



## **Dr. Maya Benami Promoted to Project Director at LEC Partners**

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LEC Partners, a global leader in bioeconomy consulting with a deep focus on fermentation and novel foods, is thrilled to announce the promotion of Dr. Maya Benami to Project Director. With her extensive experience in fermentation technical due diligence and sustainability, Dr. Benami will play a crucial role in leading key projects that support the company's commitment to scaling biotechnical innovations in the food and feed industries.

As the demand for sustainable solutions in food production continues to rise, LEC Partners is at the forefront of driving technological advancements in biomass and precision fermentation. This technology enables the production of alternative proteins and animal-free ingredients through microbial fermentation, which plays a vital role in creating novel foods such as slaughter-free dairy, egg, meat, seafood, and pet and animal feeds. Dr. Benami's leadership will ensure that the company continues to push the boundaries of what's possible in the bioeconomy.

"Dr. Benami has demonstrated remarkable leadership and technical expertise since joining our team," said Jason White, CEO of LEC Partners. "Her promotion reflects her exceptional contributions, and we are

confident she will continue to play a critical role in shaping our future as we focus on evaluating feedstocks, fermentation processes, and novel foods."

### Maya Benami's Leadership and Expertise

Dr. Benami holds a Ph.D. in environmental microbiology and hydrology. She has spent her evaluating novel microbial technologies to solve complex food scaling, pathogen detection, and sustainability challenges. Her previous work in cancer biology, recombinant protein production, cultivated meat and seafood, plant science, food science, bio-inoculants, technical due diligence, supply chain management, feedstock sourcing, techno-economic analyses, and resource optimization has positioned her as a key player in advancing bio-based industries.

Since joining LEC Partners in 2022, Dr. Benami has been involved in high-profile projects related to feedstock sourcing, novel pathogen identification technology, and novel food production from fermentation. In her new role as Project Director, she will lead teams that develop cutting-edge solutions, ensuring clients are equipped with the most innovative and sustainable technologies available.

"I am excited to step into this new role and continue contributing to LEC Partners' efforts to drive sustainable innovation," said Dr. Benami. "Fermentation, cellular agriculture, molecular farming, and plant cell-culture methods to create novel foods offer tremendous potential for creating a more sustainable future, and I look forward to leading initiatives that will help shape the future of food production."

### LEC Partners' Commitment to the Bioeconomy

LEC Partners has long been committed to advancing the bioeconomy through innovative solutions and expert consulting. The company's focus on fermentation and novel food technologies reflects a broader mission to create sustainable solutions for the challenges facing industries today.

With over 180 experts worldwide, LEC Partners offers unparalleled expertise in bio-based industries. LEC supports clients from the initial stages of project development to commercial success. Dr. Benami's promotion reinforces the firm's dedication to providing leadership and innovation in this space.

"LEC Partners has always been at the cutting edge of bioeconomy consulting," said Jason White. "As the world moves toward more sustainable practices, our fermentation and novel foods expertise positions us as a key player in this evolving landscape. Dr. Benami will help ensure we remain leaders in this field."

### Looking to the Future

With Dr. Benami's promotion, LEC Partners is poised to continue its leadership in fermentation, cellular agriculture, and other novel food technologies. As industries worldwide increasingly prioritize sustainability, LEC Partners remains committed to providing the technical, regulatory, and funding expertise needed to navigate this transition successfully.

The company's dedication to precision fermentation and novel foods reflects its broader vision for a sustainable bioeconomy. Combining Dr. Benami's data-driven approach with LEC Partners' global expertise, the firm is ready to tackle future challenges and help clients achieve their sustainability goals.

About LEC Partners (formerly Lee Enterprises Consulting):

Founded in 1995, LEC is the world's premier global bioeconomy consulting group with over 180 experts. LEC's hand-selected experts, 97% of whom hold advanced degrees, average over 30 years of experience in their specialties. Their expertise spans project development, from ideation to market launch. For over 25 years, LEC has helped clients navigate the bioeconomy.

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