



JoudourSahara

SAHARA-ROOTS FOUNDATION

International Earth Day Celebration

28 & 29 April 2023



**Help us to fight desertification!
Join us in M'hamid, Morocco for Earth Day activities
On 28 & 29 April 2023!!**

Joudour Sahara Association, of which Sahara-Roots is a partner, will organize the celebration of the International Earth Day on the 28th & 29th of April, 2023 in M'hamid El Ghizlane. We will organize a series of activities to help reduce desertification and to remind us that our planet is fragile. We must respect and defend it!

We will be planting 300 trees with the GROASIS Waterboxx system, to help form a natural barrier against the threat of desertification and to raise awareness of the importance of protecting the natural environment and the culture of the oases of M'Hamid El Ghizlane and the Sahara.

International Earth Day in Mhamid is about creating awareness of protecting the natural and cultural environment

Our activities will be a combination of **Nettoyage**, **Education** and **Tree-planting**

The project's objectives are:

- * to shed further light on water stress and food security in the valley of the Draa
- * **Educational** activities with children in the schools of the villages of M'Hamid el Ghizlane regarding the importance of preserving the oases, and the wealth of the natural and cultural aspects
- * waste collection (**Nettoyage**) and presentation of alternative recycling solutions
- * the importance of maintaining cleanliness
- * create awareness for respecting the environment in both cultural & tourism fields
- * contribute towards the promotion of environmental activities



Join us on 28 and 29 April, 2023 for the celebration of International Earth Day!!

Help protect the beautiful but fragile environment!

We wish to welcome: the local population, pupils, students and farmers, groups of musicians of all ages, categories and styles, tourists, researchers in the field of art and culture, and the environment...



Program 28 April 2023

April 28, 2023

Students, youngsters & adults (about 150), plus their team leaders (10) and volunteers will participate in the operation to collect plastic bags and raise awareness in the oasis and in the village, according to the following program:

09h: Meeting with the participants near the Ksar Mhamid

Preparation of the teams and distribution of the necessary equipment such as gloves, caps, and biodegradable bag

10h: Nettoyage: waste collection around the village and in the area between the oasis and the desert. Each team rakes its area, picks up the waste and places it in bags provided for this purpose and will selectively sort out glass & plastic.

During the two hours of waste collection, we will come to understand the importance of these simple gestures. They are of great value for the preservation of nature and are a huge threat that contributes to the degradation of our landscape.

12h: Drink-break for the participants and distribution of gifts to thank everyone and encourage them to continue their efforts to help protect the environment.

After lunch a Round table conference:

Participate in the conference about the harmful effects of the acceleration of the degradation of water resources in the oasis and desert area, with the presence of the local population and representatives of the farmers.



Program 29 April 2023

April 29, 2023

09h: Visit to the tree planting project on the Joudour Sahara Site and help plant 300 trees (including 50 palm trees) with the Groasis Waterboxx system.

Presentation of the partnership work between Sahara Roots and Joudour Sahara which illustrates the work that has been done as part of the management of environment and sustainability.

Lunch with local people

16h: Closing of World Earth Day

Distribution of certificates of participation and encouragement

Musical evening with young people from the Joudour Sahara Music School and traditional groups at the tree planting site of the Joudour Sahara Center.. Including support for the families of artists who passed away this year.

In partnership with

Sahara Roots Foundation, Playing for Change, Aziza Chaouni Projects, and with the support of the Provincial Council of Zagora, the Provincial Directorate of Waters and Forests, the Department of National Education, the Provincial Council of Tourism of Zagora and the commune of M'Hamid el Ghizlane.

