

# AREMDT charter

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*Actors coming from different countries of the Mediterranean region met in Aremdt, Morocco on May 24, 2007 in order to constitute a regional network for a responsible tourism as well as for solidarity tourism. The founding text of AREMDT network is this charter done by all the participants.*

*The signatories, through this charter, show solidarity to promote a different tourism, a factor of development for the local populations and territories.*

*To this end, the signatories of the charter commit to:*

- 1- Create and develop a space of exchange, dialogues and debates with the whole population in order to discuss the opportunity of tourism as a mean of local development.
- 2- Make tourism an element of the global strategy of the sustainable development of the territory and the fight against poverty.
- 3- Favor the local jobs as far as tourism is concerned in addition to the already existing economic activities.
- 4- Favor and develop the local food products and craft industry in the tourist activity.
- 5- A) Recognize a role and a status for women in the tourist activities.  
B) Make sure that they are getting paid and benefiting from the economic social and educational fallouts of the tourist activities.
- 6- A) Contribute to a better protection and development of the environment: respect the natural resources and the biodiversity.  
B) Manage in a concerted manner the allocation and the use of natural resources available on the host territory.
- 7- Consider the awareness campaigns and the continuous trainings of all actors a fundamental element in every tourist project.
- 8- Permanently evaluate the positive and negative impacts of tourism on the populations and on the environment.
- 9- Mutually use the means and the competences of the network members to ensure solidarity tourism in the frame of an autonomous perspective.

Act on the institutions to facilitate the free flow of persons. Create a permanent space of dialogue to favor the reflection and the participation of citizens in the tourist activities.