

NSCAG UPDATE JULY 2022



Dear Friends

On 19th July, Nicaragua celebrated the 43rd anniversary of the triumph of the Sandinista Revolution that in 1979 defeated the US-backed Somoza dictatorship which had ruled Nicaragua for more than four decades. Every year on this day, tens of thousands of people from all over the country gather at the Plaza de la Revolución in Managua to commemorate this historical and inspiring event.

In the run up to 19th July, Nicaragua came alive with marches and street parties celebrating the triumph of the Revolution and the 'Joy of Living in Peace'.

NSCAG expresses its solidarity with the Nicaraguan people on this important occasion. Nicaragua has faced up to many challenges, including continued US hostility and sanctions, yet has managed to proudly defend the gains of the Revolution and the desire of its people to live in peace. The transformation that has taken place in Nicaragua over the last 15 years of FSLN government is remarkable and Nicaragua continues to be a shining example to the world, proof that a better world is possible.

Forthcoming Webinar

Alliance for Global Justice webinar – *Reporting back: celebrating the 43rd anniversary of the Sandinista Popular Revolution*, Sunday 24 July, 8pm UK time.

In this 75-minute webinar, solidarity activists who have travelled to Nicaragua from near and far to join the anniversary celebrations will describe their experience and also the changes they have witnessed within country as the Nicaraguan people continue building their revolution in a free and sovereign nation.

Confirmed speakers to date* (more expected):

Netfa Freeman, Black Alliance for Peace

Marilyn Carlisle, Casa Baltimore Limay

Roger Harris, Task Force on the Americas

Nan McCurdy & Barbara Larcom, Nicaragua Webinars

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Recent articles

Nicaragua celebrates 43 years of revolution: a clash between reality and media misrepresentation – an article by John Perry, Senior Research Fellow, Council on Hemispheric Affairs (COHA) – see [here](#)

In this article, Becca Renk discusses how the language of revolution has been rediscovered since the return of the FSLN government to power in 2007. To read the article see [here](#)

Seventy per cent of Nicaragua's workforce is employed in the social economy, a sector that not only generates 65% of GDP but has sustained the country through a number of crises: the 2018 attempted

coup, two major hurricanes in 2020 and the pandemic. Read more about the importance of this sector [here](#)

Nicaragua ranks 7th in the world for gender equality

The World Economic Forum *Gender Gap Report* published on 13 July ranks Nicaragua 7th in the world for gender equality. The United Kingdom ranks 22nd and the United States 27th.

According to the report, Nicaragua holds joint first position for gender equality in educational attainment and fifth in the world in terms of overall political empowerment.

To read more and to download the full report see [here](#)

Approval of President Ortega and the FSLN government remains high

According to a recent survey conducted by M & R consultores, popular support for President Ortega and the FSLN Government remains high – to read more see [here](#)

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