



The Tempus Project

“Sustainable Environmental Development, A Curriculum Development Project”

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In Egypt there is an urgent need to improve environmental practices and norms, the first step to tackle the problem is to provide adequately trained graduates. This need of formation and training well fitted to the objectives of the Tempus Programme of the European Community and during the last call of 2002, a new consortium submitted a proposal for a Tempus Joint European Project named “Sustainable Environmental Development, A Curriculum Development Project (S.E.D.C.). Members of the consortium are InterUniversity National Consortium “Chemistry for Environment” (I.N.C.A., project contractor; Venice, Italy), *Centre of Environmental Science* (Leiden University; The Netherlands), Green Chemistry Section at *Institut Univ Ciencia i Tecnologia* (IUCT; Barcelona, Spain), and the *Environmental Impact Assessment Unit* at Suez Canal University (SCU, project co-ordinator; Ismailia, Egypt). The main goal is to design and run upgraded courses at SCU, introducing a number of topics regarding environment protection and sustainable development, for graduates coming from a variety of backgrounds, including agriculture, science, engineering, and other disciplines. The second goal of the project is to start the establishing of a “Centre of Excellence” for consultation and services to industry and private companies in the field of environment protection and sustainable development.

