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SONY KAPOOR

Sony Kapoor is Director of Re-Define, an international Think Tank and CEO of Court Jesters, a boutique corporate & investor consultancy where he advises governments, central banks, regulators, institutional investors and large corporates. An ex Investment banker, Mr Kapoor has been an adviser to the European Union, OECD, UN, IMF, World Bank and the German, Norwegian and other governments in many different capacities over the past decade and a half. He has had a multidisciplinary role at the London School of Economics as strategy adviser at the Systemic Risk Centre & a senior visiting fellow at the Development, Government and European departments.

He has been recognised as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum and a Young European Leader by Friends of Europe and been inducted into the Fellowship of the Royal Society of Arts. Mr Kapoor is an alumnus of the Indian Institute of Technology and the London School of Economics.



PROF. MARTIN R. STUCHTEY

Prof. Dr. Martin R. Stuchtey is Professor of Resource Strategy and Management at the University of Innsbruck. He is the founder and managing partner of SYSTEMIQ Ltd.

Martin worked at McKinsey for 20 years, most recently as Director of the Center for Business and Environment, particularly focusing on water management, circular industrial systems and ecosystem preservation. Previously he served as a leader of McKinsey's Transport and Infrastructure Practice and as managing partner in McKinsey's Munich Office. He is an initiator of the 2030 Water Resources Group and a long-time strategic advisor to the World Economic Forum and the Ellen MacArthur Foundation. He has a background of geology and economics, is professor at the University of Innsbruck and author of the book "A Good Disruption – Redefining Growth in the Twenty-first Century". He is a father of six, an organic farmer and an avid alpinist.



UNIV.-PROF. DR.-ING. ANKE BOCKREIS

Since October 2009 Anke Bockreis holds the professorship of Waste Management and Resource Management. She is a civil engineer and holds a doctorate in the field of monitoring of surface biofilters.

From 1996 to 2009 she was a long-term employee at the Institute WAR, Department of Waste Technology TU Darmstadt, direction Prof. Dr. med. John Jager. There, her main focus was on the biological and mechanical-biological waste treatment processes and their emission detectionand reduction. In addition, Prof. Bockreis was a project engineer with a focus on mechanical-biological Waste treatment in the years 2005-2007 at the IGW - Ingenieurgemeinschaft Witzenhausen. She also gained non-university experience as a freelancer in other engineering firms.



DR. KLAUS ZUMWINKEL

Klaus Zumwinkel is President of the Deutsche Post Foundation and its SUN Institute Environment and Sustainability. He was CEO of the German postal service, now Deutsche Post DHL, and senior partner at McKinsey. He also served on numerous boards, including Lufthansa, Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Telekom.



SABRINA MUSTOPO

Sabrina Mustopo is the founder of Krakakoa Chocolate, a bean to bar social enterprise working directly with smallholder cocoa farmers to produce fine Indonesian chocolate.

She is an independent consultant focusing on strategy, project management, agriculture, sustainable development and climate change topics. Formerly part of a top management consulting firm. Served mainly public-sector clients in Asia Pacific and East Africa, and worked with stakeholders from the public and private sectors, NGOs and academia.



LORD NICHOLAS STERN

Professor Stern is the IG Patel Professor of Economics and Government, Chairman of the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment and Head of the India Observatory at the London School of Economics. President of the British Academy, July 2013 – 2017, and was elected Fellow of the Royal Society in 2014.

Professor Stern has held academic appointments in the UK at Oxford, Warwick and the LSE and abroad including at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Ecole Polytechnique and the Collège de France in Paris, the Indian Statistical Institute in Bangalore and Delhi, and the People's University of China in Beijing.

He was Chief Economist of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 1994-1999, and Chief Economist and Senior Vice President at the World Bank, 2000-2003.

He was Second Permanent Secretary to Her Majesty's Treasury from 2003-2005; Director of Policy and Research for the Prime Minister's Commission for Africa from 2004-2005; Head of the Stern Review on the Economics of Climate Change, published in 2006; and Head of the Government Economic Service from 2003-2007.

