

Chiara Corazza, Managing Director at Women's Forum for the Economy & Society

Since January 2017, I am proud to be the Managing Director of the Women's Forum for the Economy & Society – a powerful platform that brings in some of the most outstanding women from across the world to discuss issues that concern not just women but also humanity. At the Women's Forum, we believe in women leaders' distinctive capacity to create positive solutions in a disruptive world by building bridges between generations, countries and cultures and providing a powerful network. We promote the young change-makers of tomorrow through the Rising Talent Initiative as well as sensibilise CEOs worldwide to the necessity of promoting deserving women through the CEO Champions Initiative.

Before arriving at the Women's Forum for the Economy & Society, I have been the Managing Director of the Greater Paris Investment Agency which is in charge of attracting foreign investors to the Greater Paris Region and enhancing its attractiveness by mobilizing political and economic decision makers. The GPIA is the "economic Ambassador" of the Capital Region and an essential gateway between the public and private institutions. Since the beginning of my tenure, Women's Forum has moved its Global Meeting from Deauville to Paris, further contributing to my participation for 32 years in strengthening the Paris region attractiveness while simultaneously promoting cooperation with other capital cities and regions worldwide.

Prior to joining GPIA, I was chosen as Special Counselor for International Affairs to the President of the Greater Paris Region upon my arrival in France in 1985. In this position I created the Metropolis, the first world association of large metropolitan areas to promote their cooperation. I planned and implemented Paris Region international policy, specialising in government affairs and urban management.

I am currently an independent member of the Board of Directors of APRIL insurance company. Since 2014, I have been a Board member of the RATP, the world's fifth largest public transportation company, located in Paris. In 2009 I was also awarded the Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur by Christine Lagarde.

I am a British-Italian dual citizen, married with two adult children and currently residing in Paris. I hold a degree in Political Science and a Ph.D. in Public Law from the University of Rome. I speak five languages fluently.

From Madagascar to Mexico, Chile to China, Sweden to South Africa - all through my career I have had the privilege to work with outstanding women. I am currently an independent member of the Arab International Women's Forum Board of Trustees, allowing me to interact with businesswomen, leaders and entrepreneurs to build bridges between the world and the Gulf countries. This enabled me to assist them in dissolving misconceptions and mis-judgements on women in society. I have also been especially involved with micro-financing women in the past in order for them to empower themselves while sustaining their families.

At Women's Forum for the Economy & Society, we are connecting, cooperating and partnering with many international women's networks in the belief that united we are stronger in delivering our message. While our Meeting in Canada will challenge the G7 Summit, Women's Forum Singapore will reflect on Singapore's presidency of ASEAN. Women's Forum Global Meeting will gather over 2000 leaders in Paris to engage for impact. My ambition is to transform Women's Forum from a think-tank to a do-tank that empowers women and men to confront not only gender but human issues.

Let's enrich ourselves with our differences. Let's be supportive, courageous, generous and daring together.