



Essaouira Mogador is a town at the *Atlantic coast of Morocco*. الصويرة

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Projects in Essaouira

Le Centre Culturel Mogador

Oscar Niemeyer, considered as the father of modern architecture, 1907-2012, dedicated his last project to Essaouira. He worked on this project in collaboration with the Moroccan architect *Rachid Andaloussi*. The cultural center is designed as a seagull flying over the town beach.

The Cultural Centre Mogador includes a library, a home for music and a 300-seat amphitheater.

Source: <http://essaouira.vivre-maroc.com/actualites-societe-et-faits-divers/le-projet-du-centre-culturel-mogador-n825.html>

HAF = High Atlas Foundation

To celebrate the **International Day of Monuments and Sites** April 18, the High Atlas Foundation organizes an event called "*The Heritage as a witness to the*

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High Atlas Foundation

HSAM

unity and diversity" with youth associations and Bayti Argania. The event will begin at the museum Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdellah and includes a treasure hunt and an art workshop.

The over-arching purpose of the **High Atlas Foundation** is grassroots development in predominantly rural disadvantaged communities in Morocco. HAF was founded in 2000 by former Peace Corps Volunteers as a way to build upon the relationships and knowledge gained during their years of service for the continued benefit of the Moroccan people. HAF is a U.S. 501(c)(3) organization and a Moroccan association, and since 2011 has Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

HAF is implementing a training, environmental education and historical preservation project in **Essaouira**. This project involves training on agricultural techniques and telling the history of Essaouira through the use of the *Christian, Muslim and Jewish* cemeteries.

<http://www.hihatlasfoundation.org>

The High Atlas Foundation (HAF) is a Moroccan association and **US 501(c)(3) non-profit organization** committed to participatory development through local, national, and international partnerships. The HAF philosophy is to create an inclusive process for community development that relies on the participation of all local stakeholders, and especially the most marginalized groups. HAF integrates participatory methods of community planning to identify, design, and implement sustainable human development projects, in agriculture, health, education, small businesses, and women and youth empowerment. The absolute essence of HAF's work is that the projects are identified and realized wholly by the communities who solely benefit from them.

More information about HAF: www.hihatlasfoundation.org

More information about the project:

<http://www.hihatlasfoundation.org/projects/cultural-projects>

DAR SOUIRI Espace Socioculturel

Cultural activities for children, adolescents and adults, cultural programming (concerts, theater, cinema, etc.), participation in festivals, fight for the preservation, promotion and development of the city of Essaouira, support to associations and artists of Essaouira, the fields of action are multiple and **Dar Souiri** site invites you to discover them.

The Mission

- To safeguard the social and economic heritage
- Ensure the preservation of an urban and cultural city
- The promotion of the city and its region
- The strengthening of the economic and local infrastructure
- The strengthening of friendship and solidarity between members of the association
- Ensure cooperation with associations with similar objectives at local, national and international levels
- The preparation of records and the preparation of studies on sustainable development issues concerning the city and the region in order to present them to the authorities concerned.
- Cultural and historical heritage in danger
- Essaouira UNESCO World Heritage 2001

L'Association Féminine de Bienfaisance El Khir (A.F.B.K)

Action CAP GLOW

From 8 to 12 April 2013, the association organizes a training camp for 32 girls in the province of Essaouira. This action called "**Camp Glow**" is done in partnership with volunteers of the *American Peace Corps* (*Peace Corps*).

It aims to strengthen the personal values of high school students, encouraging them to express themselves freely in a group and build a life project.

A visit of the historic monuments of Essaouira was held last Monday, led by *Ms. Guida*, Curator of the city. Every morning, staff

development workshops are organized in *Dar Talib*. Awareness sessions and entertainment are also available in *Dar Souiri*.

The camp program /realized projects 2001 - 2008

http://elkhir.ma/projet_realise.html

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Air/Port 2013

Air/Port 2013 is an art exhibition and charity auction by BWI/DAA that will take place in Essaouira, Morocco (and in Antwerp, Belgium in 2014), uniting local and international artists and art students who are proud of their beautiful city.