He was knighted for services to economics in 2004, made a cross-bench life peer as Baron Stern of Brentford in 2007, and appointed Companion of Honour for services to economics, international relations and tackling climate change in 2017. He has published more than 15 books and 100 articles and his most recent book is "Why are We Waiting? The Logic, Urgency and Promise of Tackling Climate Change".



MICHAEL MEIRER

Michael Meirer already aimed at and worked towards a position in consulting during his studies of Industrial Environmental Protection and Process Engineering respectively Industrial Energy Technology at the University of Leoben. Therefore, he already began collecting specific work experience during his studies. His enthusiasm for research and development led him to the University of Innsbruck in the field of Environmental Technology - Waste Treatment and Resource Management, where he began a doctorate. At the same time he started to teach at the University of Applied Sciences Kufstein where he currently covers 14 different courses, dealing with different fields of business and engineering.

Michael Meirer has also begun to teach at the University of Applied Sciences Vienna as an external lecturer in 2014 and he joined R-Power as a managing director in 2015.



LORD ADAIR TURNER

Adair Turner chairs the Energy Transitions Commission. He is a businessman, academic and former chairman of the Financial Services Authority. He has chaired the Pensions Commission, the Low Pay Commission, and the Committee on Climate Change in the UK. During his time at McKinsey (1982-1995) he built McKinsey's practice in Eastern Europe and Russia (1992-1995). From 1995-1999, he was director general of the Confederation of British Industry and vice chairman of Merrill Lynch Europe from 2000-2006. He was also non-executive director of a number of companies, including Standard Chartered plc, and currently holds this position at OakNorth and Prudential plc. As well as being chairman of the Institute for New Economic Thinking, Adair is a visiting professor at the LSE and Cass Business School.



ANNA KÖHL

Anna Köhl is doing her PhD in Management at the School of Management at Innsbruck University and works as a consultant at IMP (Innovative Management Partner) in Innsbruck. With Martin Stuchtey and Johann Füller as her supervisors, Anna is part of the Innovation Lab for Sustainability. She focuses her research on the Circular Economy, an economic system offering the possibility to decouple economic growth from resource constraints. She looks at this important topic from an innovation and business model perspective as she holds her master in strategic management. Anna is a Schmidt MacArthur Fellow at the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, the only fellowship worldwide on the Circular Economy. As part of Systemiq she contributed to the second New Plastic Economy Report published at the World Economic Forum in Dayos.



JANEZ POTOCNIK

Janez Potocnik was Director of the Institute of Macroeconomic Analysis and Development of the Republic of Slovenia, he headed the Negotiating Team for Accession of the Republic of Slovenia to the European Union and was also a Minister responsible for European Affairs. Janez became a Member of the European Commission on May 2004. First mandate (2004-09) he was responsible for the Science and Research and second (1020-14) for the Environment. Currently he is Co-Chairing UN International Resource Panel, he is also a Chairman of The Forum for the Future of Agriculture and of the RISE foundation.

He received three honorary Doctor degrees (London Imperial College, Ghent University and Aalto University). Among others he was awarded the United Nations' 2013 Champions of the Earth Award, the ACER Award for the visionary contributions and leadership that made possible the ERC, the Twelve stars for promoting environmental sustainability by the EEB and Circulars 2015 by WEF for the leadership in circular economy area.



PROF. DR. HEINRICH BEDFORD-STROHM

Heinrich Bedford-Strohm is a German Protestant-Lutheran systematic theologian. Since October 30, 2011, he is Regional Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria and since 11 November 2014 Council Chairman of the Evangelical Church in Germany.

His scientific work focuses on ecumenical theology, ecclesiology, biology, peace and business ethics, the welfare state and theories of justice, the ethics of creation, the Christian faith and modern society.



DR. DANIELA HOHENWALLNER

Daniela Hohenwallner-Ries holds a Magister and a PhD in Biology/Ecology with a project track record in the field of biodindication and biomonitoring, climate change impact and adaption research, and inter-and transdiscipliy research. Prior to joining alpS in 2012, she was project collaborator at the Institute of Ecology, University of Vienna (AT), scientific assistant at the Environment Agency Austria and project coordinator at the University of Savoie (F). Her duties include project management and design, climate change research and development of climate change adaptation strategies as well as the development of stakeholder processes and project acquisition.



