



Summary Research Initiatives

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***CENESTA* in brief**

The Centre for Sustainable Development (CENESTA) is a non-governmental, non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting Sustainable community- and culture- based development. Its main area of work is Iran and Southwest Asia. *CENESTA* experts have also engaged in extensive activities in Africa, Latin America, Asia, and in the international area in general. *CENESTA* is a member of IUCN – the World Conservation Union and is affiliated with the University of the North (Iran).

CENESTA works with a variety of partners, from local communities in Iran and other countries to local and national governmental agencies, from universities and research organisations to national and international NGOs. The UN bodies with which *CENESTA* and its experts entertain on-going collaboration include UNDP, FAO, UNICEF, UNSO, IFAD, UNCCD and the UN Secretariat.

CENESTA has a small core of staff and large network of associates – ranging from community- based groups to women’s associations and technical experts who act on the basis of common concerns and specific capacities. *CENESTA* staff and associates work in the context of project contracts and/ or on a Voluntary basis, contributing time as well as financial and material resources for the goals of the organisation.

Set up in Tehran originally in 1979 and re-organised after the war in 1991, CENESTA is active in the following areas:

- Community empowerment and equity (participatory development planning, social animation, Community Investment Funds and rural credit schemes, women and development initiatives);
- Community health, environmental health and pollution control;
- National international policies for sustainable development;
- Social communication;
- Renewable energy (solar, wind, biomass technologies);
- Sustainable agriculture (non-chemical control of pests, regenerative soil management, agroforestry, farming systems research);
- Collaborative management of natural resources (common property management, traditional management institutions for watershed, fisheries, water, pasture, etc.);
- Living with the desert (policy and practice on arid lands, nomadic pastoralism, climatic and vernacular architecture);
- Environmental impact assessment studies;

Initiatives carried out by *CENESTA* 1979-2006

<i>Activity Description</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Year</i>
Renewable Energy		
Design and construction of solar water heater prototype for use in rural neighbourhoods	CENESTA	1999
Design and construction of solar box cookers for Area Based Development Project; elaboration of a protocol for the participatory design, assessment, adaptation and dissemination of the cookers in deprived rural areas of Iran; monitoring local use of cookers in selected villages.	UNICEF, Ministry of Health ,CENESTA & the Unions of Community Sustainable Development Funds	1999-2000
Participation in the assessment of a renewable energy large grant to the Islamic Republic of Iran by GEF	Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran	1997-1998
Design of Renewable Energy Park for Tehran	Municipality of Tehran & Ministry of Energy	1997
Design of solar temperature regulation for medium- cost housing in Sialk, Kashan	Sialk Housing Cooperative	1996
Organisation of the International Conference on Solar Energy & the Islamic Countries (SEIC) with other national actors	SEIC, CENESTA, Min. of Science, & others	1995

Research, study, design and implementation of a 30-KW solar photovoltaic power station for the villages of Hosseinan and Moalleman in Damghan District of Semnan Province	Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran, Semnan Governor-General , and Ministry of Jihad	1994-1995
Design of solar pumping systems for wildlife refuges of Yazd province	Department of the Environment (DOE)	1993-1994
Feasibility study, procurement, installation & training for a 1.1 megawatt demonstration semi-commercial wind farm in Manjeel, Iran	Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran, Centre for Renewable Energy Research & Application (CERERA)	1993-1994
Pre-feasibility study for large-scale applications of biogas for energy recovery & waste management in sewage treatment plants & buried urban wastes	Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran, CERERA	1993-1994
Preparation of a proposal for a 100 megawatt solar thermal power plant in Isfahan, Iran, including procurement & installation of a demonstration unit	Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran, CERERA	1993-1994
Assistance in the design and implementation of a solar photovoltaic system for rural electrification in Dorbeed, Yazd Province	Atomic Energy Org., Presidents Office for Depressed Areas, & Governor-General Office, Yazd	1993
Survey of progress in renewable energy applications in large-scale power plants, with emphasis on California commercial plants for electricity generation	Atomic Energy Organisation, CERERA	1992-1993

Participation in a Swedish mission for solar energy applications in Saharawi refugee camps in southern Algeria	Stockholm Environment Institute	1988
Assessment of suitability of renewable energy technologies developed in southern France for adoption in developing countries	Institute Technologique d'Appui au Co-développement, Manosque, France	1984-1985
Report on the development & application of solar photovoltaic energy in Africa (Swiss International Co-operation Agency)	Institute Universitaire d'Etudes du Développement (IUED), Université de Genève	1984-1985
Report on the development & application of wind energy in Africa and Latin America (Swiss International Co-operation Agency)	Université de Genève, IUED	1984-1985
Research & development of fibre-glass biogas reactors for rural areas of Iran	Ministry of Industry	1984
Compilation of a manuscript on solar architecture (describing progress abroad and in Iran), original and updated versions	Plan & Budget Org. & the Atomic Energy Org. of Iran	1983-1984; 1993-1994
Design & construction of a mesophylic biogas reactor for the Veterinary College of Ilam	Ministry of Industry and the Veterinary College, Ilam	1983-1984
Research on application of heat-pipes in efficient solar water-heating	Cenesta	1983-1984
Design & construction of community biogas plants for 20 villages in Ilam, including the training of local master-builders	Office of the Governor-General, and of the Governor of Darreh-Shahr, Ilam	1983-1984
Feasibility study for the use of water-buffalodung for biogas in Izeh, Khuzistan	Office of the Governor of Izeh, Khuzistan	1983-1984
Participation in the National Exhibition on Renewable Energy	Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran	1983

