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Area of Research/Teaching

Water Quality; Water Reuse; Land Application of Biosolids; Integrated Water Resources Management; Integrated Urban Water Management

Biography

Akissa Bahri is currently Professor at the National Agricultural Institute of Tunisia. She was the Coordinator of the African Water Facility (2010-2015), the Director for Africa at the International Water Management Institute, based in Accra, Ghana (2005-2010), and prior to that, Director of Research at the National Research Institute for Agricultural Engineering, Water and Forestry in Tunisia. She holds an Agricultural Engineer degree from the Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Agronomie de Toulouse (France), a Doctor-Engineer degree from the Institut National Polytechnique de Toulouse (France), and a Ph.D. in Water Resources Engineering from Lund University (Sweden). She was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of California at Davis in 2005.

She has experience in research, putting knowledge into action, and contributing to institutional development and partnership building. She has academic and professional experience in water resources management, water reuse and the agricultural use of marginal (brackish and reclaimed water) waters and biosolids. She has a long-standing interest in how a more integrated approach to managing water, stormwater, wastewater, fecal sludge, biosolids and solid wastes can contribute to meeting water demand and protecting the environment. She has also been involved in policy and legislative issues regarding water reuse and land application of biosolids. She has authored several scientific publications plus a number of contributions to books, reports, proceedings and conferences.

She was elected member of the International Water Academy in 2000, member of the World Academy of Sciences for the advancement of science in developing countries (TWAS) in 2003, member of the African Academy of Sciences in 2007, and member of the IWA Fellows Program in 2011. She is member of the JRS Biodiversity Foundation's Board of Trustees, member of the International Advisory Committee of the United Nations University-Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH), member of the Suliver Board of Trustees and of various other scientific committees.

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She is a recipient of the Grand Prize of Scientific Merit for Development from the Guinness Foundation (1984), the International Foundation for Science/King Baudouin Award (1993), the Kuwait Prize in the Field of Waste Recycling from the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (1996), the Prof. C.N.R. Rao Prize for Scientific Research awarded by the World Academy of Sciences for the Advancement of Science in Developing Countries (2009), and the IWA Women in Water Award awarded by the International Water Association (2018).