

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

**Twenty-second Meeting of the Donor Council
Conservation International, Arlington, VA
18 December 2012
8 a.m. – 11 a.m. EST**

Discussion following James D. Wolfensohn's decision to retire

Recommended Action Item:

The Donor Council is asked to discuss the recommendation made by the chairperson of the Donor Council James D. Wolfensohn

Background:

On 10 December 2012, the Chairperson of the Donor Council communicated to the Donor Council members his decision to retire from his position as chairperson. James D. Wolfensohn has served as chairperson of the CEPF Donor Council from 2000 to 2005 and from 2006 to the present. His support to CEPF has been invaluable and will be truly missed.

On 12 December 2012, the Chairperson of the Donor Council recommended the Donor Council to consider Jean-Michel Severino as a suitable candidate to replace him as chairperson of the CEPF Donor Council. The chairperson requested the Secretariat to provide the Donor Council with biographical information on Mr. Severino for the review of the Donor Council. Mr. Severino's résumé is included.

Jean-Michel Severino

C.E.O., “Investisseurs et Partenaires »



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Career

- Since May 1, 2011: chief executive officer, I&P – an impact investment and private equity fund dedicated to African SMEs; chair of the audit committee of Danone’s board and member of its CSR committee (June 2011); member of the board of France Telecom and member of its governance committee (July 2011)
- April 2010 : General Inspector of finance, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Paris; chairman of the French Partnership for Water (PFE)
- 2001- April 2010: CEO – Agence française de développement (AFD), Paris,
- 2000 : General Inspector of Finance - Ministry of Economy and Finance,
- 1997-2000 : Vice-president for Asia - World Bank, Washington
- 1996-1997 : Director for Central Europe - World Bank, Washington
- 1994-1996 : Director and head of operations- Ministry of Cooperation and Development, Paris
- 1990-1994 : Head, monetary and macroeconomics department- Ministry of Cooperation and Development, Paris
- 1988-1990 : Technical advisor for economic and financial affairs – Front office of the Minister of Cooperation and Development, Jacques Pelletier

- 1984 : Inspector of Finance, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Paris

Education

- 1984 : Ecole Nationale d'Administration
- 1980 : Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (« SciencesPo »)
- 1979 : Master of Sciences in Economics, Paris IX Dauphine University
- 1978: Master of Sciences in Law, Paris I University
- 1978 : Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris – Master of Sciences in Business Administration

Other contributions

Jean-Michel Severino has served or is serving on several international public policy panels such as the High-Level Panel of the African Development Bank, established in 2006 to advise the Bank on its strategic vision, the strategic board of the West African development bank (BOAD) and the commission of the economic and monetary union of western Africa (UEMOA); the Commission on the "White book" on France's foreign and European policy; and since September 2012 the High-Level Expert Panel on the System-Wide Coherence of the United Nations, and the UN secretary general Eminent People Panel for the post 2015 international development agenda.

Jean-Michel Severino is also member of several non for profit board: Conservation International, one of the largest foundations dealing with environment and development; Fondation Sanofi, a major non-for-profit institution dedicated to health and international development; Fondation Chirac pour la paix et le développement; The Africa Capacity Building Foundation(ACBF) ; he sits on Veolia's Independent evaluation committee on sustainable development.

Jean-Michel Severino has been associate professor at the [CERDI] – Université d'Auvergne - and is currently senior fellow at the foundation for international economics and development (FERDI), the largest French foundation and think-tank on development, as well as at the "German Marshall Fund of the United States of America" (GMF), the renowned Washington based transatlantic think-tank. He is a member of the "French Academy of Technology, an industrial knowledge and science society. He also chairs the board of the" institut d'études du développement économique et social" (IEDES), from the University of Paris I, the oldest, and still the largest French academic institution dedicated to

international development. He is also a member of the board of ACET, an African think-tank based in Accra, Ghana.

Recent publications

Le Temps de l’Afrique, avec Olivier Ray, May 2010, published by Odile Jacob

Africa’s Moment - with Olivier Ray, January 2012, is published by Polity

Le Grand Basculément, avec Olivier Ray, October 2011, published by Odile Jacob, which received the “Prix Turgot” for the best macroeconomic and finance book of the year

Jean-Michel Severino has published many policy papers and articles. Most publications are posted on the website of the Agence Française de Développement:

www.afd.fr/jahia/Jahia/lang/en/home/Presse/ArticlesAFD. His blogs can be read and commented on

www.ideas4development.org . He is a member of “Project Syndicate”, a grouping of international authors, and publishes as a consequence extensively in the international press.

Distinctions

Jean-Michel Severino is « officier de l’ordre du mérite » and « chevalier de la Légion d’Honneur ». He has been distinguished in their national orders by several countries from Asia and Africa.

He has received in 2009 the “sceptre d’or du développement durable”, the most important French award distinguishing an outstanding contribution to sustainable development, for his action in promoting and implementing corporate social and environmental responsibility internationally.