Design and construction of wind-mills for water supply	Centre for Nomadic Pastoralists, Ilam	1983
Design & construction of solar heating systems for the Governor-General's Residence & other buildings in Ilam	Governor-General's Office, Ilam	1983
Design & construction of solar water heating systems for a seminary in Qom	Ayatollah Nouri Hamedani, Qom	1983
Study on "Technologies for self-reliance: biogas in Lorestan"	United Nations University Co-ordinating centre: University of Geneva IUED	1979-1982
Design & construction of a mobile thermophilic anaerobic reactor for industrial waste management	Fibre Board Corporation of Iran, Gilan Province	1983
A Study on the "Sheikh Bahai public bath: traditional application of biogas in Iran in the 16 th Century" published in Glaeser, B Learning from China, Berlin, Science Centre, 1982	UN University (UNU) Co-ordinating center: Marga Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka	1979-1982

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Sustainable agriculture		
<p>Integrated Participatory Pest Management-Local Community Empowerment for Reducing Agricultural Pollution and Conserving Agro-Biodiversity:</p> <p>Mobilising the rural communities in Garmsar Region of Semnan Province through their own understanding and analysis of their predicament, participatory techniques, and sharing of experiences, to achieve improved livelihoods and a cleaner, healthier environment</p>	UNDP/ GEF	2002
<p>Integrated Participatory Production and Pest Management (IPPPM)</p> <p>Promoting and identifying a model for Integrated Participatory Production and Pest Management (IPPPM) in Iran</p>	Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development, Semnan	2002
<p>Capacity building and support to IPM:</p> <p>Facilitate and support the identification, start up, implementation and strengthening of participatory IPM programmes in Iran, and</p> <p>Strengthen the capacity of NGOs, particularly CENESTA to provide such services</p>	FAO	
<p>Ecological agriculture in Kurdistan:</p> <p>Study of agro-ecoystems, agro-biodiversity and farming systems in Naw Village, Marivan District, Kurdistan</p>	FAO	2001
<p>Participation in the first national symposium of NGOs in the agriculture sector in Iran:</p> <p>Helped organize and make presentations and panel discussion and laid the foundation for NGO participation in agricultural programmes</p>	Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development of Iran, Department of Extension & Farming Systems	2001

Pilot project on Integrated Participatory Production and Pest Management (IPPPM) by Rice Farmers in Gilan, Mazandaran and Golestan Provinces	High Council for Pesticide Use Reduction, FAO, U. of the North	2000
Promotion and support of IPPPM in Iran	FAO	2000
Preparation of proposal for IPPPM for the Irrigation Improvement Project-	World Bank/GOI/FAO	2000
Preparation of plans and project proposals for greenhouse under IPPM (Kurdistan) as income generation schemes for local community funds	UNICEF and FAO	2000
Preliminary planning for involvement of Jask Baluch communities in the Jegin Dam project	Area Based Development & the Union of Community Funds	1999-2000
Participation in the Governing Board of Global IPM Facility (FAO/ World Bank/ UNDP/ UNEP), Rome (Dr. Taghi Farvar)	Global IPM Facility	1999
Survey of organic agriculture in various countries, with recommendations for Iran	High council on Pesticide Use Reduction	1998
Preparation and launching of IPPPM project for pomegranate	Ministry of Agriculture, Extension Department	1998
Preparation and publication of Special Issue No. 4, Zeitun Journal of Agriculture on pesticide use reduction, with graphic design and centre- spread poster with cut- out cards on beneficial organisms in agriculture, and 16 page English Supplement	High Council for Pesticide Use Reduction/ Ministry of Agriculture	1997
Preparation of an IPPPM project proposal for Wheat in Western provinces of Iran to reduce pesticide use on the sunn pest of wheat	Ministry of Agriculture, plant pest& Disease Research Institute	1996
Preparation of a preliminary report on "Global Strategies for Pesticide Use Reduction and Integrated Pest Management "	High Council for Pesticide use Reduction	1996-1997

