Neoliberalism, the Network of Intellectuals, Artists and Social Movements in Defense of Humanity (REDH), Party of the European Left, and others.

On Tuesday, July 18, the closing ceremony of the Peoples' Summit will be held at the European Parliament with the presence of Presidents Gustavo Petro, Miguel Díaz-Canel, Alberto Fernández and Luis Arce, as well as the Foreign Ministers of Mexico and Venezuela, Alicia Bárcena and Iván Gil.

Follow the People's Summit on Twitter and Instagram and the IPA on Twitter and Instagram.

Check out the website for more information: [cumbredelospueblos2023.com](http://cumbredelospueblos2023.com)



Panel « Decolonization and despatriarcalization, a new paradigm for good life » (Photo: Grecia Colmenares)

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