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The Cuban population is experiencing substantial changes. Due to low fertility rates and high emigration rates, the Island's population is declining and aging rapidly. Between 2010 and 2015, Cuba had the lowest total fertility rate in Latin America and the Caribbean: an average of 1.63 children per woman. Net migration was estimated to be 46,662 persons in 2012. In 2015, the Island had the largest share of its population aged over 60 (19.4 percent) in Latin America. By the year 2050, Cuba will be one of the ten countries in the world with the highest proportion of people over 60 years old (39.7 percent).

This panel will examine the socioeconomic implications of recent demographic trends in Cuba, including increasing dependency ratios, the rising costs of pension funds and health care, and the loss of young and skilled workers as a result of selective emigration. Panelists will also discuss some of the available policy options to address Cuba's demographic challenges.

Confirmed participants include:

- Dr. Antonio Aja Díaz, Director, Center for Demographic Studies, University of Havana
- Dr. Sergio Díaz-Briquets, President, NTS Consulting
- Dr. Carmelo Mesa-Lago, Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of Economics and Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh

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