Preparation and Publication of Special Issue No. 3, Zeitun Journal of Agriculture on pesticide use reduction, including graphic design and a centre - spread poster on the balance of nature with English summary	High Council for Pesticide Use Reduction Ministry of Agriculture	1996
Preparation and Publication of Special Issue No. 2, Zeitun Journal of Agriculture on pesticide use reduction, including graphic design and a centre - spread calendar - poster on biological control agents and English summary	High Council for Pesticide Use Reduction Ministry of Agriculture	1996
Preparation and publication of a booklet on pesticide use reduction and chemical free farming for opinion leaders (in Persian)	High Council on Pesticide Use Reduction	1996
Environmental Impact Study of the use pesticides in the Caspian sea region of ILO with a view to pesticide use reduction and promotion of non- chemical pest management approaches	Centre for the Study of Planning and Agricultural Economics, Ministry of Agriculture	1995 1997
Preparation and Publication of Special Issue No. 1 of Zeitun Journal of Agriculture on pesticide use reduction, with graphic design and a centre spread poster on biological control of pests	High Council for pesticide use reduction ministry of agriculture	1995
Evaluation of Development Services to Nomadic Pastoralists	FAO	1993- 1994
Support for the preparation of Report on Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Development, National Environment & Sustainable Development Strategy	Department of the Environment, ILO & the World Bank	1993
Reports on community participation in watershed management for the National Seminar on Watershed Management	Jihad for Reconstruction	1993
Preliminary assessment of the Selseleh Integrated Development Project (recently-settled nomadic pastoral area) in Lorestan	ILO project on Participation of Rural Poor in Development	1985

Feasibility study for small irrigation dams and their environmental impact in Lorestan	Ministry of Energy, Lorestan Province	1983-1984
Extraction of forest products from wild pistachio trees of the Zagros region	Ministry of industry, Ilam	1983-1984
Support for the committee on the Protection & Sustainable Use of Anzali Lagoon, Gilan Province	Department of the Environment	1983
Studies on Trichogramma spp .& green lacewing in Ilam	Governor- generals office, Ilam	1982-1983
Studies on the biological control of pests in Ilam	Ilam Governor - General	1982
Survey of biological control opportunities for crop pests in Lorestan	Jihad for Re-construction, Lorestan	1980-1981
Field trials for biological control of plum pests using Bacillus thurengiensis, Tuyserkan,CENESTA	CENESTA through Buali Sina university	1979

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Collaborative management of natural resources		
Nature-Based Tourism—an International Covenant Publishing book: Nature-Based Tourism—an International Covenant	Department of the Environment World Conservation Union	2005

Support to Sustainable Range Management Project "Participatory action research relating to a comparative Study of 3 systems of Rangeland Management: 1. Customary range management system, 2. Dominant government/ expert based system and 3. Non-equilibrium ecosystem (NEE) approach	Forest, Range and Watershed Management Organisation of Iran, General Office of Natural Resource of Fars Province	2005
Livelihood Improvement Project Study on Livelihood Improvement for Forest People for the Study on Integrated Management for Ecosystem Conservation of the Anzali Wetland in the Islamic Republic of Iran	JICA Study Team, and the General office of the Department of Environment, Gilan Province of Iran	2004
Caucasus Conservation Programme: Council for Caucasus Conservation, which includes CENESTA's Chair and two people from each of the 6 Caucasus countries, one government and one NGO	WWF-Caucasus and CEPF, financed by the McArthur Foundation	2004
Participation in IUCN WESCANA meeting: Participated in IUCN members' meeting for the WESCANA region (West and Central Asia and North Africa) to prepare for the World Conservation Forum	IUCN	2004
Production of 3 policy briefs on Community Conserved Areas, Governance of Protected Areas and Mobile Indigenous Peoples CBD Briefing Note No. 1 (Mobile Peoples), No. 2 (Governance of Protected Areas) and No. 3 (Community Conserved Areas) prepared for the Convention on Biological Diversity)	CEESP	2004
Cheetah from the viewpoint of local communities: Production of film on the views of local communities living in cheetah habitat areas of Iran on cheetah conservation, presented in the National Workshop on Conservation of Asiatic Cheetah	UNDP/ DOE/ CEESP	2004

Conservation of the Asiatic Cheetah: International Workshop on the Conservation of the Asiatic Cheetah: Lessons from National and International Experiences	DOE/UNDP/GEF through IUCN-CEESP	2004
Collaborative Management for the Conservation of the Asiatic Cheetah: Eco-social activities including: stakeholder analysis (local communities, livestock raisers, hunters, agriculturalists, NGOs and government agencies including the DoE and FARWO), and understanding livelihood systems and customary laws	DOE/UNDP/GEF through IUCN-CEESP	2003 - 2004
World Conservation Union (IUCN): Participation in IUCN's global, regional and national programmes as an NGO member of the Union	IUCN	1966- 2004
IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy CEESP: CENESTA is the host and world headquarters of CEESP, one of the 6 technical knowledge networks of IUCN. CEESP links together policy and practice, conservation and development, and science and advocacy. Dr. Taghi Farvar, CENESTA's Chairperson, has been elected by the members of IUCN as the Chair of CEESP. A network of about 700 members around the globe, CEESP's component groups include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Group on Sustainable Livelihoods • Working Group on Collaborative Management of Natural Resources • Environment, Trade and Investment • Environment and Security Theme on Indigenous and Local Communities, Equity and Protected Areas	IUCN	2000- 2004
Co-authorship of the book, "co-management of Natural Resources- Organising, Negotiating and Learning by Doing". GTZ & IUCN	IUCN Collaborative Management Working Group	2000

