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PINAR DEL RIO, Cuba, Oct 17 (acn) The representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization, FAO, urged on Tuesday in Pinar del Rio to produce the largest amount possible of food with the available technologies and without hurting the environment.

During his conference entitled, "Model in Agriculture in the Framework of the Sustainable Development Agenda", as part of the 3rd International Scientific Symposium University of Pinar del Rio 2017, the representative insisted that the impact to the environment must be below the capacity of the natural recovery.

He stressed that the soil is a vulnerable element; meanwhile, mechanical farming provokes a rapid degradation compared to a natural recovery of the land.

Friedrich said that not plowing the soil facilitates adapting to drought and rain due to better infiltration and thus less flooding.

It is time to change towards a non-plowing agriculture to attend to the 2030 Sustainable Development he said.

He emphasized that the world population growth has been greater than productions but we cannot allow for the environment and natural resources to degrade.

Friedrich added that the world losses or wastes a third of the food each year so we must urgently produce from the reduction of the environmental damage in detriment to the soil, water and nutrients; the toxic gas emissions that inflict global warming and the loss of the ecosystems.

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