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The book Decentralization and Financing for Development. Local powers and autonomy: Challenges for Cuba, written by several authors, published by UNIJURIS in 2020, ISBN 978-959-7219-65-1, the text addresses systems of competencies, communication and informatization in territorial management, local finance, government-university alliance, knowledge management and innovation, as well as management and measurement tools in integration with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). All of these are vital aspects to empower local governments. The objective is to nurture public debate and provide ideas for public policy on territorial development with emphasis on decentralization and territorial development in Cuba (Guzón, 2020).

This book gathers, in this book, the main approaches and reflections that took place in the second edition of the International Seminar on Decentralization and Financing for Development that took place in Havana, from July 3 to 5, 2019, with participants from different nationalities, institutions and organizations with international experts from Ecuador, Paraguay, Bolivia, Mexico, Italy, Spain and Argentina. In order to nurture public debate and provide ideas for public policy on territorial development with emphasis on decentralization and territorial development in Cuba, the text addresses issues around systems of competencies, communication and informatization in territorial management, local finance, government-university alliance, knowledge management and innovation, as well as management and measurement tools in

integration with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). All of them vital to empower our local governments.

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The book accompanies the country's steps towards an autonomous and sustainable territorial management, recognized in the new Constitution and projected in a recently

approved Territorial Development Policy on the way to its implementation, in line with the National Economic and Social Development Plan until 2030.