

State Entities

President of the Councils of State and Ministers



Raul Castro Ruz

First Vice President of the Councils of State and Ministers



Jose Ramon Machado Ventura

The Council of State is the executive body of the Cuban legislature, the National Assembly of the People's Government (ANPP), and acts on its behalf when it is not in session. The ANPP elects the members of the Council of State from among its delegates at the beginning of each five-year legislative period; the last election was held on 24 February 2008, when Raul Castro formally became president of the Council of State and the Council of Ministers.

The Council of Ministers is the state's top executive and administrative body. Its members are appointed by the ANPP at the proposal of the president of the Council of State. The Council of Ministers is directed by an executive committee including its president, first vice president, vice presidents, and additional members and advisers chosen by the president.

The Communist Party is Cuba's only legal party. Fidel Castro retained the post of party first secretary when he stepped down as president of the Councils of State and Ministers; Raul Castro serves as second secretary, and the party's Politburo and Secretariat provide additional leadership. The last party congress was in 1997; a new one is slated to be held by the end of the year.

The Cuban Government's website (www.cubagob.cu) and the websites of the Communist Party of Cuba (www.pcc.cu) and the National Assembly of the People's Government (www.asanac.gov.cu) served as the primary sources for this chart.

First Secretary of the PCC Central Committee



Fidel Castro Ruz

Second Secretary of the PCC Central Committee



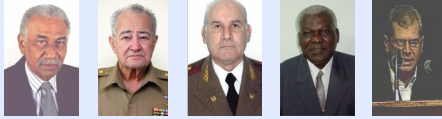
Raul Castro Ruz

- Holds positions in Council of State, Council of Ministers, and Party leadership
- Holds positions in either Council of State or Ministers and Party leadership

Council of State

Vice Presidents

Secretary



Juan Almeida Bosque • Julio Casas Regueiro • Abelardo Colome Ibarra • Juan Esteban Lazo Hernandez • Homero Acosta Alvarez *

Members



* Homero Acosta Alvarez was provisionally appointed Secretary of the Council of State on 2 March 2009 and is to be confirmed at the next session of the National Assembly.
Note: Council of State members listed in the order they appear on the ANPP website.

Surina Acosta Brook

National Assembly

President Vice President Secretary



Ricardo Alarcon de Quesada • Jaime Alberto Crombet Hernandez-Baquero • Miriam Bnto Sarroca

Council of Ministers

Vice Presidents

Secretary



Ricardo Cabrisas Ruiz • Jose Ramon Fernandez Alvarez • Marino Alberto Murillo Jorge • Ulises Rosales del Toro • Jorge Luis Sierra Cruz • Ramiro Valdes Menendez • Jose Amado Ricardo Guerra

