Overview:
COVID-19 hit the international community as we were embarking on the Decade of Action to deliver on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda. Greener recovery for the accelerated achievement of delayed SDGs requires a nature based holistic sustainability approach of providing equal opportunities, irrespective of gender, age or socioeconomic status, to ensure no poverty, zero hunger, good health and well-being, clean water and sanitation, sustainable cities & communities, climate actions and partnerships for the goals. A key challenge is how we learn from the mistakes of the past to become more resilient. Can there be better pathways for our economic recovery efforts through nature-based investments in water knowledge, water partnerships and inclusive policy development. This webinar will help develop common understanding of the water sustainability pathways which can be part of build back better greener future options.

About the Speaker:
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It works collaboratively with a wide variety of water-related organizations in the region to build capacity and enhance cooperation, while boosting investment at the regional level and beyond.

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