



Dear SEKEM friends,

I am pleased to announce the official approval of the “Heliopolis University for Sustainable Development” by Mr. President, Hosni Mubarak, through the Presidential Decree No. 298 at the 31st of August, 2009.

The vision of the Heliopolis University is to present an innovative and unique approach to solve the pressing problems of our human communities and to contribute to sustainable development.

The concept of the university focuses on three pillars:

- Innovative and interactive teaching methods; fostering interdisciplinary research in national and international consortiums; and practical learning through on-the-job training
- A holistic personality development program complemented through a “studium fundamentale” in each study program embracing social science, arts, languages and philosophy
- Building a sustainable community on a university campus surrounded by a biodynamic farm as well as an industrial hub comprising companies from various sectors

The Heliopolis University will contain the following faculties:

- Organic Agriculture
- Sustainable Engineering (Renewable Energy, Water, Mechatronics)
- Pharmacy
- Sustainable Business & Economics
- Physiotherapy
- Nursing
- Applied Arts
- Mass Communication
- Social Science

We are going to open in 2010 with Bachelor degree programs in the first 4 faculties.

I want to thank all the friends who helped establish the idea of the university within the last 7 years and would also like to honor the presidents of the following universities for their strong cooperation commitments:

Alanus University of Arts and
Social Sciences



Bochum University of Applied
Sciences

King's College London



Liverpool John Moores University



New Mexico Tech



Politecnico di Milano



Silesian University of Technology



TU Delft



TU Graz



United Nations University



University of Education
Weingarten



University of Graz



University of Hohenheim



University of Music and
Performing Arts Graz (KUG)



Zeppelin University
Friedrichshafen

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Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Abouleish
Chairman of Board of Trustees