

WorldFish and Norway join forces to promote climate-smart technologies for aquaculture in Egypt

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WorldFish embarked on a groundbreaking initiative with Norway aimed at refining, testing, and scaling innovative renewable energy solutions for the aquaculture sector in Egypt. The four-year initiative, Centre for Renewable Energy in Aquaculture (CeREA), is funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Cairo until 2027.

The initiative reflects Norway's commitment to enhancing nutrition, promoting job and value creation and empowering local fish value chain actors with climate-smart technologies, particularly small- and medium-scale fish farmers in Africa.

“We are delighted to sign the agreement today with WorldFish. The project will enable 5,000 fish producers, processors and other fish value chain actors to increase their productivity and incomes, leading to a reduction in food waste and loss and promoting the transformation to more energy-efficient and climate-smart food value chains. The project is a prime example of an initiative that aligns with Norway's development cooperation priorities. I am very pleased to see so many important and timely elements, including food security, climate adaptation and gender equality, addressed in one program,” said Hilde Klemetsdal, Ambassador of Norway to Egypt

“We firmly believe that sustainable development of aquatic food systems holds immense potential in addressing global food security challenges. Through CeREA and our partnership with Norway, we strive to put aquaculture on a low-emission development pathway for healthier people and the planet,” said Essam Yassin Mohammed, WorldFish Director General.

More than 600 million people in developing nations rely on aquatic foods, which encompass a wide range of animals, plants and microorganisms cultivated and harvested from water bodies. These aquatic resources play a crucial role in supporting livelihoods as well as ensuring food and nutrition security.