DR. MAXIMILIAN RIEDE

Maximilian Riede holds an MSc and a PhD in Geography with a project track record in the field of climate change communication, education for sustainable development and climate change adaptation. Parallel to alpS, he is postdoctoral researcher, project manager and lecturer at Institute of Geography of the University of Innsbruck. His duties Include project management and design, impact assessments of education, training and communication activities, modelling and development of climate change adaptation strategies.



SIR DAVID KING

David was born in Durban, educated at St John's College Johannesburg and at Witwatersrand University, graduating with an Honours degree in Chemistry and a PhD. He has received 23 Honorary Degrees from universities around the world.

He was the UK Government Chief Scientific Adviser from 2000 to 2007. He raised the need for governments to act on climate change and was instrumental in creating the UK's £1 billion Energy Technologies Institute. He created an in-depth futures process which advised government on a wide range of long term issues, from flooding to obesity. From 2013 to 2017 he served in the British Foreign Office as the Foreign Secretary's Special Representative on Climate Change, making 96 official country visits over this period. He initiated the Climate Change - A Risk Analysis project with China and India over this period and was the thought leader behind Mission Innovation, the \$30bn p.a. international thrust in Research funding for missing technologies needed to defossilise the global economy.

David was Member, the President's Advisory Council, Rwanda, and Science Advisor to UBS, 2008-12. He served as Founding Director of the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment at Oxford University, 2008 – 2012, Head of the Department of Chemistry at Cambridge University, 1993 – 2000, and Master of Downing College Cambridge 1995 – 2000.

He has published over 500 papers on surface science and catalysis and on science and policy, for which he has received many awards, medals etc.

Elected Fellow of the Royal Society in 1991; Foreign Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2002; knighted in 2003; made Officier de l'ordre national de la Légion d'Honeur in 2009.



LAURENT AUGUSTE

Laurent Auguste serves as a Senior Executive Vice President of Development, Innovation & Markets at Veolia Environnement S.A. and served as its Senior Executive Vice President of Innovation & Markets. Mr. Auguste served as Director of Innovation and Markets at Veolia Environnement S.A. Mr. Auguste served as a Member of the Executive board and Executive Vice President of Americas at Veolia Eau-Compagnie Générale des Eaux. He served as the Chief Executive Officer and President of Veolia Water America, LLC since April 2008. He served as an Executive Vice President of Veolia Water North America. He served as the Chief Executive Officer of Central and South American Operations of Veolia Water US of Veolia Water S.A. and was responsible for its activities in South America. Mr. Auguste served as the President of Veolia Water Japan K.K., where he grew the business dramatically since 2002. He served as President of Veolia Water Korea since 1999, where he developed some of the water industry's largest and most sophisticated industrial contracts, including agreements with Hyundai Petrochemical Co. and Hynix Semiconductor, Inc. He joined the Générale des Eaux in 1995 at the agency of Bethune as assistant manager and then from 1997 as manager. In 1999 he became business development manager for Southern China, Korea and Japan. He started his career in 1991 as a Management Consultant focused on environmental issues. He served as a Director of a Veolia Water branch office in northern France. Mr. Auguste is a graduate at Ecole Centrale de Lyon in 1991.



JEREMY OPPENHEIM

Jeremy was a senior partner at McKinsey until April 2016, where he worked for 24 years serving some of the world's leading companies in the finance, consumer goods, technology, healthcare and energy sectors. He worked extensively with multilateral development banks, the United Nations and governments in both developed and developing countries. In 2007, he set up McKinsey's Sustainability & Resource Productivity Practice, supporting ambitious public, philanthropic and private sector clients to put in place low-carbon, resource-efficient strategies. Prior to this, Jeremy worked at the World Bank from 1988-1993, specialising in economic transformation programmes for middle-income countries. In 2013-2014, Jeremy was programme director of the New Climate Economy project. He sits on a number of non-profit boards, including Global Action Plan (as Chair), the Woods Hole Research Center and Rare (UK). Together with Martin Stuchtey, he is a founder and managing partner of SYSTEMIQ.