

SEKEM – Fact Sheet

Short Description The SEKEM initiative is a model for sustainable development in Egypt. In 1977 Dr. Ibrahim Abouleish started to reclaim desert land into vital soil by using Organic agriculture and building up SEKEM as a holistic initiative that is working in four dimensions: Economy, Ecology, Cultural and Societal Life. Besides its commitment to Organic agriculture SEKEM produces and processes food, health care products and textiles. Furthermore the initiative runs various educational institutions that are all focusing on a holistic and sustainable approach. Finally SEKEM supports its co-workers as well as people from the surrounding villages with a medical centre and a huge range of cultural activities.

SEKEM Main Facts

Established	1977
Headquarter	3 Cairo–Belbes Desert Road, El Salam City, Cairo P.O.Box 2834 El Horreya Heliopolis, Cairo
SEKEM Farm	Al Kateeba, Al Bar Al Sharky, Belbeis
Number of Employees	More than 1500 employees
Main business activities	Land Reclamation Organic & BioDynamic Farming Organic Products Health Care Education Sustainable Development

SEKEM Vision Sustainable development towards a future where every human being can unfold his or her individual potential; where mankind is living together in social forms reflecting human dignity; and where all economic activity is conducted in accordance with ecological and ethical principles

SEKEM Group of Companies

ISIS Organic – Organic Food
 ATOS Pharma – Phytopharmaceuticals and medicinal herbs
 NatureTex – Organic Cotton Textiles
 Libra – Organic Cultivation
 Lotus – Dried Organic Herbs & Spices
 Mizan – Organic Seedling
 SEKEM For Land Reclamation (SLR) – Land Reclamation

Educational Activities

SEKEM Nursery
 SEKEM Kindergarten
 SEKEM School (Primary, Preparatory, Secondary)
 Special Education Program
 Vocational Training Center (VTC)
 Illiterate Children's Program
 Adult Training
 SEKEM Environmental Science Center (SESC)
 SEKEM Academy for Applied Arts & Science
 Heliopolis University for Sustainable Development

Further Activities

SEKEM Development Foundation (SDF)
 SEKEM Medical Center
 Egyptian BioDynamic Association
 Micro Loan Program
 International Association of Partnership (IAP)

Founder & CEO Founder & President Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Abouleish
CEO Helmy Abouleish

Certificates EN45011 – product certified systems
ISO 90001 – quality safety
ISO 14001
OHSAS 18001 – workers' safety
ISO 22000 – food safety
Demeter for European standards
BioSwiss for Switzerland exports
NOP (National Organic Program)
Fair Trade
GOTS (Global Organic Textile Standard)
Global GAP (Good Agricultural Practices)

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ATOS Pharma www.atospharma.com
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