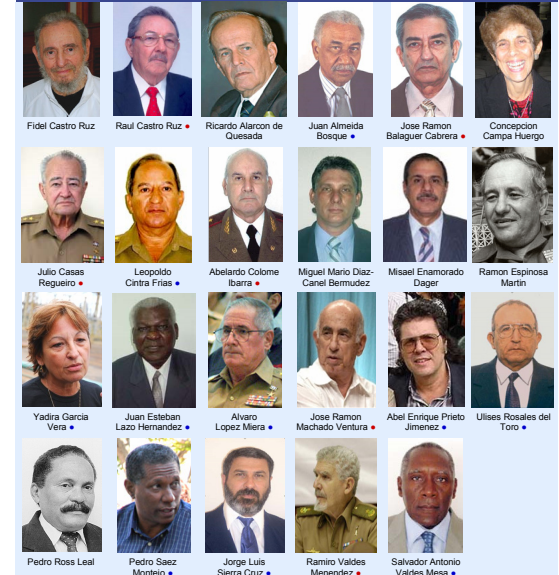
Ministers with dates of appointment

Agriculture	Auditing & Control	Basic Industries	Communications & Information Science	Construction	Culture	Domestic Trade	Economy & Planning	Education	Finance & Prices
Ulises Rosales del Toro • Nov 2008	Gladys Maria Bejarano Portela • May 2006	Yadira Garcia Vera • Oct 2004	Ramiro Valdes Menendez • Aug 2006	Fidel Fernando Figueroa de la Paz • Dec 2002	Abel Enrique Prieto Jimenez • Feb 1997	Jacinto Angulo Pardo • Mar 2009	Marino Alberto Murillo Jorge • Mar 2009	Era Elsa Velazquez Cobelli • Apr 2008	Lina Olinda Pedraza Rodriguez • Mar 2009
Food Industry	Foreign Relations	Foreign Trade & Investment	Higher Education	Interior	Justice	Labor & Social Security	Light Industry	Public Health	Revolutionary Armed Forces
Maria del Carmen Conception Gonzalez • Mar 2009	Bruno Eduardo Rodriguez Parrilla • Mar 2009	Rodrigo Malmaceda Diaz • Nov 2008	Juan Vela Valdes • Jun 2006	Abelardo Colome Ibarra • Jun 1989	Maria Esther Reus Gonzalez • Mar 2007	Margarita Mariene Gonzalez • Mar 2009	Jose Sivanro Hernandez Bernandez • May 2006	Jose Ramon Balaguer Cabrera • May 2004	Julio Casas Regueiro • Feb 2008
Science, Technology, & Environment	Steelworking Industry	Sugar Industry	Tourism	Transportation	President of Central Bank of Cuba	President of Civil Aeronautics Institute of Cuba	President of Cuban Radio & Television Institute	President of National Institute for Sports, Physical Education, & Recreation	
Jose Miguel Myiar Barnueco • Mar 2009	Salvador Pardo Cruz • Mar 2009	Luis Manuel Avila Gonzalez • Nov 2008	Manuel Mannero Cruz • Feb 2004	Jorge Luis Sierra Cruz • Oct 2006	Francisco Soboron Valdes • Nov 1997	Rogelio Acevedo Gonzalez • Jul 1989	Ernesto Lopez Dominguez • Mar 1999	Julio Christian Jimenez Molina • Oct 2005	

Top Military Leaders

Commander in Chief of the Revolutionary Armed Forces	Minister of the Revolutionary Armed Forces	First Vice Minister of the Revolutionary Armed Forces	Vice Minister of the Revolutionary Armed Forces	Vice Minister of the Revolutionary Armed Forces	Vice Minister and Chief of General Staff of the Revolutionary Armed Forces	Chief of the Western Army	Chief of the Eastern Army	Chief of the Central Army	Chief of the Revolutionary Navy	Chief of the Anti-Aircraft Defense and Revolutionary Air Force	Chief of Staff of National Civil Defense	Interior Minister (Intelligence and Security Forces)
Raul Castro Ruz, Army General •	Julio Casas Regueiro, Corps General •	Leopoldo Cintra Frias, Corps General •	Ramon Espinosa Martin, Corps General •	Joaquin Quintas Sola, Corps General •	Alvaro Lopez Miera, Division General •	Lucio Morales Abad, Division General •	Onelio Aguilera Bermudez, Division General •	Raul Rodriguez Lobaina, Division General •	Pedro Perez Betancourt, Vice Admiral •	Pedro J. Mendiondo Gomez, Division General •	Ramon Pardo Guerra, Division General •	Abelardo Colome Ibarra, Corps General •

Politburo



Fidel Castro Ruz • Raul Castro Ruz • Ricardo Alarcon de Quesada • Juan Almeida Bosque • Jose Ramon Balaguer Cabrera • Concepcion Campa Huergo • Julio Casas Regueiro • Leopoldo Cintra Frias • Abelardo Colome Ibarra • Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez • Misael Enamorado Dager • Ramon Espinosa Martin • Yadira Garcia Vera • Juan Esteban Lazo Hernandez • Alvaro Lopez Miera • Jose Ramon Machado Ventura • Abel Enrique Prieto Jimenez • Ulises Rosales del Toro • Pedro Ross Leal • Pedro Saez Montejo • Jorge Luis Sierra Cruz • Ramiro Valdes Menendez • Salvador Antonio Valdes Mesa •

Secretariat



Fidel Castro Ruz • Raul Castro Ruz • Jose Ramon Machado Ventura • Juan Esteban Lazo Hernandez • Jorge Luis Sierra Cruz • Abelardo Alvarez Gil • Mercedes Lopez Aca • Fernando Ramirez de Estenoz Barciela • Roberto Lopez Hernandez • Victor Gaulte Lopez • Roberto Tomas Morales Ojeda • Misael Enamorado Dager •