



Acronym: CEDARE
Full Name: Center for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe
Website: www.cedare.int
Established: 1992
Location: Cairo, Egypt

Areas of expertise: Management of water and land resources, institutional work, dissemination of knowledge and information technology, environmental issues.

Main Partners and collaborations: ABU Dhabi fund for development, African ministries council on water (AMCOW), Arab fund for economic and social development (AFESD), European environment agency (EEA), European commission (EC), United nations environment programme (UNEP), United nation development programme (UNDP), World bank (WB),

Short Description:

The Center for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE) was established in 1992 as an international inter-governmental Organization with diplomatic status. This was in response to the convention adopted by the Council of Arab Ministers Responsible For the Environment (CAMRE) , in 1991 and upon the initiative of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Arab fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD).

CEDARE belief that addressing environmental problems contributes to eliminate many obstacles related to development. Thus, CEDARE aims through its vision, which is based on activating the principle of **Environment** ← for → **Development**, to exert every effort to spread, enhance, and promote the modern concept of 'Environment for Development'.

Main activities:

In order to accomplish its Vision, CEDARE has developed a Plan of Implementation (2005-2010), which focuses on five priority areas:

- Management of Water Resources, that means maximization of economic, social and environmental benefits of water utilization through the implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM).
- Land Resources Management: CEDARE promotes the cooperation between institutions in the field of land resources preservation and also the usage of state-of-the-art technologies.
- Dissemination of knowledge and information technology: CEDARE provides access to reliable environmental data , knowledge and information technology to institutional and other bodies, thereby supporting the environmental decision making process for sustainable development.
- Trade, investment and the environment: The centre works with business enterprises to implement the concept of corporate responsibility (social and environmental), to enhance voluntary self-compliance, and adherence to international environmental standards and laws, to reinforce their competitive edge in world markets.
- Areas of special concern: CEDARE focuses its attention on current and emerging environmental issues in the areas of climate change, coastal zone management, waste management, genetically modified organisms, and others. The program also addresses on cross-cutting themes, such as public participation, peace and environment, environmental education, environmental impact assessment, and the socio-economics of sustainable development.

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