Supporting CM initiatives as part of the Area Based Development Project in Hormozgan, Kohgiluyeh- Boyer Ahmad & Kurdistan	UNICEF, various gov. agencies	1998-2000
Carrying out training programmes in participatory and collaborative management of natural resources in various countries, including Cameroon, Gabon, Yemen, Egypt, etc.	IUCN, UNDP, GTZ, and others	1998-2000
Design, organisation of training workshops and launching of Hable Rood participatory watershed management/ desertification prevention project	UNDP, Ministry of Jihad (Department of Watershed Management)	1999
Elaboration of Project Concept for community based protection of the Asiatic Cheetah - a highly endangered species now surviving only in Iran, and successful fund raising for a Block A Grant from GEF, as well as supporting the preparation of the Project Brief	Global Environment Facility (GEF) CENESTA, IUCN, and the Department of the Environment	1997
Preparation of progress report/ position paper for the National Fisheries Corporation of CENESTA for the Caspian Environment Programme	Fisheries corporation of Iran	1997
Biodiversity in Iran, by M.Taghi Farvar and Hossein Heydari in Biodiversity	CENESTA, Biodiversity Magazine	1995
Support for the/ Government of Iran/ CENESTA project on community participation in watershed management, Sefid Rood basin, Zanjan Province	UNDP, FAO	1991-1992
Participation in the establishment of the International Association for the Study of Common Property & organising its 3 rd annual conference in Washington, DC	US Academy of Sciences	1986-1992
Survey of peasants and land reform in Iran, before & after the Islamic Revolution	United nations centre for Regional Development (UNSRD)	1983-1984
A study on "Application of traditional institutions of water management for development in Tuyserkan, Iran"	UN University coordinating centre: University of Geneva IUED	1979-1982

A study on "The qanat system for ground water use " in Iran	UN University (UNU) co-ordinating centre: Margal Institute , Colombo, Sri Lanka	1979-1982
Participation of traditional resource management institutions in rural & agricultural credit systems	Agricultural development Bank of Iran	1981-1982
Survey of traditional Arab village institutions & irrigation systems in Khuzistan	Office of the President of the Repub.	1980
Participation in "Indigenous R & D systems for Science & technology " (project Co-ordinator: Prof. Amilcar Herrera)	UN University co-ordinating centre: Campinas University	1979-1982

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Community empowerment and equity		
Proposal Writing Workshop: Organising and implementing a Proposal Writing Training Workshop for NGOs, government experts from various Caspian provinces in Rasht, Iran	World Bank; Caspian Environment Programme; Counterpart International, Fauna and Flora International	2002
Conducting a week- long Workshop on PRA Methods in Rasht, Gilan Province, for women extension agents from the Caspian Region of Iran	Rural women's Development Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture	2000
Conducting a Workshop on Introduction to PRA methods in Kerman, for woman extension agents from the southern provinces of Iran	Rural women's Development Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture	1999

Assisting 15 communities in the deprived provinces of Hormozgan, Kohgiluyeh- boyer Ahmad and Kurdistan (Iran) in participatory planning and implementation of community well being initiatives, including Community Investment Funds (Area Based Development Project)	UNICEF	1998-2000
Assisting in the creation of keyke Mate, an NGO in solidarity with local communities in Africa	Association keyke Mate, Switzerland	1999
Conducting the workshop on Introduction to PRA in Kordkuy, Golestan Province, for women extension agents from the northern provinces of Iran	Rural women's Development Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture	1998
Assessment study of Community Investment Funds (sanduqs) and their networks in many communities in five regions of Sudan	UNDP	1994-1996
Lecture series on community participation techniques & rural development funding mechanisms	Min. Jihad Dept. of Extension & Participation	1993
Preparation of a project proposal on "Promoting the role of Iranian women in the protection of biological diversity" for submission to the UNDP small grants to NGOs programme	CENESTA	1993-1994
Training of trainers for preschool creativity, with several practical applications in preschool establishments	CENESTA & several preschool establishments in Tehran	1992-1994-1996
Invited paper on community participation in Sustainable Development for the Hague Conference	UN Conference on Environment & Development	1991
Involvement of CENESTA personnel in international participatory projects in the fields of poverty eradication, natural resource management, evaluation, etc, in Yemen, Sudan, Jamaica, Bangladesh, Madagascar, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Zaire, Senegal, etc.	UNDP, Asian Development Bank, African Development Bank, FAO, UNOPS, UNEP, IFAD, IUCN, UNCCD, etc.	1979-2000

