INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON FAIR & RESPONSIBLE TOURISM AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (FITS)

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Climate Resilience, Sustainable Development and Fair & Responsible Tourism in the Oases of the World



The FITS Morocco 2020 benefits from the Patronage of the World Tourism Organization, UNESCO, FAO, UNEP and ISTO¹.

Placed under the aegis of the Moroccan Ministry of Tourism, it is organized by the Provincial Council of Ouarzazate, the city of Ouarzazate, ANDZOA², Provincial Councils of Tourism, the South Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur Region (France) and many partners (associations, agencies, networks, committees, etc.).

It will bring together more than 400 representatives of national and local governments, tourism professionals, media, associations, experts, for whom the safeguarding of oases and the development of responsible and fair tourism are both desirable and possible.

A double goal

This 8th FITS is intended primarily to strengthen advocacy for the safeguarding of the world's oases, in the process of accelerated degradation while their ecosystems are models of resilience in a hostile environment, models that should be inspired at the time of climatic upheavals. It also aims to promote and develop a simple tourism model, vector of sustainable local development for fragile areas.

Objectives

• Encourage **meetings** and **exchanges of good practices** between partners concerned by the themes of safeguarding oases and tourism development and strengthening the corresponding national and international **networks**.

• Contribute to the formulation then to the realization of a **Concerted Action Plan** aiming, through international mobilization, to promote the implementation of projects to safeguard oases and sustainable tourism development of these spaces.

A program

• Small caravans in the oases of the Drâa-Tafilalet region (3 days) from 25 to 27 January.

• The **international forum** at the Palais des Congrès in Ouarzazate (2,5 days) from 28 to 30 January.

But also

- **Caravans**, from one oasis to another, from Atar (Mauritania) to Ouarzazate (Morocco) and Tataouine (Tunisia) to Timimoun (Algeria)
- Exhibition of handicrafts and agriculture products from Moroccan oases in Ouarzazate

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