



Candidates to Membership

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Asociación Argentina de Productores de Siembra Directa (Aapresid)

Aapresid is a non-profit organization from Argentina representing nearly **1,800 producers**, with influence over **11 million hectares**. It promotes the development of networks of collaborative innovation and knowledge dissemination, as well as the implementation of **no-till farming and regenerative practices**. Aapresid connects producers, private companies, public institutions, universities, and scientific experts.

- **Mission:** To promote **sustainable production systems** for food, fiber and energy, through innovation, science and networked knowledge management.
- **Scope:** Predominantly in Argentina, but it has also developed initiatives in neighboring countries such as Brazil, Paraguay, and Venezuela, and has carried out activities in a few African countries, like Ghana, Guinea, and South Africa.



SEKEM / Supporting Member

SEKEM is a large **social enterprise** from Egypt, organized as a holding of several specialized companies that produce, process, and market organic and biodynamic foods, textiles, and natural pharmaceuticals. They use a **regenerative approach** that transforms desert and arid areas into fertile soil and farmland where sustainable agriculture can thrive.

- **Mission:** To develop the individual, society and environment through a **holistic approach** that integrates ecology, economy, societal and cultural life. Their ultimate goal is to promote sustainable development in Egypt.
- **Scope:** While production is mainly centered in Egypt, with around 800 farms and 2,600 hectares associated with SEKEM, the group has also presence in Sudan and Uganda. It sells its organic products nationally and internationally.



Heliopolis University / Affiliate Member

Heliopolis University is considered a pioneer academic institution in the Middle East and North Africa for higher education dedicated to **sustainable development**. While it was established in 1999 under the umbrella of the non-profit initiatives of SEKEM, it is an independent entity.



The University provides academic degrees, conducts high-level interdisciplinary research, and actively participates in development and **applied research projects**, with emphasis on sustainable agriculture.

- **Mission:** To pioneer the introduction of sustainable development to the Egyptian community and to serve as a unique model for transformative education.
- **Scope:** Its scope and impact goes beyond its campus as a member of the SEKEM ecosystem, where it plays a key role connecting research to practice.