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WHY PARTICIPATE ?

Groundwater is central to water security and the life of oases. This dialogue brings together managers, scientists, and policymakers.

- Discover real-world examples of participatory governance.
- Explore digital tools and scientific approaches.
- Discuss funding and large-scale solutions.

PANEL DISCUSSION COVERING THREE MAIN TOPICS

01

GOVERNANCE

Integrated basin management in the face of hydraulic stress

02

INNOVATION

Research and the Water–Energy–Climate Nexus

03

FUNDING

Adaptation and Deployment of Resilient Solutions

FEATURED SPEAKERS



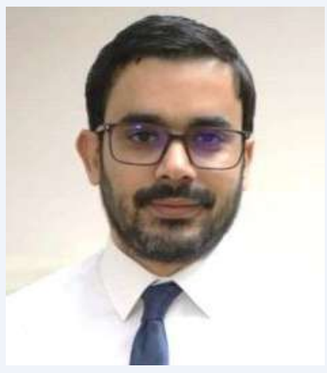
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THE GOAL IS THEREFORE TO MAKE THIS SIDE EVENT A CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL DEBATE ON SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER, GOVERNANCE AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SDG 6.