

BrightSpots Oaxaca

Future Food System Summit

November 9 & 10 2023

📍 Unidad de Extensión
Universitaria UNAM, Oaxaca

In our recent **Future Food Systems Summits** we brought together a diverse group of **food system experts and change-makers**.

This provided a unique platform for **networking, identifying common goals, and developing actionable plans** for a brighter future.



Special thanks to those who made this workshop possible:

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Venue:
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UNAM
Villa Agroecologica Tierra del Sol

Catering:
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Artist:
María del Rosario Jiménez Cabrera

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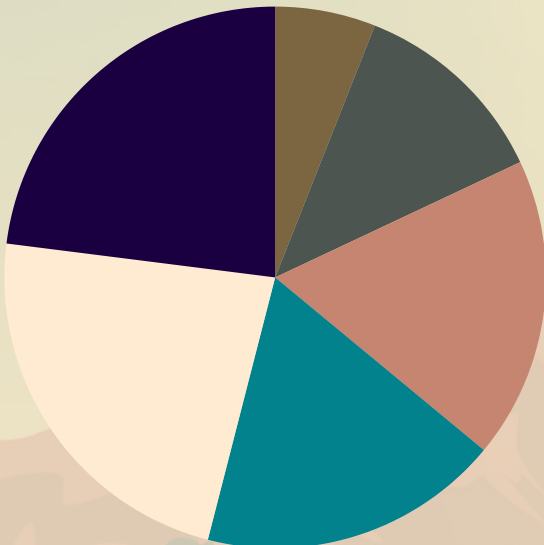
Summit participants

■ Social Movement

■ Educational Institution

■ Informal Group ■ NGO

■ Government ■ Industry/Business



Day 1

- Building a common vision for Oaxaca's future food system at an individual and group level

Day 2

- Networking and guided visit to Villa Agroecologica Tierra del Sol



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Future Food System Summit GROUP VISIONS



→ Participants divided into three groups and created a vision of a desirable food system in 2050. Here are their visions:

Raising awareness among young people for a sustainable agri-food system to build the future with their hands

Collective art of soil care and healthy eating

Healthy Food with Local Products



- Emphasize crop **diversification** and sustainability
- Advocate for **supportive** public policies
- Highlight micro-industries and **mutual aid**
- Promote **young farmers** and market access

- Promote **sustainable** agricultural practices
- Advocate **zero agrochemical** use
- Support **local** staple grain production
- Ensure **fair remuneration** for farmers
- Improve **market access** and infrastructure

- Engage **youth and women** in decisions
- Strengthen **ancestral** food practices
- Promote **diverse** agricultural systems
- Implement school and community **gardens**
- Advocate **climate-adapted** food production

→ Participants came together and identified **common values** across the three group visions:

- Collectivity
- Solidarity
- Fair Trade
- Health, Wisdom and Learning
- Consciousness/Awareness
- Reciprocity
- Respect for Tradition and Environment
- Social Equity and Justice
- Youth Engagement
- Sustainable Practices

“It is not often that the tool that is built from the outside is used within the community because I think that something that does not happen is that we reflect on these issues so that these new tools are valued by the people who live there.”

“Solidarity, that sometimes we help those in need with humility. Sharing knowledge, not keeping it to ourselves.”

→ Based on common values, participants created a shared vision of a desirable food system in 2050.

→ Visual representing the vision



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Our vision, in 2050, is of a system deeply interconnected with nature, where soil and forest conservation and restoration are fundamental pillars. Young people, who are trained and aware, lead a model of agroecological, self-sufficient production rooted in teamwork and community organization.

Ensuring access to seeds and celebrating the value of agricultural work are essential, while diverse production systems and appropriate technologies sustain long-term viability. Food education, tailored to local contexts, promotes diverse diets based on native plants, reviving ancient foods and transforming public perception of healthy eating.

Commercially, we value food beyond its economic price, fostering fair, local, and accessible trade with special recognition of women's contributions. Governance focuses on equity and justice, guaranteeing the right to health and nutritious food, with public policies directed by affected communities and programs ensuring access to healthy foods in all institutions.

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