Although growth in global sugar consumption in the coming decade is projected to slow down, the growth rate is still expected to be 1.48% per year until 2027. Therefore, the assignment for the sugar-producing sector is clear: by 2027, an estimated 205 million additional tons of sugar need to be produced (given the current production of 185 million tons). Production of sugar crops is expected to expand in many parts of the world, with increases coming from a combination of higher yields from existing farms and expansion of crop areas.

In this masterclass webinar from WaterPIP, we will dive into the priorities, opportunities, and challenges in the field of operating and developing sugar cane plantations both from the field and the developer perspectives. There will be a discussion on the implication of sugar cane expansion on water use in a river basin context, evidence-based analysis on the intensification versus expansion of crop areas using the FAO WaPOR database, as well as the impacts of growing different types of sugar crops. We invite you to join us for the webinar and share your experiences and ideas on this topic.

**Topics include:**

- Sugar cane production: experience from the field
- Development and operations of a sugar industry: priorities, opportunities, and challenges
- Implication of sugar cane expansion on water use in a river basin context
- Intensification vs. expansion in sugar cane production
- Sugar beet vs. sugar cane

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