

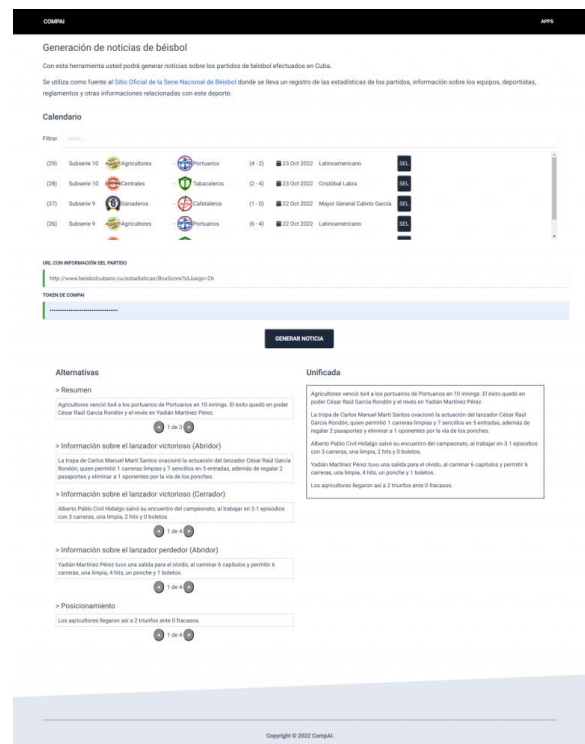


The website of the Cuban AI "CompAI" (Source: CompAI.me)

The topic of artificial intelligence is on everyone's lips right now. Since its release in November 2022, the software "ChatGPT" has amazed the media and interested public with its capabilities. Whether it's poetry, scientific essays or writing complex computer programmes based on natural language input, there hardly seems to be anything left that an AI can't handle.

The fact that the systems are not only getting better and better, but are also already playing a role in our everyday lives, is shown by the example of journalism: since 2015, some media in the USA have already been using the "Wordsmith" programme to generate baseball reports. This is supposed to relieve sports journalists from the monotonous compilation of results and create free space for more creative activities.

Recently, Cuba has also joined the ranks of countries using artificial intelligence as the state news portal "Cubadebate" [announced](#) last October that it would use the AI "CompAI", developed in Cuba, to produce its baseball reports. The software was developed at the start-up incubator of the University of Informatics of Havana (UCI) and can do much more than just sports reporting: In addition to translations, pattern analysis and image recognition, the AI can also recognise emotional moods in news texts and reader



comments. It can also extract places, people and topics, which is helpful when choosing hashtags and keywords.

One of the supreme disciplines of AIs currently remains the automated generation of text. Here, the small Cuban start-up is probably still far behind the market leader OpenAI. But tailored to the secure database of the Cuban baseball league, the software already seems to be doing a solid job, which should save the editors at "Cubadebate" a lot of time. Whether and when further subject areas (recurring formats such as the situation reports of energy suppliers, but also some translations of Cuban media would be obvious) will be opened up by CompAI will be announced. The "Cubadebate" editorial team and the CompAI team were already working on other projects to be announced "in due course".

In 2021 it was Corona vaccines, now AI: The example of "CompAI" shows that Cuba, despite all economic problems, is still able to put its own innovations into practice in fields of current cutting-edge technology. Cuban biotechnology can tell you a thing or two about the fact that the path from a finished product to a currency-generating export hit is anything but easy. For the time being, it has been established that IT start-ups and productive partnerships between the state and private sectors have at least left the phase of grey theory.