External Source: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/AirPort-2013-in-Essaouira-Morocco/386045898152359>



HSAM is 'Helping to improve the lives of street animals in Morocco'

HSAM was formed in 2006 after *Claire Sedgwick* and *Rob White* returned from a holiday in **Essaouira**, Morocco. They found that many of the street cats and dogs living there were weak,

underweight, dehydrated and in very poor health. They couldn't turn their backs; urgent veterinary treatment was needed.

<http://www.hsam.org.uk/index.htm>

The Essaouira Local agenda 21 Project

The project started in 1996 with the support of the Post Graduate Centre for Human settlements of the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. It greatly contributed to the inclusion of Essaouira in the UNESCO list of World Cultural Heritage in December 2001.

The project focuses on:

- Managing the city cultural heritage
- Working on the Mellah neighbourhood rehabilitation
- Creating a green belt and an urban park
- Greening of the city

<http://www.unhabitat.org/content.asp?cid=2872&catid=540&typeid=13>

Essaouira Digital City

The project aims to put in place 10,000 computers in five years that will be installed in priority in the homes of those in difficult situations in Essaouira and its surroundings in the province. A pilot project will be implemented for about fifty families and create five training centres equipped with 20 computers each.

The equipment will give access to interactive multimedia content for training and information, as well as to a specific e-learning program that deals with citizen education, school support and literacy among other things. All the content will be developed and disseminated gradually using Wi-Max technology. An ad hoc committee has been established locally to ensure followup.

Thanks to Wi-Max technology, Essaouira can be receiver, transmitter and operator of a global project that optimizes the full potential of its future development. This project is part of the National Initiative of Human

Development (INDH) launched by King Mohammed VI. Households that are socially fragile and families in difficult situations can access the most advanced technologies.

<http://imaginationforpeople.org/en/project/essaouira-digital-city/>

Association Enfants des étoiles

Social and educational support of children and adolescents from the street or in big trouble.

Enfants des rues a Essaouira /Street children of Essaouira.

Mission: Work in the streets, individual or collective actions, urgency and in ongoing personalized projects.

SOS.RUE, Dispositif Maroc, Enfants des Rues

Facebook: **<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Association-Enfants-des-étoiles/109177312448012>**

Co-operation Agreement between Essaouira and Saint-Malo

In the framework of the UNESCO project "Urban Development and Freshwater Resources: Small Coastal Cities", the municipalities of Essaouira and Saint-Malo signed, on the 26th of November 1997, in the presence of Monsieur Amin Belcadi, Governor of His Majesty the King in the Province of Essaouira and the representative of UNESCO in Morocco, a letter of intent on co-operation in the creation of an exchange and co-operation programme.

Source: **UNESCO**

Morocco, China Ink Agreement to Build Tea Museum in Essaouira

Beijing, (Art.19) - Moroccan and Chinese governments signed, Monday in Beijing, an agreement to build a national tea museum in the coastal city of Essaouira (442km south of Rabat). (18th of June 2012)

Signed between Moroccan Culture Minister, Mohamed Amine Sbihi, and Chinese deputy-Minister of State administration in charge of cultural heritage, M. Li Xiaojie, the agreement provides for the joint Moroccan-Chinese construction of the museum in the city of Essaouira.

Built on 2,300 square meters, the museum will exhibit art objects about tea ceremony from Morocco and China.

“This partnership will allow us to establish a museum that meets international standards and shed light on an important aspect of our national heritage”, the Moroccan minister said.

M. Sbihi added the two countries share an ancestral tradition of tea ceremony, while the Kingdom is the world’s largest importer of Chinese green tea.

He pointed out that China is the ideal partner for the implementation of this project given its experience in this area, the country having a world-class national tea museum.

Source: **Art 19 Maroc**

It is noteworthy that Morocco and China share an ancestral tradition of tea ceremony, while the Kingdom is the world’s largest importer of Chinese green tea and Essaouira Mogador port has had a significant importance in this trade. Learn more about **Mogador Trade**
