



## Dr. Hallo Al Askari

Acting Minister of Higher Education  
& Scientific Research

Dr. Al-Askari has led numerous national and regional initiatives in environmental policy, sustainability, and regulatory reform, with a clear focus on supporting evidence-based decision-making, advancing scientific research, and strengthening institutional capacity, in his previous capacity as an adviser to the Kurdistan Regional Government and as an active figure in the oil and gas sector, His Excellency has contributed to strengthen partnerships between academic institutions, government entities, and the private sector.

Dr. Hallo Al Askari has represented Iraq at prominent international forums through participation in conferences on environment, energy, and occupational safety, including COP21 and COP26. His Excellency also chaired the Iraqi delegation on climate change at COP30, where he worked to strengthen knowledge exchange, research collaboration, and academic openness in the fields of environment and climate.

Dr. Al-Askari is recognized for his strategic vision, comprehensive leadership, and unwavering commitment to advancing higher education, enhancing scientific research, and supporting the path of sustainable development in Iraq.

### Professional Experience

- **Minister of Environment**  
Government of Iraq  
December 2024 – Present
- **Branch Manager & Environment Manager**  
Crescent Oil Company, Kurdistan Region, Iraq  
June 2021 – November 2024
- **Environment & Energy Advisor**  
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Kurdistan Regional Government, Kurdistan Region, Iraq  
September 2020 – May 2021
- **Chairman of the Environmental Protection & Improvement Board**  
Kurdistan Regional Government, Kurdistan Region, Iraq  
August 2018 – August 2020
- **Health, Safety & Environment Advisor**  
Ministry of Natural Resources, Kurdistan Regional Government, Kurdistan Region, Iraq  
October 2012 – August 2018
- **Health, Safety & Environment Advisor**  
Ministry of Natural Resources, Kurdistan Regional Government, Kurdistan Region, Iraq  
December 2010 – October 2012
- **Environmental Consultant**  
Environment Agency & Hopeman Associated Ltd  
October 1999 – November 2009

### Education

- **Ph.D.**  
Studies in Leaching, Recovery & Recycling of Heavy Metals from Industrial Waste  
Brunel University London, United Kingdom, 2008
- **M.Sc.**  
Environmental Pollution Sciences  
Brunel University London, United Kingdom, 1998
- **B.Sc.**  
Agricultural Sciences  
University of Baghdad, Iraq, 1988