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Dr. Taha Mohammed Zatari from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, has a Ph. D in Environmental Engineering from University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, U. K (1996); Dr. Zatari completed his Bachelor of Engineering technology from University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida USA in 1984.

Currently, Dr. Zatari is holding the position of Director General of Environmental Standards in the Presidency of Meteorology and Environment (1984-present) KSA. In this position, Dr. Zatari is responsible for developing air quality (ambient and source emission) water quality, soil and indoor air quality standards. Dr. Zatari has published a number of research papers in the field of waste management and climate change. He also assisted in developing the implementation procedures for Saudi Arabian General Environmental Regulations as well as the Kingdom's environmental strategy.

Dr. Zatari is the national focal point of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for IPCC since 2005. He is a member of the IPCC Bureau since 2005. He is the Senior National Climate Change Negotiator to the UNFCCC since 1997; National Coordinator and Project Manger for the 1st & 2nd National Communications. He is also the national focal point for land-base activities to UNEP, PERSGA and ROPME. He is a member of National Committee on "Research in Climate Change". Dr. Zatari has served as a member of the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) for five years; as well an in-depth review expert for the UNFCCC.

Dr. Zatari is participating in the meetings of IPCC and UNFCCC (since 1997), UNEP, Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD) and IMO activities. Dr. Zatari is the Chairman of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Environmental Prize Committee for the Best Environmental Activities since 2002.