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Is a senior expert in water and environmental sciences and holds a Ph.D. in Wastewater Treatment (1987) and a State Doctorate in Water and Environmental Sciences (1994) from the Semlalia Faculty of Sciences, Cadi Ayyad University (Marrakech-Morocco). She was a full professor at the same institution until the end of 2023. From 2001 to 2016, she was the national coordinator of the “Water and Environment” Competence Center. From 2007 to 2023, she was Director of the National Centre for Studies and Research on Water and Energy (CNEREE), where she initiated numerous research projects in collaboration with socio-economic stakeholders. With more than 200 publications, including articles and book chapters, Dr Mandi has supervised more than 30 doctoral theses and made a significant impact on the scientific community. She is the holder of four patents in the field of water treatment. Her contributions to the field have been recognized through various honors, including a fellowship at the Academy of Water in France since 2014 and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Prize for Women’s Contribution to Development in 2015. Since 2018, she is a member of the International Water Association (IWA). Dr Mandi’s influence in the field is further enhanced by her work as a senior expert and evaluator, reviewing for prestigious international journals and guest editing special issues. As a board and executive member of the Development Centre of the Tensift Region (CDRT), she is actively involved in community development and environmental sustainability. She was recently appointed Secretary-General of the International Institute for Sustainable Transition in Africa.