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Ms Sharan Burrow AC

Deputy Chair, Global Advisory Council and Co-chair, 'Shaping Global Governance, Climate and Nature' Project Steering Committee, the Global Foundation

Sharan Burrow is a global advocate for human and labour rights, climate action and Just Transition. She is the Former General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation 2010-2022. Previously she was President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) from 2000 - 2010.

Sharan is well known for her international advocacy on labour standards, corporate responsibility, climate action with just transition, investment in infrastructure and the green economy, investment in the care economy, women, equality and diversity, global migration and employment.

She has represented workers and civil society groups in global policy discussions in United Nations bodies, on the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation as well as at the tables of the G7, G20, World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

Sharan is currently a board member of the European Climate foundation, a co-chair of the IEA Labour Council, a Commissioner for the Global Commission on Universal Health Coverage, deputy chair of the B Team, a member of the Commission on Global Climate Governance, a commissioner for the Global Commission on Business and Sustainable Development, an advisor to The Global Foundation and a former co-chair of the New Climate Economy. She has twice been a Co-Chair of the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting in Davos.



Dr Mark Cutifani CBE

Chair, Global Advisory Council and Co-chair, 'Shaping Global Governance, Climate and Nature' Project Steering Committee, 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 recognized 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).



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Mr John Denton AO

Secretary General, the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

John W.H. Denton AO is the Secretary General of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). He is a global business leader and international advisor on policy and a legal expert on international trade and investment. In 2022, John was appointed by the United Nations (UN) Secretary General to represent the global private sector on the Steering Committee of the UN Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance.

John serves on World Trade Organization (WTO) Director General's Business Advisory Group and the World Health Organization (WHO) Foundation Strategic Advisory Group. He is also a member of the IEA Global Commission on People-Centered Clean Energy Transitions and the OECD Blue Dot Network Executive Consultation Group.

In 2024, he was appointed Co-Chair of the Steering Committee of Business Interlocutors of the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4). John is a board member of the UN Global Compact, the UN Business and Human Security Initiative, and the UNDP Sustainable Development Goals Impact Investing Steering Group. He is also a member of the Global Leadership Council of UNICEF's Generation Unlimited (GenU). John is a founding member of the Business 20 (B20), of which he co-chairs the Finance and Infrastructure Task Force;

Co-founder of the Australia-China CEO Roundtable; and Patron of the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) in Australia.

He is Chair of the ICC Merchants of Peace Foundation and the Moeller Institute Advisory Board at the University of Cambridge. He is a board member of IFM Global Investors, Veracity, the African Green Infrastructure Investment Bank (AfGIIB), and the World Trade Board by Finastra. A former diplomat, John co-led the Australian Government's 2012 White Paper on "Australia in the Asian Century" and previously chaired the APEC Finance and Economics Working Group. Prior to his appointment as ICC Secretary General, John served on the ICC Executive Board from 2015-2018.

He was also Partner and CEO of Corrs Chambers Westgarth, Australia's leading independent law firm, for two decades. In 2015, John was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for his services to the business community, the arts and the rights of refugees, including as a founder of Human Rights Watch (Australia) and Teach for Australia



Mr Aurélien Hamelle

President Strategy & Sustainability, TotalEnergies

Aurélien Hamelle has been President for Strategy & Sustainability and member of the executive committee of TotalEnergies, the French major integrated energy company, since January 2024. Before taking up this position, he was General Counsel and Senior Vice President for Acquisitions & Disposals of TotalEnergies. He started his career as a regulatory and dispute resolution lawyer with various firms, including Allen & Overy as a partner in their Paris office.

As President for Strategy & Sustainability, Aurélien Hamelle oversees several corporate divisions of the Company (strategy and markets, sustainability and climate, government affairs, HSE, internal control and audit, legal).

He is a member of various professional associations or academic bodies, such as the Haut Comité Juridique de la place financière de Paris (HCJP – High committee of the Paris financial place) and the Club des Juristes. He has been a member of the sanctions' panel of the French Financial Markets Authority since September 2021. He has been involved in academia as an assistant teacher in law and global governance in various institutions, namely at the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences-Po) where he sits on the strategic committee of Sciences-Po's law school



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Mr Steve HowardSecretary 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.



Ms Svetlana Klimenko Global Lead for Sustainable Finance and Lead Climate Finance Specialist

Svetlana Klimenko is a Global Lead for Sustainable Finance and Lead Climate Finance Specialist, Latin America and the Caribbean Region, World Bank. Svetlana has more than 25 years of professional experience working on international development and sustainable finance.

