

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
Fair Trade
GOTS (Global Organic Textile Standard)
Global GAP (Good Agricultural Practices)

Websites

SEKEM Website	www.sekem.com
SEKEM News	www.sekem.com/en/news
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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