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Miguel Angel Sanz is currently Director of Strategic Development of SUEZ, Treatment Solutions.

He has 32 years of professional experience in desalination as well as in the drinking water and wastewater fields.

He joined the Degrémont group in 1983, in Spain, where he led the Project Department. From 1992 to 2002, he was Technical and Project Director for the Spanish subsidiary. From 2002 to 2006, he was Desalination Manager and Deputy Technical Director for Degrémont group. From 2006 to 2009, he was Director of Business Development in Degrémont Iberia, and from 2009 to 2014 he was Director of Development and Innovation of Degrémont, based in France. As of January 1, 2015, Degrémont and all companies of the group became SUEZ.

Working with SUEZ group, he has a stake in promoting innovation in the field of membrane desalination, and he has taken part in the design, build or operation of more than 40 brackish or seawater desalination plants, in the five Continents.

Mr. Sanz has been a member of the IDA Board of Directors since 2009, and currently serves as Chairman of the 2017 World Congress Technical Program Committee as well as a member of Affiliates Committee. In previous terms he served on several committees including the Technical Programs (Co-Chair), Site Selection (Co-Chair), Membership and Election, and Awards and Publications Committees. He has been session co-chair in four IDA World Congresses and a member of the Congress Technical Committee for the 2013 World Congress in Tianjin.

He has taken part in program committees to prepare events about desalination and reuse in Europe, the Americas, Africa and Asia. He promoted the organization of the first IDA conference in Algeria in 2010, led as chairman the first IDA conference in Morocco, held in Casablanca in 2012, and finally in this year, he was co-chairman of the first IDA Conference in Latin America, held in Rio de Janeiro in March 2015. Additionally in the last two World Water Forums, he has participated or co-organized the Desalination and Reuse sessions in Desalination representing IDA. To summarize, Mr Sanz has participated as contributor, organizer, speaker or chairman in over 25 events organised or supported by IDA in the last four years.

Moreover, he has contributed to promote and create some North African and Latin American desalination and reuse organizations where IDA had fewer members, such as the Latin American Desalination and Reuse Association (ALADyR), today an IDA Affiliate Association.

He is also active among IDA's affiliate organizations, being for eight years a member of the Board of Directors of the European Desalination Society (EDS) and the Spanish Desalination and Reuse Association AEDyR, where he has been Vice President for four years. He is also a member of other desalination or water associations: CaribDA, ALADyR, IFOA, AEAS, IWA and WEF. In addition, he is a member of the Editorial Board of Desalination and Water Reuse Quarterly, IDA's official magazine, and he has published more than 50 papers on desalination and water treatment, over 20 in IDA congresses or conferences.

Mr. Sanz received his Industrial Engineer degree in 1981 from Bilbao High Technical School of Engineers.