
AUGUST 2017: News in short from Sahara-Roots



23 SEP 17: Joudour Sahara PFCF Day will celebrate the diverse music traditions local to M'hamid el Ghizlane and the saharan region of Zagora in southeastern Morocco. The event will include traditional tribal music from Ahidous, Rokba, Chamra, and Ginga bands, and modern Saharan Blues music from local youth groups, including Joudour Sahara's very own band. Joudour Sahara is a music program sponsored **by Playing For Change Foundation**, aimed at providing local youth in M'hamid the opportunity to study music and have access to a space for creative expression and personal growth.

If you would like to make a donation to this wonderful program please visit:

<https://playingforchange.org/joudour-sahara-music-program/>

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Donate a tree!

Mexico, Morocco

Become a Green Musketeer and let us plant a tree for you! Donate a Tree of Friendship or help the youth in M'hamid El Ghizlane with a greener Saharan desert.

June 2017: Sahara Roots is proud to be chosen as one of the **Groasis Projects** to which you can donate!! Help fight climate change by PLANTING TREES and help GREEN our beautiful planet!

See: <https://www.groasis.com/en/donate/plant-trees-in-the-saharan-desert-with-the-waterboxx>



Clarity Water Systems is a specialist company that custom builds small scale water purification systems for remote areas of the World. Their systems are ideal for small villages, medical centres, schools etc. where there is no access to clean, potable water.

Great news! Clarity Water Systems has been asked to install a system on the island of Mfangano in lake Victoria, Kenya. There are a 1000 residents who currently have to carry water up a steep hill 70m up from the shore - when they manage to get this water home it needs boiling to make it safe to drink. When you realise that 75% of this population is HIV positive it helps to put the seriousness of this project into perspective. With our system installed their water will be easily accessible and completely safe to drink.

Hopefully there will be a way to provide clean drinkwater to the villages in the area of M'hamid in the near future! Pleased visit: <https://www.facebook.com/claritywatersystems/>



April 2017: ISTAHT de Ouarzazate. Plantation des arbres. A big thank you to Mohamed [Ouza Khattouch](#) for the great treeplanting activity in Ouarzazate and to all those who helped him. A true grassroots approach and a wonderful compliment for all the work that the Sahara Roots Foundation has been doing in the South if Morocco so far. Our 1st treeplanting activity at the ISTAHT was during the Earth Day activities in April 2012. Thanks to the help of the Groasis Waterboxx and the care of Ouza they are now 6 meters tall!! Hopefully these newly planted trees will grow just as well!!! [Wanda Hebly](#).



GREEN GATEWAY TO THE SAHARA, FEBRUARY 2017

March 2017: The trees that we planted during Taragalte Festival 2016, as part of the environmental educational program for the new Jourdour Music School project, are looking good! We were also able to plant 15 palm trees of 4 different types during our visit on 01 March 2017 together with a group of graduates of Essence College (www.essencecollege.nl) in the Netherlands, during our fantastic in Mhamid.



COP22 in Marrakech, NOVEMBER 2016

09 November 2016: Great Day 2 at the COP22 in Marrakesh, our Music School Project Joudour Sahara in M'hamid El Ghizlane developed with a great dream team including [Stacie Freasier](#) and [François Vigué](#) from Playing for Change, [Halim Sbai](#) and [Ibrahim Sbai](#) from Zaila, [Wanda and Laurens Hebly](#) from Sahara Roots, and Thomas Duncan was showcased at the Oasis and Arid Land stand at the Civil Society section of the COP22. We thank the CARI Centre d'Actions et de Réalisations Internationales for coordinating the stand!
www.joudoursahara.org . [Aziza Chaouni](#)

19 november 2016 : M'hamid's Joudour Sahara Music School and the Association Zaïla were at COP22 to raise awareness about the impact of climate change on desert communities. Ambassador Bush met the leaders of these two dynamic organizations when he traveled to M'Hamid, Tata, Morocco in October to announce the newest Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation project, focused on the preservation of traditional music of the Vallée de Draa (Draa Valley). [US Embassy Rabat](#).