



## **HARNESSTOM at the World Tomato Congress and Tomato Fair**

The first day of the World Tomato Congress and Tomato fair took place 9 in Nijar, home of a large community of farmers and breeders that are leaders of tomato production in Almeria (Spain) and one of the largest tomato exporters to EU. HARNESSTOM coordinator Antonio Granell was invited to participate and presented the HARENSSTOM project. Granell highlighted the importance of genetic resources not just for identifying sources of resistance against ToBRFV but also to guarantee the sustainability of tomato production for now and for the future. A message that was well understood by this community of farmers and breeders that showed concerned for the future of tomato production and are well known by their interest in innovation. HARNESSTOM presentation was preceded by Enza Zaden Tomato Global Research Director Kees Könst to introduce their new tomato varieties carrying strong resistance against TOBRFV and right before a presentation by Juan Miguel Agüero – Product Development Specialist from BASF about their intermediate resistance materials and the use of measures to prevent the entry and propagation of the TOBRFV.

The one hour presentations and discussion sessions were followed by a general Q & A roundtable session where the three speakers answered the questions collected from the audience which were mainly technicians and engineers from the farmers' associations and breeding companies well established in the region.

With more than 1000 people registered to this event the World tomato congress has been a complete success and as the mayor of Nijar Esperanza Perez emphasized (<https://www.teleprensa.com/articulo/provincia/esperanza-perez-llama-redoblar-esfuerzos-adaptacion-conocimiento-asegurar-liderazgo-agricolalmeriense/202204261750541193469.html>) how important is "keeping our efforts in research and knowledge is key to maintaining Almeria leadership in agricultural production"

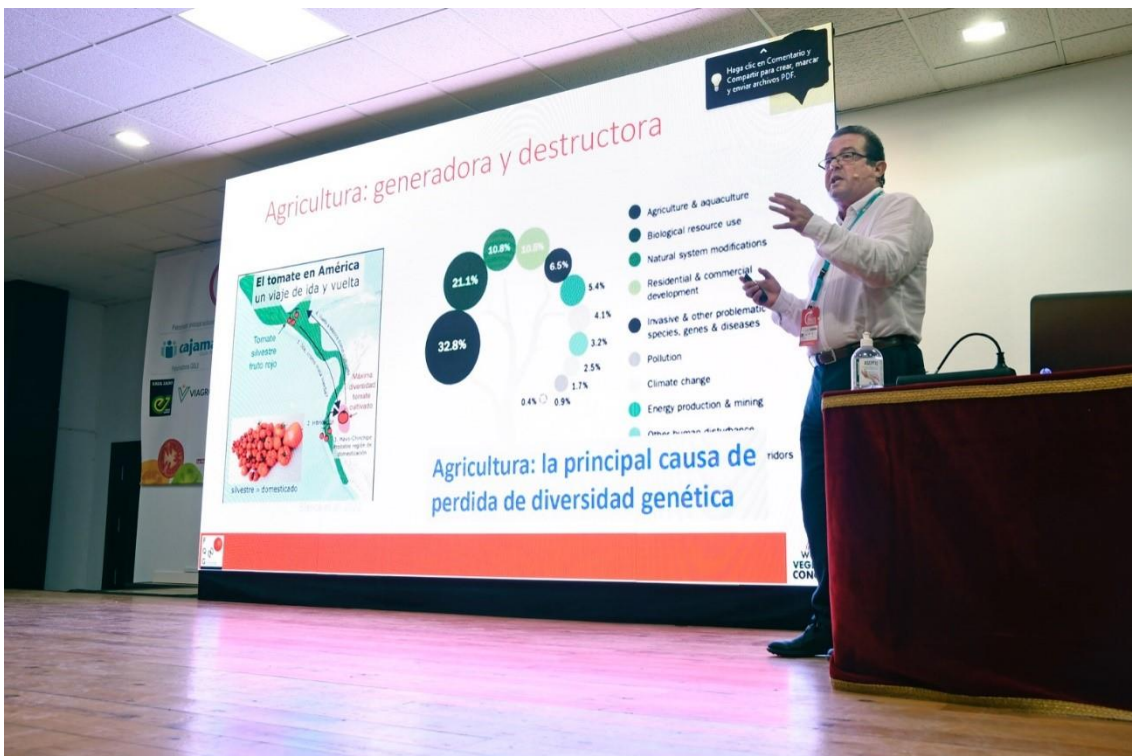
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Program:

<https://worldvegetablecongress.com/programa-world-tomato-congress-2022/>



Picts:



HARNESSTOM Coordinator Toni Granell during his presentation of the project at the World Tomato Congress in Nijar



HARNESSTON coordinator participating in the round table with ENZA Zaden and BASF

IN the media:

<https://sevilla.abc.es/agronoma/noticias/cultivos/tomate/world-tomato-congress-2022/?ref=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.es%2F>

<https://www.lavozdealmeria.com/agricultura2000/noticia/8/agricultura/234278/el-congreso-internacional-del-tomate-tendra-lugar-este-proximo-abril-en-almeria>

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