

Paris informal roundtable, 2 July 2026 - participant list

Host

Mr Jean-Baptiste de Franssu, Chair, Collège des Bernardins

The Global Foundation Leadership

Dr Mark Cutifani CBE, Member of the Board, the Global Foundation

Mr Steve Howard, Secretary General, the Global Foundation

Participants

Ms Sharon Bligh, Health and Sustainability Director, Consumer Goods Forum

Ms Karine Boissy-Rousseau, SVP Sustainability & Climate, TotalEnergies

Mr Dennis Bracy, Former Chief Executive Officer, US-China Clean Energy Forum, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Avatar Studios

Professor Sir Ed Byrne AC, President, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology

Fr Orlin de Gélis, Director of the Research Center, Collège des Bernardins

Ms Fabrizia Lapecorella, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD

Ambassador Stephen Jones, Permanent Representative of Australia to the OECD

Dr Arnaud Leveau, President, Asia Centre

Ms Katia Strikker, Chief of Staff, Alta Strategies

Mr Ben Thompson, External Engagement Manager – Office of the Secretary General, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

Ms Silvia Zucchini, Head of the Communications Division, Council of Europe Development Bank

Host biography



Mr Jean-Baptiste de Franssu

Chair

Collège des Bernardins

Jean-Baptiste de Franssu chaired the Board of "l'Istituto per le Opere di Religione", IOR, (Vatican bank) between July 2014 and April 2026. With the board he has led the bank through a complete transformation.

On July 2nd, 2026, he will become the non-executive chair of Groupe Bayard, the largest Catholic media and publishing group in France.

He is the vice-chairman of Groupe La Française S.A, chair of its audit and risk committee and is a member of its HR and remuneration committee. He is also a board member of Credit Agricole Indosuez Europe and of some European family offices. He chairs the board of the Collège des Bernardins.

Up to the end of 2011 he was Chief Executive Officer of Invesco Europe and member of INVECO's worldwide executive committee. He spent 22 years building Invesco's presence in Europe. Prior to Invesco he worked at Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations in France where he started his career. Between 2012 and 2015 he ran an M&A boutique with US partners focusing on the asset management sector.

In June 2009 he was elected President of the European Fund and Asset Management Association during a time of profound worldwide regulatory changes post the 2008 financial crisis. In 2009 he was elected European fund industry personality of the year by Funds EUROPE magazine. He has, over the years, contributed to many publications, industry working groups and seminars on issues relating to regulation and supervision of asset management activities.

Jean-Baptiste is a graduate of the ESC Group Business School in Reims, France and holds a BA in European Business Administration from Middlesex University in the UK. He also holds a postgraduate degree in Actuarial Studies from Pierre and Marie Curie University in Paris.



A jewel of Cistercian architecture in the heart of the Latin Quarter in Paris, the Collège des Bernardins invites everyone to experience Christian wisdom and mystery through the senses and the intellect, providing intellectual, cultural, and spiritual resources through encounters and debates, research, art, and culture.

Courses, debates, research seminars, and artistic performances interact to nourish their mission: to promote an authentic, cultural, and intellectual dialogue between society and Christian wisdom.

Theologians, experts, philosophers, artists, and economic, civic, and political figures engage in open dialogue on the issues that affect us all.



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<https://www.collegedesbernardins.fr/>

Mensuram Bonam

For many years, the Global Foundation has engaged with faith leaders worldwide, on the basis that faiths bring to bear important ethical and practical dimensions at both global as well as local levels.

Following on from multiple meetings convened by the Foundation at the Vatican since 2014, including personal endorsements of our work by the late Pope Francis, the Foundation agreed in 2025 to support the Vatican Bank and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences for the potential global rollout of 'Mensuram Bonam', a suite of practical training programs to assist Catholic investors at local levels, that would help better understanding and application of sound principles in determining investments.

The Global Foundation Leadership biographies



Dr Mark Cutifani CBE
*Member of the Board,
the Global Foundation*

Mark is a mining engineer by training having started his career in deep underground coal mining in Australia in 1976. In his +46 years of experience, he has had line and support responsibilities across all forms of mining, processing, and product marketing, having worked across 6 continents, 20 countries and with more than 30 minerals and metals. He is recognised as a major industry leader and innovator with a track record for delivery of improvements across all facets of business performance.