Participation in the "sharing traditional technologies" (STT) project with 4 studies including (see also elsewhere): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional veterinary medicine in Iran • Traditional vegetable dyes for rug- making 	United Nations University (UNU) Co-ordinating centre: Marga Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka	1979-1982
Participation in the project on "Goal, Processes & Indicators of Development ", (Project Co-ordinator: Prof. Johan Galtung) with the following studies (see also other categories): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing the methodology of "social animation" for participatory need assessment • Investigating methodologies for the study of holistic systems • An analysis of the Iranian Revolution of 1979 from a development perspective • Environment according to the Holy Koran 	United Nations University Co-ordinating centre: University of Geneva IUED	1979-1982
Preparing a proposal for comprehensive participatory rural development	Jihad for Reconstruction, Meshed	1980

<i>Activity description</i>	<i>sponsor</i>	<i>Year</i>
Community and environmental health& pollution control		
Preliminary assessment of primary health care for nomadic groups in Kohgiluyeh- Boyer Ahmad province, Iran	CENESTA	2000
Study of food and cooking habits in various communities in deprived provinces of Iran (area based development project)	Ministry of health, UNICEF	1999-2000
Participation in the cholera control campaign in Jask region (Area Based Development Project)	Ministry of health, UNICEF	1999
Toilet building & water supply initiatives in various communities of Area Based Development Project	Ministry of Health, UNICEF	1999

Training citizens in household waste recycling, separation at source, in Qods Town, Tehran, with volunteer help from local university students	Tehran city Council Recycling Authority, & the Iranian women for Sustainable Development	1999
Preparatory work and project preparation for Area Based Development in three deprived regions of Iran	Ministry of Health, UNICEF	1997
Awareness building activities for environmental hazards of pesticides and need for environmentally sound pest control	FAO, Jihad for Reconstruction, CENESTA & others	1979-2000
Preparation of a strategy paper/ proposal for clean air for Tehran	Tehran Municipality and G-TEMS organisation, Los Angeles	1996
Participation in international bidding for Tehran Traffic Emission Control Project (short- listed)	Tehran Municipality, World Bank/ GEF	1993-1994
Preparation of a proposal for air pollution control in Tehran	Tehran Municipality	1992
Design and implementation of appropriate biogas technology for community hygiene, Ilam & elsewhere	Darreh- Shahr Governor, Ilam Governor General & Jihad	1993-1994
Design & implementation of two solar public baths (hammams) in Lorestan, with follow- up design improvements	Ministry of Health, Department of Environmental Health	1984-1985-1992
Design & implementation of an industrial scale anaerobic digester waste treatment system for fibre- board wastes on the Caspian sea	Fibre Board Corporation of UNSO, Gilan Province	1983-1985
Biological control of vectors of communicable diseases (emphasis on Anopheles spp. In Iran)	WHO/ School of Pharmacology of the Univ. of Tehran	1983-1984
Appropriate technology for collective rural water supply and treatment (design, implementation & commissioning of a system for 14 villages)	Jihad for Reconstruction, Ilam Province	1982-1984

Feasibility study for the establishment of a national network of centres for environmentally- sound industrial planning and services	Central Bank & the Provincial Banks of Iran	1982-1984
Habitat management for vector control: field projects & post graduate training programme	Avicenna University & Selseleh project, OPM	Pre-1979
Participation of Cenesta personnel in " A New Way to Health " With Dr. Majid Rahnama	Office of the PM, Social Services Org.	Pre -1979
Participation of Cenesta personnel in pilot training programme for community health workers (Behvarz) in Fars & Lorestan	Social Services Organisation, Office of PM	Pre -1979

<i>Activity description</i>	<i>sponsor</i>	<i>Year</i>
Living with the desert		
Joint FAO-CENESTA case study on the role of local communities in reducing vulnerability to recurrent natural disasters (droughts) and sustainable livelihoods development in high risk areas: Study was a part of a seven-nation study for FAO.	FAO	2003
Qanats: an ancient groundwater collection & distribution system allowing specialised and diverse cropping in desert regions of Iran: Case study of Kashan. Carried out for the Globally Ingenious Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS)	FAO	2003

Advice in preparation of, and participation in, the Regional Symposium on living with the Desert, Yazd, Iran	UNDP, Forests and Rangelands Organisation	2000
Advocacy with local community women for desertification control with the use of solar cookers	UNDP/ UNSO	1999-2000
Participation in, and preparation of the statement of the World Day to Combat Desertification, Yazd, 17 June 1999	Forests and Rangelands Organisation, UNDP/ UNSO	1999
Organising and holding the Workshop on Women and the NAP Process (National Action Programme for the UN Convention to Combat Desertification, with the participation of the Forests and Rangelands Organisation, local communities, and other social actors, designed to influence the World Day to Combat Desertification	UNDP/ UNSO	1999
Asian Networks for Combating Desertification in Bangkok, Thailand	UNCCD	1998
The role of women in the decision making process of NAP (National Action Programme for Combating Desertification) in Norway. Contributed to the elaboration of Action Plan for UNSO	UNDP/ UNSO	1997
Regional meeting Asian members of UNCCD China	UNCCD	1997
Regional Asian Conference of UNCCD in Hyderabad, India. CENESTA became a member of RIOD (Reseau international d'ONGs pour combattre la Desertification)	UNCCD, Indian NGO "Youth for Action"	1997
Conference on Women and Desertification, Kenya	UNCCD	1997
Conference of Parties "COP-III" of UNCCD in Recife, Brazil. CENESTA selected as one of 10 NGO members of RIODs General Management Council	UNCCD, RIOD	1999

