

Short Biography



Dr Osman Benchikh

Osman Benchikh is Doctor in Physics, graduated at "Ecole Supérieure de Physique et Chimie Industriel - ESPCI" in Paris. He was the Head of UNESCO "Capacity Building in Science and Technology" and of Energy Programme. He is Member of WREN Managing Council; Expert at Energy Watch Group and; Member of the Governing Board of UNESCO's International Sustainable Energy Development Center.

He contributed to the design and implementation of UNESCO's "World Solar Programme" initiated as a United Nations framework for international cooperation in renewable energy. He launched several "High Level Regional Solar Councils" designed as frameworks for related regional and international cooperation. He established the "Global Renewable Energy Education and Training Programme" (GREET - Programme) as a UN framework for building human and institutional capacities in renewable energy. He is author of several publications and Learning/teaching materials.

He was UNESCO Representative at the United Nation Energy Group (UN-Energy); Acting Secretary General of UNESCO "International Basic Science Programme" (IBSP); UNESCO Commissioner at Astana Expo 2017 "Future Energy Forum"; Secretary General of the "Mediterranean Solar Council"; Member of the "European Solar Council" and Chairman of its Commission on Education (Club de Paris des Energies Renouvelables); Chairman of "Renewable Energy Commission of the French Academy of Engineers", Member of the "Arab Permanent Committee on Renewable Energy sources"; Member of "GEMFOR" (International Study Group on Education Methods), Pioneer of the World Renewable Energy Network.

His Major international awards include the Pioneer Award (WREC 2021, Lisbon, Portugal); Award for "Professionalism Commitment and Excellence" (2011, New Delhi, India); Honoring Award for Outstanding Cooperation (2010, Abu Dhabi).