

“Climate change impacts Egyptian food security”

On Monday, Egyptian Minister for Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Ezzedine Abu Stait, warned workshop attendees of the effects of climate change for Egypt.

Climate change poses a serious threat to Egypt’s agricultural sector, as it raises the rates of desertification, threatens biodiversity and increases water scarcity, impacting crop productivity and causing food deficits and low levels of agricultural investment.

At the opening session of the regional workshop supporting nationally determined contributions on climate change in the agriculture and water sectors, organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Stait added that the Ministry of Irrigation is implementing a giant project to modernize the surface irrigation system in the Delta and the Nile Valley, which will rationalize water consumption over an area of five million acres.

Egypt is implementing a number of giant projects in the agricultural sector to face climate risks, he said, including the establishment of 100,000 greenhouses that can provide vegetables throughout the year at competitive prices in order to control rising prices and introduce high-quality agricultural products. [Egyptindependent.com](https://www.egyptindependent.com) reported that he added that the horizontal expansion project for the reclamation and cultivation of 1.5 million acres includes agricultural industrialization projects.

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