Conference of Parties "COP-III" of UNCCD in Dakar, Senegal. CENESTA was responsible for the NGO panel on traditional science and technology, and presented a special video on traditional water harvesting techniques in Iran	UNCCD	1998
Conference of Parties "COP-I" of UNCCD in Rome, Italy. CENESTA was accredited to the UNCCD	UNCCD	1997
Feasibility study and design of a series of 34 solar-heated & cooled buildings in Kashan, Iran	Sialk Housing cooperative Organisation, Kashan	1994-1995
Study and preparation of a book-length report on solar buildings	Plan & Budget Organisation	1993-1994
Planning, fund-raising, and organising the Regional Roundtable on Pastoralism and Development in SW Asia and North Africa	Food & Agriculture Organisation of the UN & ONPI	1992
Planning, programming and organising the international Conference on Nomadism & Development	Organisation for Nomadic Peoples of Iran (ONPI), FAO	1992
Design of a fully solar-heated industrial workshop for appropriate technology	Ministry of Industry, Ilam	1983-1984
Design of a fully solar-heated government guest house	Governor - Generals office, Ilam	1983-1984

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Environmental Impact Studies		
Caucasus Ecosystem Profile and Five-Year Investment Strategy: Work on elaboration of the Caucasus Ecosystem Profile and Five-Year Investment Strategy as a biodiversity hotspot. Flora and fauna and socio- economic studies of Caucasian part of Iran. CENESTA is the national focal point for the project.	World Wildlife Fund and Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF, sponsored by GEF, World Bank, Government of Japan, McArthur Foundation & Conservation International)	2002-2008
Supporting the environmental impact assessment process for the Northern Expressway connecting Tehran with the Caspian Sea	Northern Expressway Corporation	1997
Participation in Environmental Impact Assessment of the Bafq- Bandar Abbas Railway Project	National Railway Corporation of Iran	1993
Survey of ecological and development potentials of the Islands in the Persian Gulf	Governor- Generals Office, Hormozgan Province	1984
Preparation of proposals on environmental impact assessment and national conservation strategies for various clients	Plan and Budget Organisation, Development of the Environment, the National Cancer Society & others	1981-1993
Curriculum planning for university education in environmental engineering	Cultural Revolution Council	1981

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National and international policy on sustainable development		
<p>Pastoral Stewardship of Arid and Semi-Arid Lands in Iran: Sustainable Livelihoods & Community-Based Natural Resource Management</p> <p>Enhancing knowledge and awareness on pastoralism as a form of sustainable land management and a means of poverty alleviation,</p> <p>Capacity-building of target pastoral communities</p> <p>Advocacy for a proper policy and legislative environment at the national level</p>	<p>UNDP Drylands Development Centre (UNDP/DDC)</p>	<p>2005</p>
<p>Support to Pastoral Communications: Facilitating the communication of Ethiopia's pastoralists (Gabra and Borana Peoples) with the Ethiopian Government</p>	<p>PCI, Sussex, DFID, UNOCHA</p>	<p>2004</p>
<p>Conference on Pastoralism and Development: Co-sponsor of the national conference that brought together 200 experts and pastoralists in Tehran</p>	<p>ONPA</p>	<p>2004</p>
<p>GEF Council meetings: NGO Committee of GEF, in which CENESTA's Executive Director is a representative for the Region</p>	<p>GEF</p>	<p>2004</p>
<p>Global Pastoral Programme: To influence policy towards pastoralism</p>	<p>GEF-UNDP and ONPA</p>	<p>2004</p>
<p>Participation in CBD COP7</p> <p>Participated in CBD COP7 in Malaysia and facilitated the second meeting of WAMIP (World Alliance of Mobile Indigenous Peoples)</p>	<p>CEESP/TILCEPA, CBD, Global Biodiversity Forum</p>	<p>2004</p>