Mark retired from his role as the Chief Executive Officer (CE) of Anglo American (AA) in April 2022 after more than 9 years and delivering the significant restructuring and revitalisation across all facets of its global mining business. In his period of tenure, AA delivered industry leading capital and shareholder returns underpinned by a doubling of employee productivity, with associated material cost reductions and improvements in capital returns. At the same time AA moved from lagging industry performance in sustainability and innovation to being an acknowledged leader in value creation through new and progressive social, technical, and commercial transformations.

Prior to his AA position he was the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for AngloGold Ashanti. Mark was responsible for the recovery and turnaround of the business after successfully dealing with the industry's most significant "out of the money" gold hedge book. Mark has also held senior executive positions with the Inco and Vale, the Normandy Group, Sons of Gwalia, Western Mining Corporation, Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines and CRA (Rio Tinto). Mark was also a past President of the International Council for Mining and Metals (ICMM) and the South African Chamber of Mines (now Minerals Council).

In May 2022, Mark became the inaugural Chairman of the Global Advisory Council of the Global Foundation, and in 2025 became the Co-Leader of the Foundation's Global Alliance.



Mr Steve Howard
*Secretary General
The Global Foundation*

As founding Secretary General of the non-profit Global Foundation since 1998, Steve Howard has led the necessary global push for the adoption of 'co-operative globalisation', a holistic and long-term strategy to enable a sustainable global common good.

Much of Steve's work with the Global Foundation has involved aligning leaders from the private sector, civil society, academia, faiths and institutions, and sometimes from governments, from across the world, in defining and striving for a shared global vision, backed up by concrete actions.

Many world leaders, including Pope Francis and his most senior officials at the Vatican, have personally participated in and endorsed this and related initiatives.

Through this collaborative and low-key approach, Steve and the Global Foundation have helped to shape global affairs with practical outcomes.

Prior to the Global Foundation, he led the successful renaissance strategy for Melbourne, Australia in the early 1990's, including a national strategy to enable private sector investment in public infrastructure, which has since been adopted as investment model, worldwide

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Ms Sharon Bligh

*Health and Sustainability Director
Consumer Goods Forum*

Sharon Bligh is the Director of Health and Sustainability at The Consumer Goods Forum (CGF), where she drives global corporate collaboration to foster healthier lives, eradicate food waste, and accelerate decarbonization across the industry.

Actively partnering with the CEOs of the world's largest consumer goods retailers and manufacturers, Sharon champions strategic initiatives that prove better business drives a better world.

She spearheads key global initiatives, including the CGF's Healthier Lives, Food Waste, and Climate Transition Coalitions of Action. Working directly with the leaders on the CGF's Board of Directors, she unites industry giants to advance tangible progress toward the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

A passionate advocate for cross-sector collaboration as a catalyst for systemic change, Sharon bridges the gap between retail executives, manufacturers, and multi-stakeholder groups to build scalable solutions for both people and planet. She also sits on the Partnership Council of the Global Alliance for improved Nutrition.

Originally from Ireland, she is based in Paris with her family.



Ms Karine Boissy-Rousseau

*Climate and Sustainability Director
TotalEnergies*

Karine Boissy-Rousseau has served as a director of Totalenergies since December 2021.

Ms. Boissy-Rousseau is now Senior Vice-President of Sustainability & Climate for Totalenergies since June 2025.

She has served as Vice President Green Gases in the Gas, Renewables and Power business segment of TotalEnergies since September 2023.

Prior to that, she was Senior Vice President New Mobility and Marketing of TotalEnergies' Marketing & Services business segment since September 2021.

Before joining Totalenergies, she was working for Air Liquide as President of Air Liquide Hydrogen Mobility & Energy, where she led the development of hydrogen activities in the transportation sector for North America from 2019 to 2021. Prior to that, she was Managing Director of Air Liquide Benelux Industries from 2016 to 2019 and General Manager of Air Liquide France Industries in Paris from 2012 to 2016.

