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### Background and qualification

Dr. Maan Singh Sidhu is a Counsellor for Science, Technology & Higher Education at the Royal Norwegian Embassy, New Delhi, India. He has also headed two offices of Innovation Norway in India (Delhi and Mumbai) for a short period of time as an acting Country director. Currently, he is representing the Research Council of Norway (RCN), Innovation Norway and the Norwegian Agency for International Cooperation and Quality Enhancement in Higher Education (Diku) in India. Previously, he has worked for the RCN, since 2010 as Special advisor.

- Doctorate degree (food science) from the Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Ås.
- Postdoc from the Norwegian School of Veterinary Science, Oslo,
- Board Administration from BI - Norwegian Business School, Oslo.
- Master's degree from Punjab Agricultural University, India.

He has extensive work experiences (over 25 years); from research, innovation, public administration as well as from international industries. He has worked as a National Contact Points (NCP) for business to strengthen Norway's participation in the Horizon 2020. He has led several science & technology projects, author of many scientific publications and book chapters, and have significant contributions to the international scientific world.

Few of his recent international contributions are the following:

- Expert evaluator Horizon 2020: Research and Innovation proposals for the European Commission.
- Evaluation of scientific and innovation proposal on the behalf of RCN.
- Coordinated 15 European networks (EU regional & cross-thematic) to encourage participation in Horizon 2020.
- Valuable and fruitful contributions in strengthening science & technology bilateral co-operations with India and Latin America.
- Actively involved in many international science & technology collaborative activities such as Joint Programming Initiative (JPI), A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life (JPI HDHL), and ERA-NETs (public-public partnerships under Horizon 2020), e.g. ERA-Nets-LAC, INNO-INDIGO, SUSFOOD, ICRAD etc.
- Participated as an active member in the Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (SCAR) - Strategic Working Groups as well as in SCAR - Collaborative Working Groups on the behalf of RCN.

### Expertise

- Public administration on policy issues / Programme management or grant management.
- Research, development & innovation in the following areas: Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change; Sustainable Food production (land- and marine based), Bioeconomy, Circular economy, Food safety, Food quality, Food Waste, Food and health, Food packaging, Disinfectant- and antibiotic resistant, Innovative value creations. Green agricultural technology, Food environment and climate change, Renewable energy efficiency, climate & environment, circular economy, marine pollutions.
- Broad competence dissemination and reputation building, research-based innovation and strategy design and implementation.
- Collaborative, diplomatic skills and committed network developer.