<p>Paradise Regained Preparation of video film on the history of resource use systems, livelihoods and transhumance in the Kuhi Sub-tribe of the Qashqai (for presentation at the CBD Conference of Parties 7, Kuala Lumpur</p>	<p>CEESP/ TILCEPA/ IUCN/ GEF</p>	<p>2004</p>
<p>Lost Paradise? Preparation of video film depicting the lives of Qashqai pastoral nomads in Iran for presentation in the plenary of the World Parks Congress (Durban, 2003)</p>	<p>CEESP/ TILCEPA, USAID</p>	<p>2003</p>
<p>Revitalising nomadic pastoralism in Iran: Action research programme "Sustaining local food systems, agricultural biodiversity and livelihoods" for the Zagros mountain range in Iran. CENESTA has been working successfully with the Kuhi Sub-tribe of the Qashqai Tribal Confederation, to assure community empowerment for conservation and sustainable use of natural resources and sustainable livelihoods.</p>	<p>International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED); Organisation for Nomadic Peoples Affairs (ONPA) of Iran, and the Focal Point for UNCCD in Iran</p>	<p>2003-2004</p>
<p>Participation in the World Parks Congress (WPC) and the Secretariat of the World Alliance of Mobile Indigenous Peoples (WAMIP): Contributed to the workshops on Mobile Indigenous Peoples and Linkages in the Landscape, as well as to the creation of the World Alliance of Mobile Indigenous Peoples (WAMIP) which was created in Durban, South Africa. CENESTA provides the Secretariat for WAMIP.</p>	<p>IUCN, CEESP, TILCEPA, UNDP, CBD, etc.</p>	<p>2003</p>

<p>CEESP publications: Production of CEESP publications including Policy Matters 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14, as well as CEESP Occasional Papers 1 and 2. Also coming is the publication of a major book for CEESP/ IUCN/ IIED/ GTZ called: Sharing Power—Learning by Doing in Co-management of Natural Resources throughout the World.</p>	<p>CEESP/ WCPA TILCEPA/CMWG/ WGSL</p>	<p>2001- 2006</p>
<p>Careless Technology Revisited: Production in CD ROM format of the classic volume on impact of technology on human environment and livelihoods, and assisting IUCN-CEESP in updating the volume after about 35 years</p>	<p>The Rockefeller Foundation</p>	<p>2002- 4</p>
<p>Non governmental organisations forum in Algeria: For Rio+10 World Summit for Sustainable Development, Johannesburg</p>	<p>Forum in Algeria</p>	<p>2002</p>
<p>National Alliance for Sustainable Development: With the collaboration of a number of other NGOs, organised the Alliance and prepared a proposal for its funding</p>	<p>Voluntary</p>	<p>2002</p>
<p>Participation in World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD): Organized And Contributed To A Number Of Workshops On Local Communities And Sustainable Development, Organized An Exhibition And Held Meetings to update The Careless Technology—Ecology and International Development</p>	<p>IUCN, CEESP, The Rockefeller Foundation</p>	<p>2002</p>
<p>Research and Publication on Civic Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Development: Contribution to a global study on sustainable development and civic entrepreneurship by the Stockholm Environment Institute for Iran and the region of West and Central Asia and North Africa, a contribution to WSSD</p>	<p>UNEP/ Stockholm Environment Institute, Boston</p>	<p>2001- 2002</p>

UN- commissioned study on UN support for capacity building in the fight against poverty in Madagascar since 1985 (Dr. Taghi Farvar)	United Nations	2000
Participation in World Water Forum in Holland	World Bank, Dutch Gov.	2000
Participation in the Sustainable Livelihoods Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, resulting in the creation of the Global Coalition for Sustainable Livelihoods	Commission for Economic, Environmental & Social Policy (IFAD) & Stockholm Env. INST	1999
Participation in GEF Council and General Assembly meeting in Washington, Delhi, etc	GEF	1998-2000
Participation in Conference on Synergy among UN Conventions on Biodiversity, Climate Change, Ozone Layer and Desertification in Nairobi	UNEP	1998
Participation in the Rome Conference on Decentralisation, IFAD/ FAO/World Bank	IFAD	1997
Co- organising the first consultative gathering of Iranian NGOs in Bushehr, Iran	Population Council, Min. Interior, CENESTA & UN agencies in Iran	1997
Participation in mountain ecosystem conservation and development conference in Kathmandu, Nepal	ICIMOD	1997
Participation in International Conference on Arab Cultural Development Problems and Policies, Amman, Jordan	United Nations & Jordanian Government	1997
Participation in Various other international forums	GEF, UNCCD, FAO, IFAD, UNCED, etc.	1997-2000
Involvement in various IUCN activities as an NGO member, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Group on Collaborative Management • Commission on Economic, Environmental and Social Policy • Regional Programme Committee for WESCAN (West/ Central Asia and North Africa), in Amman, Tunis, Kuwait and Riyadh 	IUCN	1996-2000

Participation in creating the Caspian Bio-Resources Network, Bordeaux, France	World Bank	1996
Participation in elaborating the Caspian Environment Programme (CEP), with the five Caspian littoral states	UNDP, UNEP, World Bank, Government of Netherlands	1996
Participation in the Asian Ministerial Conference on the Environment, and its NGO events	ESCAP	1996
Preparation of policy document for university training and curriculum programmes in sustainable development	University of the North, Iran & University of the Nile, Sudan	1995
Preparation of 20 reports for the National Strategy for Environment and Sustainable Development, involving as many Task Forces with well over 100 national experts (in English and Persian)	UNDP, World Bank, Government of Iran	1993-1994
Collaboration in the feasibility study for establishing a UNDP sponsored SDN (Sustainable Development Network)	UNDP, Communications Corporation of Iran	
Support for the National Strategy on Environment & Sustainable Development	Department of the Environment, UNDP & the World Bank	1993