She held various other roles during her tenure of over 24 years at Air Liquide. She sits on the Board of Clean Energy, the largest provider of renewable natural gas for the transportation industry in North America. Ms. Boissy-Rousseau holds a master's degree in chemical engineering and a master's degree in marketing.

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Mr Dennis Bracy

*Former Chief Executive Officer, US-China Clean Energy Forum,
Chairman and CEO, Avatar Studios*

Combining a long-time commitment to strengthening US-China relations and a passion for finding solutions to global energy and environmental issues, Bracy led the US team for the US-China Clean Energy Forum since its inception in 2007.

In that capacity, Bracy and the CEF team served on the senior management team of the US-China Clean Energy Research Center, which was established by Presidents Hu Jintao and Barack Obama in 2009.

Over the past 35 years, he has served as an advisor to business executives, Members of Congress, Governors and Mayors and is considered a leading strategist on energy issues. He also served as Chairman of the Board of the Washington State China Relations Council.

As Chairman of Avatar Studios, he heads a company that produces television programs for clients around the world. In the early 1990s, Bracy led the team that developed the first prime-time television co-produced by foreigners in China and he continues to produce several documentaries and videos in China every year. As Chairman of Avatar Dimension, he heads a company which produces holograms for use in exhibits, movies and TV programs.

His previous professional positions include president of Hill & Knowlton Technology, vice president of Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation, and press secretary for the Watergate trials.



Prof Sir Edward Byrne AC

*President
King Abdullah University of Science
and Technology (KAUST)*

Sir Edward Byrne AC is the fourth President of King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), appointed in September 2024. He previously served as President and Principal of King's College London and as Vice Chancellor of Monash University.

A distinguished neurologist, researcher, and academic leader, Byrne has made significant contributions to mitochondrial disease research and higher education.

He was knighted in 2020 for services to higher education and is a Companion of the Order of Australia.

His leadership experience spans major global institutions, where he has driven research excellence, interdisciplinary collaboration, and international expansion.

Byrne began his medical career in Australia and has held senior roles including Dean at Monash University and Vice Provost at University College London.

He has also served in advisory and board roles across the healthcare sector, including with Ramsay Health Care.

His work aligns with advancing research, innovation, and global academic partnerships



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Fr Olric de Gélis

*Director of the Research Center
Collège des Bernardins*

Father Olric de Gélis, a Doctor of Theology, has been Director of the Research Center at the Collège des Bernardins since 2020 and Co-Director of the Department of Environmental Humanities at the Collège des Bernardins, which opened in 2024.

He was Co-Director of the Chair, "Laudato si': For a New Exploration of the Earth," at the Collège des Bernardins from 2021 to 2023.

He is a member of the Executive Board and the Board of Directors of the Collège des Bernardins.



HE Amb Stephen Jones

*Ambassador and Permanent
Representative of Australia
OECD*

The Hon Stephen Jones became the Australian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the OECD in September 2025. Between 2022 and 2025, he was the Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Financial Services and a member of the Expenditure Review Committee of Cabinet of Australia. Key achievements included delivering a major economic reform agenda across superannuation, financial crime, banking services, financial advice, credit law, consumer protection, insurance and digital policy.

Mr. Jones held a range of shadow ministerial positions between 2014–2022 in the areas of health, communications, infrastructure, regional development financial services and shadow Assistant Treasurer.

Before entering Parliament, he was the National Secretary of the Community and Public Sector Union and spent many years working as a community worker and lawyer.

Mr. Jones holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws degree and has been admitted as a solicitor to the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia.

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Ms Fabrizia Lapecorella
*Deputy Secretary-General
OECD*

Fabrizia Lapecorella, an Italian national, took up her duties as Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD on 3 April 2023. Her portfolio includes Tax Policy and Administration, Statistics and Data, the Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, and the Centre on Well-Being, Inclusion, Sustainability and Equal Opportunity. In addition, Ms Lapecorella oversees the coordination of the Inclusive Forum on Carbon Mitigation Approaches across the OECD.

Ms Lapecorella has previously served as the Director-General of Finance in the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance from June.

