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Dr. Laila MANDI is currently Professor of Water & Environmental Sciences at the Cadi Ayyad University of Marrakech (Morocco). She obtained her PhD in Wastewater treatment from the Faculty of Sciences Semlalia, Marrakech, Morocco in 1994. In 2001, she was nominated as a National Co-ordinator of the Pole of competences on “water and Environment” (PC2E). In 2008, she was nominated as a Director of the National Centre for Studies and Research on Water and Energy (CNEREE) at the University Cadi Ayyad which was created by the Ministry of Scientific Research and Higher Education and whose main mission is to strengthen the relationship between the research community and socio-economic sector. She has coordinated several funded research projects at different levels: i) National ii) bilateral cooperation with different countries (Germany, Belgium, Spain, France, Japan, Jordan, Tunisia, Egypt, Algeria, etc.) and iii) European Projects (PURATREAT, MELIA, SOWAEUMED, WATERBIOTECH, TREASURE 2, NORIA, FRAME...). Within the research projects, she supervised more than 30 PhD theses. Has published more than 150 peer-reviewed scientific papers and book chapters; spoken also at national, international conferences and workshops as lecturer. She was also a member of the scientific committee of several international conferences (4th IWA World Water Conference, Smallwatt11, WATMED, CIERTA, TIWATMED, RICMD, EPCOWM, WATEIC, WATERBIOTECH, SOWAEUMED, WATMED, WECC2016 ...) and has chaired and organized several international events. In 2014, she was nominated as a member of the college of qualified personalities at the France Water Academy. In 2015, she has been awarded the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) prize for Women’s Contribution to Development in recognition of her outstanding research work and contribution to the Water Resources Management. In 2017, she becomes member of the network of Mediterranean Experts on Climate and Environmental Change (MedECC) and member of the multidisciplinary stakeholders group (MSG) to address knowledge gaps in the field of adaptation to climate change for the North African subregion in the context of the Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative (LAKI) implemented by UN Environment.
