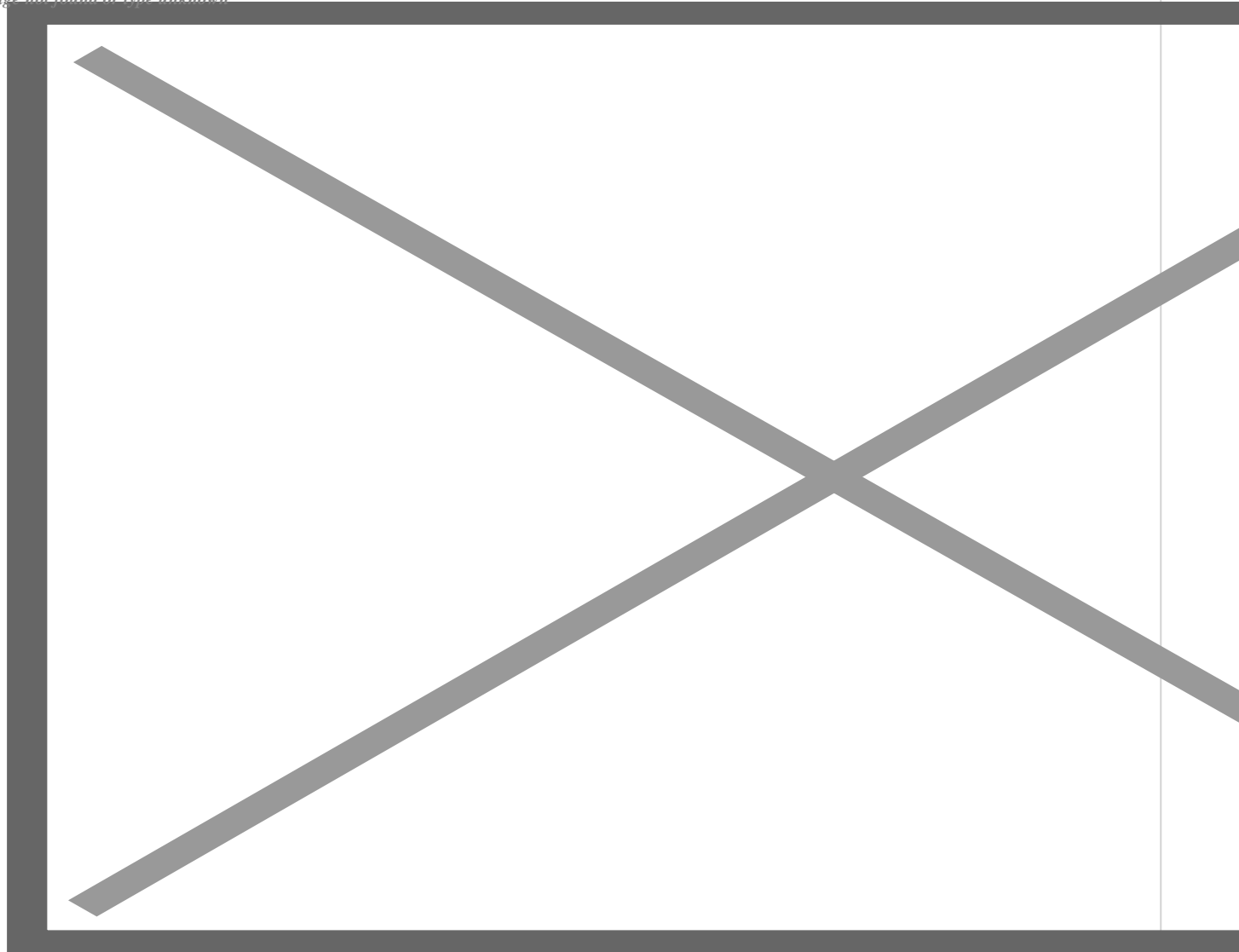


# *Venezuela and the MST launch large socio-productive project in the Patria Grande del Sur*

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President Nicolás Maduro asserted that the socio-productive project becomes "a union to build

**the dreams of several generations. No one will be able to destroy the union between Venezuela and Brazil." Photo: Presidential Press**

Caracas, September 24 (RHC)-- Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and the leader of the Landless Workers Movement (MST), Joao Pedro Stédile, presented details of the Great Productive Project of the Patria Grande del Sur, a national agricultural planting program to promote food security and productive practices that are friendly to the environment.

During the broadcast of the program Con Maduro+, the Venezuelan leader explained that in the medium term the project will put 10,000 hectares into production in the state of Bolívar (south). Later, it will cover 100,000 hectares.

President Maduro said that the concept of integrating the MST experience with the Venezuelan conuco techniques promoted by the national peasantry will be defended. He reported that the former Minister of Productive Agriculture and Lands (2016-2024), Wilmer Castro Soteldo, will be in charge of this promising project.

He said that he wants to launch "the rescue of the concept of conucos, which is the agro-sustainable and agro-ecological concept of Venezuela." Maduro added that Soteldo "knows and has developed the concepts that we want to carry forward," such as that of the conucos.

The Venezuelan president explained that planting on a family and communal scale, such as that practiced by the conuqueros, contributes to the "preservation, productive diversification and care of the land."

He valued the importance of the project beyond Venezuela. "We already have in mind to reach, with the MST, the Venezuelan peasant movements, the communal forces of the countryside, in the medium term, 100,000 productive hectares of food for the people of Venezuela and for the peoples in need in Latin America," he said.

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