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Malika Bel Hassen-Abid was born in Tunis, Tunisia, on 31 October 1972. She obtained an Engineering Degree from the National Agronomy Institute of Tunisia in 1995. She moved to France where she completed her PhD studies in Biological Oceanography at the University of Bretagne Occidentale in 2000.

In 2000, she joined the National Institute of Marine Sciences and Technologies in Tunis as associate professor. Her primary research interest was the phytoplankton community structure and their relationships with the water mass dynamics in the Mediterranean Sea.

She is the responsible of the Oceanographic Data Centre involved in the development and maintenance of oceanographic data archives. She is a member of the Coordination Group of the Ocean Data and Information Network of Africa and of the National Coordination committee of the SeaDataNet Pan-European infrastructure for Ocean and Marine Data Management.

In 2007 she was elected as Co-chair of the IOC's International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE) Committee and re-elected to the same position for the period 2009-2011. She is involved in capacity building activities related to the implementation of marine data management best practices at the regional scale, mainly in the African countries. She is also member of the Advisory Group on the IOC Strategic Plan for Oceanographic Data and Information Management, in charge to oversee the implementation of the Strategy.