

Water Scarcity, Challenges, and Opportunities: Lessons from Israel

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Water scarcity is a fact of life around the world, including for millions of people in the U.S. Moreover, projections of climate change, population growths, and economic development suggest that this phenomenon will only worsen. One nation, however, has weathered and overcome the shortages – Israel. This presentation will discuss the methods, techniques, and approaches to water resources that have enabled Israel to survive in a desert environment, and thrive where others have failed. It will also suggest lessons that the U.S. and other nations might take from Israel's experiences.

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Born in Israel, Eckstein grew up learning about Middle East water issues from his hydrogeologist father and chemist mother. Later, after moving to the United States, he obtained a bachelor's degree in Geology, a master's degree in International Affairs, and Juris Doctor and L.L.M. degrees focused on International Environmental Law.

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