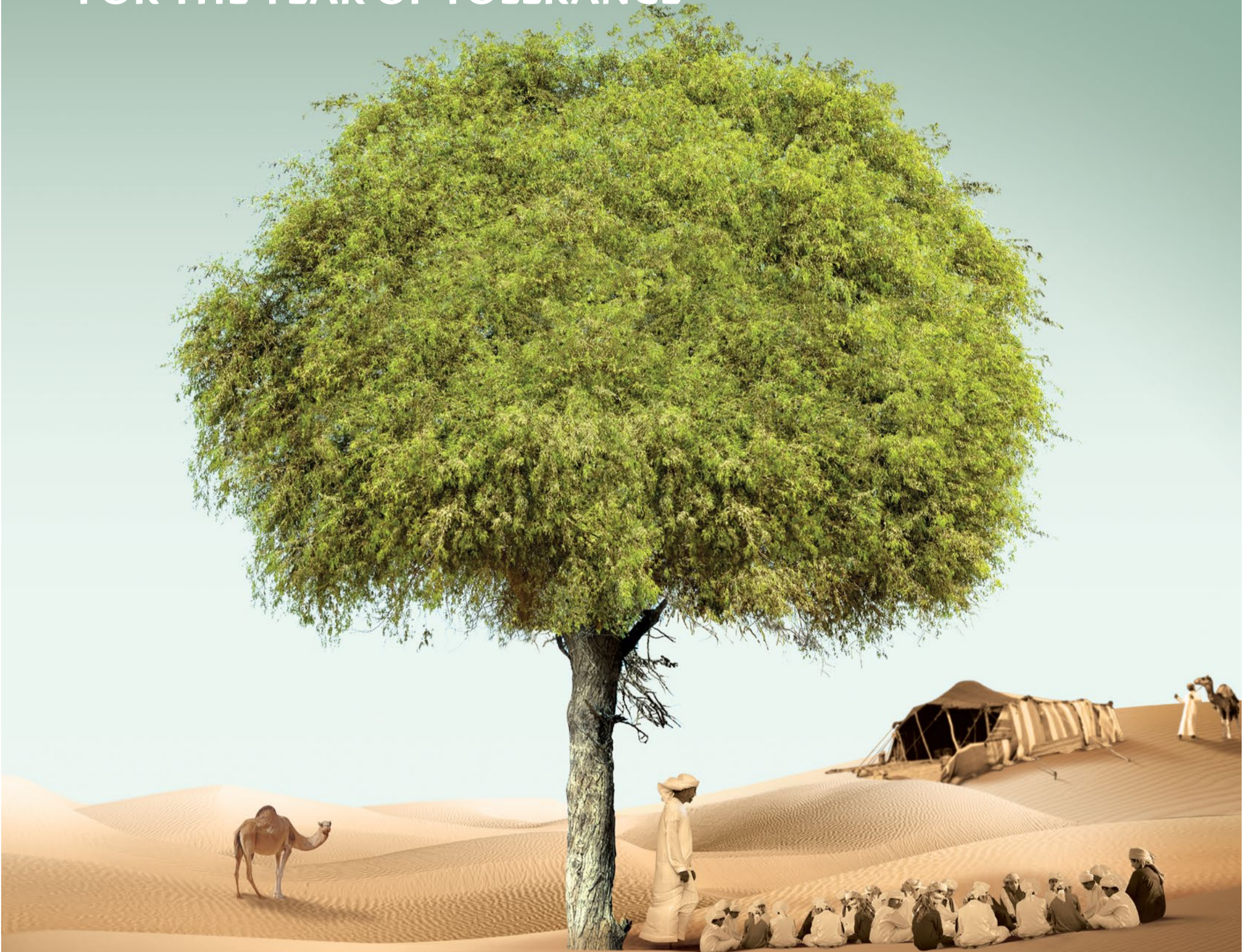


CONSERVING THE GHAF TREE WHY OUR TREASURED NATIONAL TREE WAS CHOSEN AS THE SYMBOL FOR THE YEAR OF TOLERANCE



Tolerance is a universal value and the Ghaf is our national tree; a source of life. Under its shade, our ancestors gathered to consult on matters related to their daily lives. For generations, the Ghaf has been a symbol of stability in the middle of the desert. The Ghaf symbolises living by the principles of tolerance, coexistence and diversity.