(AGI) Taormina - UN Rapporteur De Schutter has said the West must return to produce once again, favoring local agriculture.

Olivier De Schutter, UN Rapporteur on the Right to Food, in a video interview for the Confagricoltura Academy Forum said, "The West must return to produce once again, but must have a different approach with the populations of the third world, favoring a model of local agriculture for local consumption more than for the market." An "intensive" agriculture, but with a high level of awareness. "For many years," De Schutter stated, "we thought that to defeat hunger we had to give good to the developing countries, because they were incapable to produce it themselves. Today we realize that this is not a good solution, because it prevents them acquiring the capability to feed themselves and to protect the volatility of prices. We must re-think the model for agricultural development adopted in the last thirty years." "In the world, 75% of those who live in conditions of extreme poverty live in rural areas. For this, increasing the income of the rural populations is fundamental.

In order to do this, their model for agriculture must be supported, a familial model, which produces for the local community and only in part for the market. A model which, for many years, has been neglected by the governments of developing countries, because it was not for export and did not generate fiscal gains. Giving support to this type of agriculture, and supplying producers education and awareness to become more competitive, we will help them to increase their income and reduce hunger and malnutrition."