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Social Communication		
Study on Flood and Debris Flow in the Caspian Coastal Area Focusing on the Flood-hit Region in Golestan Province Grasp the socio-economic profiles of the target areas and Social survey of the Resident Awareness	JICA Study Team, and the General office of the Agriculture and Rural Development, Golestan Province of Iran	2005
Social Survey for the Study on Integrated Management for Ecosystem Conservation of the Anzali Wetland CENESTA worked with residents and tourists of Anzali Wetland for Integrated Management for Ecosystem Conservation	Nippon Koei Co., Ltd, JICA Study Team, and the Department of the Environment, Guilan Province of Iran	2003
Support to education of rural girls in Jask region of Hormozgan province: Within the context of Area Based Development, helped the public school system meet the costs of 25 girls in boarding school	Private contribution by Dr. Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend	2001
Elaboration of methodologies for social animation permitting communities & groups to identify their needs and reassess priorities, and to plan implement programmes and projects together	CENESTA and various national and international sponsors	1979-2000
Working With local communities theatre groups	CENESTA, UNICEF	2000
Adapting PRA and other participatory approaches to local conditions for participatory situations, and learning to use them with community elders	CENESTA	1990 present

Design, production and printing of poster for the First National Conference on the Conservation of Natural and Cultural Heritage, Tabriz, Iran	Cultural Heritage Organisation, CENESTA, E Azerbaijan Provincial Government of others	1999
Design & production of brochures, letterheads and conference folders for the workshop on Women and Desertification	UNDP/UNSO	1999
Production of professional video programme it led, "The Underground Gardens of Persia" depicting an ancient water harvesting technology for fruit trees like vine, dates and figs in extremely arid conditions (in English and French)	UNDP	1998
Design and production of multimedia CD and Web site on metrological information, reports, meetings, speeches, videos, photos, using special proprietary software for multilingual windows applications	Islamic Republic of Iran Metrological Organisation (IRIMO)	1998
Design, writing, photography and preparation of two booklets on Community Health Volunteers sponsored by the Ministry of Health and UNICEF (English and Persian)	UNICEF	1997
Design, photography and text preparation for a booklet on a water buffalo improvement project in West Azerbaijan by FAO/UNDP/ Ministry of Jihad	UNDP	1997
Design and construction of two exhibition models for (a) underground gardens of Persia, and (b) women pastoralists rehabilitating degraded rangelands, for the international exhibition commemorating the 20 th Anniversary of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, Rome	IFAD	1997
Preparation of two brochures for the Rural Women's Cooperatives	Rural Women's Development and Extension Bureau/ Ministry of Agriculture	1996

Preparation of brochure on the Liquid Gas for Nomads Project for the Beijing Women's Conference	Organisation for Nomadic Peoples of Iran (ONPI)	1995
Symposium & Exhibit on Renewable Energy Power Stations in Iran	Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran	1994
Support for the production of a series of 17 television programmes on people, Environment & Development	Channel 1 of the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting	1993
Participation in design/ start - up of the UNDP Global Sustainable Development Network	UNDP, New York	1992
Design and production of several posters, brochures, models and other exhibition and information materials on renewable energies (biogas, Solar power stations, wind energies, solar buildings)	Atomic Organisation of Iran, Conference on Solar Energy in Islamic Countries, and others	1983-1997
Preparation of 16 TV programmes for training field workers for participatory development through writing- based literacy techniques	Regional Television Organisation, Shiraz & CENESTA	1980-1981

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Foodsovereignty		
Organisation of regional civil society consultation to prepare for the World Food Summit: five years later: Invitation of over 30 representatives of NGOs/ CSOs (civil society organisations) from the region of West and Central Asia and North Africa for workshops to prepare for the World Food Summit: five years later	FAO, CEESP	2002
International Workshop on Code of Conduct on the Right to Food: Preparatory activity for World Food Summit	IPC	2002

Participation in NGO Forum for Food Sovereignty (World Food summit): Organised a number of workshops and other events at the World Food Summit in Rome, and mobilised many participants from the South, as well as from local communities	FAO, IPC	2002
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Sustainable Livelihood		
International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, New challenges and opportunities for revitalizing rural communities Prepare a Case Study for the International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, New challenges and opportunities for revitalizing rural communities	Food and Agriculture Organization and Drylands Development Centre	2005-2006
"out scaling and Upscaling Community-Based Water Management Strategies in the karkheh River Basin" Supporting communities involved in participatory plant breeding (PPB) in Kermanshah Province and Implementing participatory high pressure irrigation project in Lorestan Province	International Water Management Institute (IWMI) acting on behalf of the Challenge Program on Water and Food (CPWF)	2006

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