

Executive Team



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Ambassador Walter Fust joined the Forum as its CEO in May 2008 following 15 years as the Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation (SDC). Fust is chairman of UNESCO's International Program for Development of Communication (IPDC) and President of Globethics.net. He serves as member of the International Forum of Federations (Ottawa), a global network on federalism, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, the new library of Alexandria/Egypt. He is also a member of the Board of the International Risk Governance Council/Geneva and serves as a board member on different philanthropic foundations. He is a member of the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Council of Humanitarian Assistance and a member of the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA 2010 – 2014)

Fust worked in banking and public administration before entering the Swiss Diplomatic service in 1975 with Geneva as a first assignment, followed by Baghdad and Tokyo. From September 1983 until the end of 1984 he served in the European Integration Office (EFTA/EU). From 1985 and 1986 he served as personal advisor to Federal Councilor Dr Kurt Furgler, Minister of Public Economy and President of the Swiss Confederation (1985). In 1986 he was appointed as Managing Director of the Swiss Office for Trade Promotion (OSEC) and from 1990 to 1993 he served as Secretary General of the Ministry for the Interior with national responsibility for science and research, environment, culture, social affairs and public health, among other portfolios. Born in 1945, Fust studied at St. Gallen University, graduating with a Masters in political science.