

Chiara Corazza

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Since January 2017, Chiara Corazza has been the Managing Director of the Women's Forum for the Economy and Society, the world's leading platform that brings in some of the most outstanding leaders, men and women from across the world to build bridges between generations, countries and cultures. Headquartered in Paris with global influence, the Women's Forum for the Economy & Society is a do-tank, manifesting a commitment to women's leadership and progress throughout the year with a range of Initiatives in partnership with businesses, cultural and media leaders and non-governmental organisations.

Before arriving at the Women's Forum, Chiara Corazza was the Managing Director of the Greater Paris Investment Agency (GPIA) from 2002 to 2016, in charge of attracting foreign investors to the Greater Paris Region and enhancing its attractiveness by mobilizing political and economic decision makers. In that frame, she was the "economic Ambassador" of the Capital Region, creating an essential gateway between the public and private institutions. As Managing Director, Chiara Corazza elaborated investment strategy, conducted road shows abroad with large international companies, and organized global forums in Paris and worldwide. She also conducted regular global benchmark studies that have become a reference worldwide, and organizes impactful task forces. The success of the "Grand Paris" economic development project is at the core of GPIA's activities.

Prior to joining GPIA, from 1999 to 2002, Chiara Corazza was appointed Director of International Affairs of Paris 2008, in charge of promoting the Paris bid for the 2008 Olympic Games

In 1992, Chiara Corazza created the Department of International Affairs and was promoted to Director for International Affairs in the Greater Paris Region. During the following 15 years, she initiated, negotiated, and successfully managed economic bilateral cooperation agreements with Beijing, Beirut, Buenos Aires, Budapest, Dakar, Hanoi, Johannesburg, Mexico City, Montreal, Moscow, New Delhi, Santiago, Tokyo, and Warsaw, among others. In 1994, she created the first Greater Paris Region representative in Brussels and initiated a network uniting Europe's capital regions.

Upon her arrival in France in 1985, Chiara Corazza was appointed Special Counselor for International Affairs to the President of the Greater Paris Region. In this position she created Metropolis, the first world association of large metropolitan areas. She also planned and implemented Paris Region international policy, specializing in government affairs and urban management.

From 1980-1984, Chiara Corazza was a journalist at Il Globo in Rome. She started her career at 17 years old.

Chiara Corazza currently serves as an independent member of the Board of Directors of APRIL insurance company and of the AIWF Board (Arab International Women's Forum). Since 2014 she has represented the economic sector as a Board member of the RATP, the world's fifth largest public transportation company.

Chiara Corazza is a British-Italian dual citizen, currently residing in Paris. She holds a degree in Political Science and a Ph.D. in Public law from the University of Rome. She speaks Italian, French, German, English and Spanish fluently. Chiara Corazza was awarded the Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur by Christine Lagarde (2009).