



**Rosa María Payá Acevedo** is a Cuban activist for freedom and human rights. She has led civil society activities in Cuba since 2009. She was part of the Coordination Team of the Christian Liberation Movement (Movimiento Cristiano Liberación or MCL) and she worked as a member of the Redaction Council of Somos Liberación (We are Liberation), a publication of the MCL. She was also section manager for the catholic magazine IXTHYS. The daughter of activist Oswaldo Payá, head of the Christian Liberation Movement, she took up much of his activist work after he died in a car crash on the island on 22 July 2012.

Payá Acevedo has made appearances in several international forums since 2013, including the United Nations Human Rights Council, the European Parliament, the Senate of the United States, the Organization of American States, the Summit of the Americas and several national parliaments.

She is currently the president of *Cuba Decide* (Cuba Decides), an organization that advocates for the Government of Cuba to hold a binding referendum in favor of free and plural elections for the first time in Cuba in 67 years. She also holds the position of President of the Latin American Network of Young People for Democracy.