

## “Water First! Workshop for African Women in Water Research”

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### ***Area of Research/Teaching:***

Water quality, Water treatment and reuse, Pollution, and ocean governance.

### ***Area of Interest:***

Plastics and Micro-plastics pollution, Blue Growth, Science diplomacy and Environmental and Water management.

### ***Biography***

I'm working as Researcher and Lecturer at Pollution lab, Marine Environment division, National Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries in Egypt. During my work in the pollution lab, I get acquainted with the marine and coastal issues in Egypt such as construction on the coastal line and pollution issues and how to solve such issues. Thus, my main interests are pollution, wastewater treatment techniques, marine sciences, environmental protection, Evaluation & monitoring and project management. My core competency come as a reflect from my academic background of Education and Research as M.Sc. in chemical oceanography and Ph.D. in environmental studies, my master thesis was about studying the water quality and Ph.D. about marine pollution, water treatment and using of eco-friendly methods for treatment, 2nd in the environmental management understanding after my study in courses LSS Green Belt and ISO 17025, ISO 9001, PMP and water management and I will be a certified lead environmental audit 14001 at 2022. Also, I am International Ocean Institute (IOI) Alumni Ambassador and a member of the Egyptian Academy for Environmental Development.

I am seeking to work in the field of water and environmental management after I earned several scholarships about ocean management (Malta University and International Ocean Institute) and blue growth (EMUNI university Slovenia), and data management (Belgium and Germany), Monitoring and Evaluation (Netherlands) and Water management (Netherlands). I would like to study, learn and practice both about pollution and management one of my dreams to work in a multinational organization in the field of environmental protection. So I am looking forward to study more about science diplomacy, which I studied before in both scholarships about UN sessions and science diplomacy hoping to learn more and work in that field.

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