

## Cuba to develop joint projects with South Africa on biotechnology

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**Marta Ayala, the Deputy Director-general of CIGB, visited South Africa as part of the long-term strategy designed by that institution in the African country.**



Cuba has expressed its willingness to contribute to and collaborate with the development of joint projects with South Africa in biotechnology and establish lasting relations in both the countries.

As per the news reported by Prensa Latina, Marta Ayala, deputy director-general of the Cuban Center of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (CIGB), told that her recent visit to South Africa was part of long-term strategy designed by that institution in the African country.

“As long as some objectives are attained, the way for new and interesting marketing and collaboration opportunities will be paved,” she said.

In her statements to Prensa Latina, the member of the Political Bureau of the Cuban Communist Party Central Committee, recalled that “we have been present in the South African market for more than a decade, together with the Biovacs Institute,” located in the southern city of Cape Town, with the vaccine against hepatitis B. We think this is a good time to expand the marketing relations with other South African companies and introduce, through them, new products, projects and technology developed by the Cuban scientific community.”

In this reference, she expressed interest in being able to take the trade relations between both countries at a higher level.