

## "HARNESSTOM meets ancestral criollo tomato farmers, users and researchers in Mexico"

Harnesstom coordinator Antonio Granell has actively participated in the first Native and Ancestral Tomato Fair that took take place in Zimatlan, Oaxaca, Mexico on Sept 3 and Sept 4, 2022. The two days event was a big success with local media coverage (https://www.oaxacaevents.com/09/03/2022/feria-del-tomate-nativo-y-ancestral-zimatl-n-de-lvarez/, https://www.nvinoticias.com/vida/realizaran-feria-del-tomate-nativo-y-ancestral-en-zimatlan-oaxaca/135783) and opened a debate on the importance of preserving traditions and natural resources.

Several activities took place including elaboration of "platillos" by renowned cooks like host Joana Chavez at "Mi Tierra Linda (Zimatlan)" Restaurant, showed cooking events by several traditional chefs, tomato market by traditional local farmers, etc... The most popular traditional variety is called "tomate del riñón" was highly appreciated with plenty of opportunities to talk with the local farmers... The Fair also offered several workshops including the use of tomato in traditional and modern cuisine, how to grow and produce tomatoes and even workshop on herborization and seed collection and cleaning.

During the event, the day before and after there were plenty of opportunities for interacting with the local criollo tomato farmers, traditional cooks and scientist from Oajaca and UAM univeristies.

## The complete program was:









## Some pictures of "Feria del Tomate Nativo y Ancestral, Zimatlán, Oaxaca":





In these two photographs appears the local organizers Gabriela Toledo and Joana Chavez and a selection of farmers and traditional cooks.



Harnesstom coordinator Antonio Granell during his speech.



Participants in the debate "Anticipating the future through the past: Ancestral tomatoes as tools for research, innovation and solutions to climate change"

