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Is the Director General of IRESEN. With his team, they are developing research projects and demonstration activities focusing on PtX, green chemistry, energy storage, concentrated solar (CSP) and hybridization of solar and bioenergy. Prior to his current position, Samir served as an R&D program manager at MASEN. His role consisted in catalyzing national R&D efforts in the solar energy field, building international R&D project partnerships and collaborations in the area of solar applications, as well as helping in defining strategic R&D orientation to help unleash a Moroccan industrial potential in the solar sector in the future. Previously, he held a position as an R&D Engineer in a start-up company named “Resplnnovation”, in Sophia-Antipolis, France. Samir achieved in 2011 a PhD in the field of Hydrogen PEM Fuel Cells, carried out in collaboration between the CEA of Grenoble and the CNRS institute of “Pprime” in Poitiers, both in France. Samir holds a double degree – Master of Science & Engineering – in Chemical Environmental and Energy Engineering, obtained from Saint-Etienne School of Mines and Jean-Monet University in 2008. In addition, Samir is also lecturing at the “University Mohammed VI Polytechnic – UM6P” and the “Centrale Casablanca” Engineering School. He has been also recently elected as the General Secretary of the Moroccan Cluster of Green Hydrogen, and he is also leading the green hydrogen task force of the “Green Economy Commission”, within CGEM Morocco.