Greening the Desert



Theme Day at the Goetheanum 29 October 2025, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Event in English with simultaneous translation into German

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Making the Impossible Possible

As part of Culturescapes 2025 — Sahara, we present inspiring success stories from desert regions, showing how innovative and biodynamic agriculture is transforming arid lands into fertile soil and creating sustainable livelihoods in some of the world's most challenging environments. Through a lively interaction between agriculture and the arts, we open up new, future-oriented perspectives.

The programme is held in **English**. Simultaneous translation into **German** will be provided.

Prices

Including lunch and coffee breaks Standard: CHF 60 Reduced: CHF 40 Supporter: CHF 100

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Info und Tickets

goetheanum.ch/de /veranstaltungen /greeningthedesert 10:00 The Culture of the Sahara
A welcome by Jurriaan Cooiman
Biodynamics in Arid Regions
Ueli Hurter
The Story of SEKEM
Helmy Abouleish

11:00 **Coffee Break**Young jazz and vocal musicians
under the direction of Djim Radé

11:30 Greening the desert
The Hazoua project in Tunisia
Women in WesternSahara
Asria Mohamed
Agroforestry and biodiversity
Roland Frutig
Panel Conversation
Asria Mohamed, Roland Frutig,
Ueli Hurter

12:30 **Lunch Break**Visuals by Mohamed Sleiman

13:30 Building Value Chains with Social and Environmental Impact in Morocco
Alexander Batran, WELEDA
The Economy of Love (EoL) Initiative:
Improving Livelihoods in the Desert
SEKEM

14:30 **Coffee Break**Visuals by Mohamed Sleiman

15:00 Educating Farmers and the
Dignity of the Work with the Earth
SEKEM
Panel Conversation

Jurriaan Cooiman, Eduardo Rincon, Alexander Batran

16:00 **Closing**