SEKEM – Fact Sheet

Short Description
The SEKEM initiative is a model for sustainable development in Egypt. In 1977 Dr. Ibrahim Abou-leish 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)
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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
Fair Trade
GOTS (Global Organic Textile Standard)
Global GAP (Good Agricultural Practices)

Websites

SEKEM Website  www.sekem.com
SEKEM Sustainability  www.sekem.com/en/about/sustainability
ISIS Organic  www.isisorganic.com
SEKEM Health  www.sekemhealth.com
ATOS Pharma  www.atospharma.com
NatureTex  www.naturetex.net
Heliopolis University  www.hu.edu.eg

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