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Professor Aurora Xolalpa Aroche



Aurora Xolalpa Aroche is a PhD candidate in Animal Production Sciences and Health. She currently works as a professor for the Mayan Intercultural University in Quintana Roo, Mexico.

Aurora is an expert in beekeeping, working closely with the Yucatan-Mayan communities to help protect, enhance and build the capacity of melipona bee production.

Here are some examples of the successful projects she has managed and participated in:

- Construction and equipping of the "Center for Sustainable Beekeeping Innovation in the State of Quintana Roo".
- Innovation and development of a protein and immunostimulant food for *Apis mellifera* bees.
- Creation of the First Center for the Conservation, Rescue, Teaching and
- Innovation for the Development of Mayan Meliponiculture", that centre in Melipona beecheii "Xunankaab" bee, focuses on indigenous communities and new generations.
- Consolidation of the rebirth of meliponiculture in the Yucatan Peninsula.
- Yucatan" Funded by W.K. Kellogg foundation Amount
- "Implementation of Good Practices for Production, Handling and Packaging of Honey as a Strategy for the commercialization of the product in beekeeping production units in the beekeeping productive units in the municipalities of José María Morelos and Felipe Carrillo Puerto in the state of Quintana Roo.

Carlos Ucam Yam

Carlos Manuel Ucam Yam is an engineer in agroecological production systems from the Intercultural University in Quintana Roo, Mexico. He is the production manager at Ka'a Kuxtal agroecological production plot.

He has worked as the technical responsible for various projects like: "Strengthening agroecological production units and solidarity economy" to increase the community roots and retention of young people in localities of the municipality of José María Morelos in Quintana Roo.

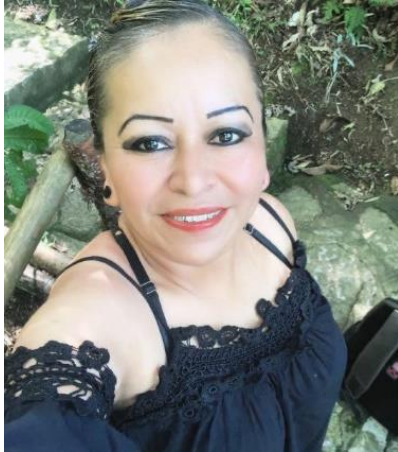
Trees that give life in Mayan communities.

Agroecological Transition in Environmental Services Producers Network in with the civil association Ya'ax Sot' Ot' Ot' Yook'ol Kaab.





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Paulina Garrido Bonilla

Paulina currently represents the Union of Cooperatives Tosepan. She is the first woman to hold this position. Part of the trust placed in her is due to her community participation where she has held the following roles:

- President of the Cooperative Committee in the community of San Miguel Tzinacapan, Puebla from 2004 to 2006.
- Member of the Community Supply Committee of the Community of San Miguel Tzinacapan from 2006 to 2009.
- Member of the Committee of the Integral Territorial Ordering of the Municipality of Cuetzalan, Puebla.
- Different community commissions linked to the cultural strengthening of her hometown San Miguel Tzinacapan.

Paulina is part of the second generation of cooperative members and was actively involved as a Community Promoter in the Tosepantomin Cooperative from 2008 until August 2013. Subsequently, she held the position of Coordinator until 2015.

With an accumulation of experiences, she has the challenge of representing an organization with 45 years of life, to continue advancing in the construction of a project of good life, where men and women have the commitment to work for the next generations and continue opening opportunities, dreaming, and working for a different Mexico.

Mayolo Hernández Hernández

He graduated as an Engineer in Agroecology from the Autonomous University of Chapingo, with a Master's degree in Rural Development from the UAM – Xochimilco. He was Co-Coordinator of the Environmental Education program in the Nahuatl Indigenous Region of the Sierra Norte de Puebla with Etnoecología A.C and the Union of Cooperatives Tosepan. He has held several roles:

- Advisor to the Union of Cooperatives Tosepan from 2005 to 2018 on environmental issues.
- Founder and promoter of the Integral Territorial Planning Program of Cuetzalan from 2008 to 2017, COTIC.
- Advisor of the Coffee Product System of the state of Puebla and Liaison of the Mexican Coffee Association (AMECAFE)
- Advisor in the Cdena bamboo in the State of Puebla with the development of technological innovations in construction.
- Advisor of the Carbon Neutral Program of the Produce Puebla Foundation A.C designing carbon neutral offices, carbon neutral coffee and carbon neutral livestock.
- Founder of the Bioma Civil Association that carries out research, technological development and community development in the Sierra Norte de Puebla Region, Sierra del Tenzo in Puebla and collaborates with the program "Water and Soil for Agriculture CRS – GAIA.



He dedicates to accompany community, indigenous and environmental organizations of different environmental challenges that they face on a day-to-day basis. He is currently following up on indigenous consultation issues in the state of Puebla, and on a sustainable coffee landscapes program in six states in southeastern Mexico.