

# *FAO Fosters Transition to Climate Smart Agriculture*

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Havana, June 19 (PL-RHC) -- Theodor Friedrich, representative of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization in Cuba (FAO), highlighted the need of world agricultural sectors of becoming climate-smart.

He told Prensa Latina news agency that climate-smart agriculture is a pathway towards adaptation to climatic change and that it reduces the vulnerability of rural communities faced with extreme phenomena, like drought and flooding.

Friedrich said, during the 9th International Congress on Disasters held in Havana, that climate-smart agriculture also mitigates climatic change by reducing greenhouse effects while offering an economic and farming update.

Friedrich said that nowadays near 10 percent of the world's cultivable areas employ this method, with a rising trend of 10,000,000 hectares annually, hence it is considered the farming method of the future.

In Cuba it is not employed yet, but some projects are being carried out and many institutions and universities are aware of its significance, said Friedrich.

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