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She is a Research Scientist in Geochemistry and Environment at the National Center for Energy, Sciences, and Nuclear Techniques in Rabat, Morocco. Her academic journey began at the Faculty of Sciences Ben M'sik, University of Hassan II Casablanca, where she earned her Bachelor's degree in 2011 and her Master's degree in Applied Geology in 2013. In November 2018, she successfully defended her thesis on 'Geochemical and Radiometric Approaches for Assessing the Intensity and Chronology of Metal Trace Element and Radionuclide Contamination in the Oualidia Lagoon - Morocco.' She was awarded her second Master's in 2019 in Sustainable Blue Growth from the National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics - OGS & University of Trieste, Italy. In 2021, Nezha received her third Master's degree in Open Innovation and Youth Entrepreneurship in the Mediterranean Agri-Food Sector from CIHEAM Bari & University of Bari, Italy. She has authored over 50 articles and conference papers, as well as 12 book chapters, in the fields of coastal sediments, geochemistry, environmental impact assessment, plastic pollution, blue carbon sequestration, oceanography, atmospheric pollution, and sustainability. In 2019, Nezha received the prize for the best thesis defended in Geology at Hassan II University, Casablanca, Morocco, and won a fellowship funded by the EU Deep Blue project within the framework of the BlueMed Initiative. Nezha has actively participated in organizing more than 25 national and international scientific meetings. She was recently appointed as a member of the Editorial Board of Communications Earth & Environment (Nature) and serves as an academic editor for PLOS One, as well as an editorial board member for Environment Discover and BMC Environmental Sciences (Springer Nature).