



RAED Profile

The Arab Network for Environment and Development "RAED" is an Arab NGO established November 1990. RAED was founded to satisfy actual needs of the NGOs throughout the Arab Countries and to gather them as an umbrella. More than 270 NGOs from most of the Arab countries joined RAED since its establishment from 18 Arab States "Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Sudan, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Yemen, Iraq, UAE and Saudi Arabia".

RAED in an Arab body that has the legal entity and with being financially and morally independent so it is completely eligible to run its activities and achieve its goals.

In 1995, The league of Arab States "LAS" recognized RAED and offered it the capacity of being an observer for the meetings of the Technical General Secretariat of the Council of the Arab Ministries Related to Environment "CAMRE". RAED is the only Arab NGO has this opportunity. His Excellency Mr. Amr Mousa, Secretary General of LAS accepted the honorable presidency of RAED. Also, United Nations approved to accredit RAED to have the consultative Capacity in the Economic Social Council "ECOSOC" of the United Nations General capacity. RAED represents the Arab Countries in many regions "Africa, Asia, Mediterranean and International".

The Arab Network for Environment and Development' (RAED) has been implementing successful projects in the field of environment and sustainable development for more than 23 years in the Arab region. Under the umbrella of this network, member NGOs have collaborated in implementing projects including waste recycling, energy efficiency, renewable energy, water conservation, safety disposal of the hazards wastes and protection of endangered species on both regional and national levels, RAED also executed several cultural and environmental projects in partnership with several international organizations

Meanwhile RAED implementing a regional project for tackling the impacts of the climate change in the Arab region, through this project RAED attempting to mobilize the stakeholders (private sector, NGOs, CBOs, Local authorities, Governments) for community resilience to Climate Change relevant disasters, moreover RAED succeeded to establish the Arab Media network on climate change.

RAED was elected to be in charge of GEF CSO Network Regional Focal Point for North Africa since 2009 being an active member in North Africa Region of the GEF CSO Network "formerly GEF NGO Network" since its inception 1995. RAED has extensive experiences in GEF process since its beginning and it has concrete partnership through its members all over the MENA Region with GEF Projects. Moreover, RAED secretariat is hosting SGP since 1995 till now.

RAED acts in cooperation and partnership with various international and donor organizations, like: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Global Environment Facility/ Small Grants Programme (GEF-SGP), and the UNEP Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP), The Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE), and the European Union (EU).

Objective

- 1- Exchanging environmental information among RAED members, so as to allow the members to benefit from various experiences at the Arab level.



- 2- Preparing and drafting proposals concerning the implementation of some environmental projects through RAED members.
- 3- Working on the establishment of communication channels between NGOs at the international level on one hand, and the Arab NGOs participating in the network on the other hand, to strengthen the Arab presence in the international arena.
- 4- Developing training and orientation programme to upgrade the capabilities of RAED coordinators.
- 5- Participating in the Arab and International symposia and conferences, if their themes are in relevance to RAED activities.
- 6- Providing the latest information and statistics related to RAED activities, to serve as reference to all its members
- 7- Fundraising to carry out some projects, either embracing the Arab world as whole, or projects specific to each Arab State respectively.
- 8- Satisfying the members' needs in term of technical and administrative cadres, through realizing information exchange between them.
- 9- Supporting RAED through the League of Arab States, the UN organization and other international bodies.
- 10- Advancing dialogue between Arab State authorities and their international counterparts, as well as ministries and organs concerned with the environment in the Arab world and the League of Arab States.

RAED Activities

1. RAED convenes many meeting in cooperation with the Technical General Secretariat of the Council of Arab Ministers responsible for the Environment "CAMRE" on various environment and development issues.
2. RAED is attending all the meetings of CAMRE as an observer and is submitting working papers for all substantive meetings of CAMRE Technical Secretariat reflecting the point of views of NGOs in the themes discussed.
3. RAED publishes on monthly basis a newsletter "Montada El-Biah" for more than 15 years. It was and still is the best method to express the environmental NGOs ideas and ambitions among themselves and the eternal world.
4. Preparing and sharing in most of UN conferences and events all over the globe as representative of Arab, African, Asian and Mediterranean NGOs.
5. RAED has implemented at the national and regional level some projects regarding the major regional and international environment and development issues such as Bio-Diversity, Water and Solid Waste Management.

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- The European Union (EU).
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the UNEP Regional Office for West Asia (UNEP-ROWA), and the UNEP Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP).
- Norwegian Refugees Council (NRC).
- The African Development Bank.



- USAID
- The Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE).
- Earth Council.
- United Nations Economical Commission of Africa "UNECA"
- The Government of the Netherlands.
- The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- Economic Social Committee of West Asia (ESCWA)
- Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
- Small Grants program/ Global Environment Facility "GEF/SGP"
- Egyptian Ministry of state of Environment Affairs
- Ministries of Environment in the Arab countries
- Athens university (NKUA)
- Arab Water Council (AWC)
- Arab Union for Youth and Environment (AUYE)
- African Network for Environment & Water (ANEW)
- Arab Countries Water Utilities Association (ACWUA)
- Global Network for Disaster Reduction (GNDR)

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