

MEXICO AND ISRAEL SIGN AGREEMENT ON AQUIFER REMEDIATION

- Under the framework of the visit of President Shimon Peres and Israeli businessmen to our country, ties on technological exchange are strengthened.
- A Cooperation Agreement on Water Technologies and Water Resources Management was also signed with the Ambassador of Israel to Mexico.

Under the framework of the visit of President Shimon Peres (accompanied by Israeli businessmen), the Head of the National Water Commission (Conagua), David Korenfeld, and Shimon Ben Hamo, CEO of Mekorot, signed an Agreement aimed at the protection and remediation of aquifers, in order to remediate contaminated aquifers and restore their functionality and cleanliness.

The Agreement will provide technical assistance and cooperation for the development of strategies for the protection of groundwater quality, aquifer remedial actions, and protection and quality control of the restoration of water resources.

The exchange of experiences and knowledge with Israel, –a country with cutting edge technology on integrated water management–, will enable Conagua to identify the causes of water pollution that generate or could lead to public health problems or significant environmental damage, as well as a proposal for biological and chemical remediation for selected aquifers.

Mekorot will issue a technical opinion on the strategies, methods and criteria used for the characterisation and remediation of aquifers, and Conagua staff will receive training on groundwater quality as part of this strategy.

Furthermore, due to the interest to foster collaboration on the exchange of experience and capacity building of human resources related to the development, management and protection of water, the Head of the Conagua, David Korenfeld and the Ambassador of Israel to Mexico, Rodica Radian Gordon, signed a Cooperation Agreement on Water Technologies and Water Resource Management.

The aforementioned is intended to implement joint projects in areas of common interest, for the research, monitoring and evaluation of water use and find new techniques on irrigation and reuse of water resources.

Additionally, drawing on the expertise from Israel, it is expected to generate water desalination techniques for human consumption and others to increase the efficiency of existing infrastructure, as well as the standardisation of water technology products, including the adoption of international standards and updating the existing ones.

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