She has provided significant contributions to the global climate, nature, sustainable finance, and private capital mobilisation agendas, including through the engagement with the G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group, COP teams, global standard-setters, investors, United Nations, OECD and their international organizations.

She coordinates WB dialogue with the Global Investors for Sustainable Development Alliance and is working on the cutting edge of sustainable finance agenda at the global, regional, and country level.





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Dr Brian Motherway

Head of Office, Energy Efficiency and Inclusive Transitions Office, International Energy Agency (IEA)

Brian Motherway is Head of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Inclusive Transitions. He oversees analytical and outreach programmes supporting energy efficiency globally.

He also leads IEA's work with governments ensuring all clean energy transitions are people-centred and inclusive, covering analysis and best practice on topics such as skills, inclusion and fairness in clean energy policies. Prior to joining the IEA Brian was Chief Executive of the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland.

Brian holds Bachelors and Masters degrees in engineering and a PhD in sociology.



Mr Gustavo Pimenta President & CEO, Vale

Gustavo Pimenta is the President of Vale. He is an executive with global experience in the financial, energy and mining sectors, and with a career developed over 20 years in Brazil, the United States and Europe. In 2021, he assumed the position of executive Vice-president of Finance and Investor Relations at Vale S.A. He was also responsible for the Procurement and Energy & Decarbonization areas.

Before joining Vale, Pimenta was an executive at AES for 12 years, accumulating extensive experience as Global CFO, director of Planning and Strategy and Vice President of Performance and Services at the company. He also served as Vice President of Strategy and M&A at Citigroup in New York. He has a degree in Economics from the Federal University of Minas Gerais and a master's degree in finance and economics from Fundação Getúlio Vargas.



Mr Tom Tayler *Head of Climate Finance, Aviva Investors*

Tom leads Aviva Investors' advocacy with policymakers and regulators on climate change and finance as a member of our Sustainable Finance Centre for Excellence. His work prioritises engagement to seek correction of market failures and management of systemic risks, with particular focus on the need for reform of the international financial architecture to embed climate and sustainability at its heart.

He supports the work of Aviva Investors and the wider Aviva group on sustainable finance with a particular focus on market and regulatory reform, including contributing to the work of the UN High Level Climate Champions, the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ), the EU High-Level Expert Group on Sustainable Finance, the UK Green Finance Taskforce, and the UN Global Investors for Sustainable Development.



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Ms Jo Tyndall

Director, Environment Directorate, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Jo Tyndall is Director, Environment Directorate at the OECD where she oversees the implementation of the Directorate's programme of work, covering a broad range of environmental issues, including: green growth; climate change; biodiversity; quality of ecosystems; eco-innovation; circular economy; and, resource productivity.

She was, most recently, New Zealand High Commissioner (Ambassador) to Singapore from February 2019 to September 2022. Prior to that, Jo served as New Zealand's Climate Change Ambassador, commencing this role in June 2010. From 2016 to December 2018, she also co-chaired the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's (UNFCCC) Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA). As Climate Change Ambassador, she was head of delegation to the United Nations climate negotiations with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Prior to her role as Climate Change Ambassador, Ms Tyndall was Director of the Broadcasting Unit in the Ministry for Culture and Heritage. From 1999 to 2006, she was Chief Executive of the public broadcasting funding body, NZ On Air. She has also served as Chief Executive of two screen industry organisations - the Screen Production and Development Association (SPADA) and Project Blue Sky (1994 to 1999).

Ms Tyndall began her career as a multilateral trade policy specialist with the then Department of Trade and Industry and subsequently the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.



Ms Louise WatsonChairman of the Board, the Global Foundation

Louise has been a member of the Board of the Global Foundation since 2017. She has over 25 years' experience as a strategic adviser to companies and Government, and has had significant experience as a non-executive director.

Louise has long-standing and trusted relationships with Australia's corporate leaders, influencers, investors, market operatives, and the media. Louise is recognised as a leading adviser to Australian companies, their Chairs, CEOs, and Executive Teams. She is acknowledged for her strategic advisory skills and stakeholder management in times of corporate change and challenge and is also recognised as an entrepreneur through her success in building pioneering advisory businesses.

In 2002, Louise established Symbol Strategic Communications, recognised as one of Australia's leading corporate advisory firms in communications and investor relations. Symbol advises listed companies and corporates on reputation management, issues management, significant transactions and transformation projects, and investor and media relations.



