

Cuban president evokes Fidel Castro's ideas on development

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Havana, May 5 (RHC)-- Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel has evoked the words of the leader of the Revolution, Fidel Castro, on the importance of equitable distribution of wealth to achieve sustainable development.

On his Twitter account, the Cuban president shared a fragment of the Commander-in-Chief's speech during the First Global Conference on Sustainable Development of Small Island States, held in 1994 in Barbados.

"For overdeveloped societies, the problem is not to grow but to distribute, and not only to distribute among themselves, but to distribute among all of them," said Fidel on a day like today in 1994.

He stressed that "the sustainable growth we are talking about is impossible without a fairer distribution among all countries," Díaz-Canel also noted.

At a time when there are increasingly more calls for solidarity and international cooperation in the fight against COVID-19, Fidel's words are more prophetic: "whether we like it or not, today humanity is one single family, and we will all have the same destiny."

In that speech, Fidel Castro denounced that "the powerful discuss the forms of the new distribution of the world," while "the poor and small countries try to figure out how we will survive in the years to come."

Twenty-six years ago, at that conference, the Cuban leader drew attention to the deterioration of the environment and the impact that climate change would be having on small island states. "If we are islands a few meters above the sea, we wonder what will happen when the waters rise and if we will be able to face the droughts, cyclones and other climate catastrophes that await us."

