



## **Biographies of the Cuban leaders**

*in alphabetic order*

### **Adel Ramon López Napoles**

Chairman of the Republican Party of Cuba. Their work covers the entire island of Cuba; their principal goal is to raise awareness of the universal charter of human rights.

### **Anabel Alpizar Ravelo**

Member of the team of instructors of the project "Cuba Emprende" of the Archbishopric of Havana, giving workshops and lectures on management and marketing, business projects and advising Cuban entrepreneurs.

### **Belkis Julia Fonseca Medina**

Belkis Julia is an Assistant Professor. She is Director of the project Hope. She is also Deputy Coordinator of the Platform for Cuban Civil Society and the Executive Secretary and founder of the National Advisory and Project Management Center for the Cuban Civil Society.

### **Caridad María Burunate Gómez**

Caridad María signed the Varela Project in 2002 and joined the opposition the same year. In 2013, she brought together a group of dissidents and the Damas de Blanco and founded the Tondique Project, a humanitarian initiative to feed the poor and the homeless.

### **Cesar Ivan Mendoza Regal**

Cesar Ivan is a lawyer. He coordinated the work of the United Active Youth Social Platform Cuba and the Counseling and Project Management Center for the Cuban Civil Society.

### **Damarys Moya**

In 2008 Damarys began in the Central Opposition Coalition as Treasurer. Subsequently, she became provincial delegate of the Rosa Parks Women's Movement, Director of the Ernesto Madrugá Días jail and delegate to the "Zona Central del Foro por los Derechos y Libertades".

**Daneibys de la Celda Duany**

Daneibys is a freelance journalist and for almost three years has been a member of the “Comando Julio Sanguily” of the Orlando Zapata Tamayo Civic Resistance (spokeswoman thereof), and of the Pro Human Rights Party of Cuba affiliated with the Andrei Sakharov Foundation.

**Erick Alvarez**

Erick works as a private Professor of Calculus and Physics for top engineering students and provides training for entrance examinations to higher education. He has collaborated in humanitarian aid projects.

**Fernando Edgardo Palacio Mogar**

Fernando is the National Coordinator of Solidarity PSLC Cuban Liberal Party. He was active in various organizations and founded the “Concertación Nuevo País” which also organizes courses and workshops.

**Fidel Agüero Cedeño.**

Fidel has a degree in economics and is the coordinator of the Zona Oriental de Impacto Juvenil Republicano. His job is to rescue young people and explain to them their rights.

**Joaquin Palomino Berra**

Joaquin is the promoter of the Emilia Project directed by political prisoner Dr. Oscar Elias Biscet.

**Jorge Luis Garcia Pérez “Antúnez”**

Jorge Luis has participated in numerous public protests and founded the Central Opposition Coalition and the National Civic Resistance and Civil Disobedience Orlando Zapata Tamayo.

**Jose Diaz Silva**

Jose is the founder and President and national delegate of the opposition movement for a new republic, founded in 2002.

**Jose Rolando Casares Soto**

Jose Rolando is a freelance journalist. He is a member of the Network of Librarians and Journalists, the Latin American Network of Youth for Democracy, and the Coordinator of events and training of the Roundtable of Cuban youth, a youth organization for the defense of human rights in Cuba.

### **Juan Antonio Madrazo Luna**

Juan Antonio is Observer for Human Rights and National Coordinator of the Citizens Committee for Racial Integration. He is also involved in a project observing the elections in Cuba in 2018.

### **Leticia Ramos Herreria**

Leticia is the representative of the Ladies in White in the province of Matanzas. She is also a member of the Party for Democracy Pedro Luis Boitel, an independent journalist and a librarian.

### **Lisandra Orraca Guerra**

Lisandra is former municipal delegate of the FLAMUR (Latin American Federation of Rural Women) in San Juan y Martinez. She is an independent librarian.

### **Luis Alberto Mariño**

Luis Alberto participates in the campaign Cuba Decide and in some roundtables such as Roundtable of the Cuban Youth and the Bureau of Democratic Action. At the same time, he continues working as a violin professor at two schools and composes music for various artistic projects.

### **Maria Isabel Valle Cristobal**

Maria Isabel works for the joint venture, Pedro Sotto Alba - Moa Nickel SA, as Specialist "B" in the Investments, sub branch Engineering.

### **Marianela Leyva Serrano**

Marinela is the President of FLAMUR Cuba. She works as project manager and conducts training on market economies. Her work is associated with topics such as domestic violence, juvenile independence and redemption of securities.

### **Rolando Rodríguez Lobaina**

Rodríguez Lobaina joined the opposition movement in Cuba in 1996 as part of the Youth for Democracy group. Today, he is the Director of the Eastern Democratic Alliance and the Centre for Alternative Studies of the Cuban Youth Movement for Democracy, founded by his older brother, Nestor Rodriguez Lobaina (exiled from Cuba, who now lives in Spain).

**Rosa Escalona**

Rosa has been part of the opposition movement since 2000. She has participated in various social and community projects such as “extending our hands” and “extending with children, disabled and the needy population”, among others.

**Yris Tamara Pérez Aguilera**

In 2008, Yris Tamara founded the Female Civil Rights Movement Rosa Parks, a peaceful pro-freedom group. She has provided testimony of violations of human rights and the struggle for the freedom of Cuba in the United States Congress, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and in many countries worldwide.