2008 to November 2022. In this role she was responsible for domestic, European and international tax policy, governance of the Italian tax agencies, coordination of the information technology infrastructure serving the Italian Tax Administration and the administrative services for the Italian tax judicial system. Prior to this she held various positions in the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance.

Throughout 2022, Ms Lapecorella also served as the Chair of the OECD's Committee on Fiscal Affairs, having served as a member of the Committee Bureau since 2012 and as the Deputy Chair of the Committee between 2017 and 2021. She also served as a member of the Steering Group of the OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting from 2016 to 2022.

Ms Lapecorella holds a degree in Economics from the University of Bari as well as a PhD in Economics from the University of York. She has taught courses in public finance, among others, at the University of Bari since 2004.



Dr Arnaud Leveau
*President
Asia Centre, Paris*

Arnaud LEVEAU is President of Asia Centre, Founder of Alta Strategies and Associate Professor at Paris Dauphine University.

He has nearly 30 years of experience across the Indo-Pacific, spanning business, government affairs, and research. His career includes positions in leading organisations such as Airbus, Danone, Sciaci Saint Honoré, and French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

He has held academic and research positions at the Chulalongkorn University, Kyoto University, and Sogang University. He also served as Deputy Director of the French Research Institute on Contemporary Southeast Asia.

Arnaud Leveau holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the École Normale Supérieure de Lyon. He is a member of the Asie21 and the author of numerous publications on the Korean Peninsula, Thailand, and Southeast Asia.

His work focuses on strategic and geopolitical dynamics in the Indo-Pacific, with a particular emphasis on defence, security, and international relations.

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Ms Katia Strikker
*Chief of Staff
Alta Strategies*

Katia Strikker is Chief of Staff at Alta Strategies, a boutique consultancy specializing in Europe–Indo-Pacific strategy, based in Paris and Bangkok.

For the past two years, she has worked alongside founder Dr. Arnaud Leveau on research, stakeholder engagement, and client advisory across the region, focusing on middle power trends, EU–Asia economic relations, and the energy transition.

She recently joined Asia Centre as Research and Communications Specialist, supporting the institute's work on Asia-Pacific affairs.

She brings field experience from events and missions across Southeast Asia, East Asia, and Central Asia.



Mr Ben Thompson
*External Engagement Manager -
Office of the Secretary General
International Chamber of
Commerce (ICC)*

Ben Thompson is an international trade and public policy professional currently serving as External Engagement Manager in the Office of the Secretary General at the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in Paris. In this role, which he has held since November 2023, Ben provides strategic support for the Secretary General's engagements with key global partners, including multilateral organizations and international fora such as the United Nations and the G20. He also supports ICC's global outreach and business development efforts, with a particular focus on multilateral governance reform and the geopolitical economy of international trade.

Prior to joining the ICC, Ben held leadership and advisory roles across the UK and Latin America, including as Programme Manager at the Luksic Scholars Foundation and Advisor to the Chairman of the Luksic Group in Chile. He also worked with the UK Government's Department for International Trade, where he led SME export support initiatives across Latin America and the Caribbean.

Ben holds Master of Public Policy at the University of Oxford's Blavatnik School of Government, during which he researched the foundations of trade-based industrial strategy. Prior to this, he completed a Bachelor of Science in International Management and Spanish at the University of Bath.

Ben is fluent in English and Spanish, with working knowledge of French, and brings a strong background in international stakeholder engagement, strategic communications, and geopolitical analysis.



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Ms Silvia Zucchini

*Head of the Communications
Division
Council of Europe Development
Bank (CEB)*

An accomplished communicator, Silvia is currently Head of Communications at the Council of Europe Development Bank, Silvia Zucchini brings decades of international experience to the world of global policy and finance.

Her career has included senior roles at the IMF and the OECD.

Silvia holds an MA in International Relations from the John Hopkins University in Washington, DC and a BA in Political Science from the University of Bologna.

As an Italian national who has lived extensively in the USA and France, Silvia credits her international experiences with profoundly shaping her professional and personal outlook. These experiences have allowed her to seamlessly integrate diverse cultural perspectives into her work, enriching her contributions to global organisations.

