

PRESS RELEASE

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BRICE LALONDE JOINS THE REXEL FOUNDATION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Brice Lalonde, Special Advisor to the United Nations Global Compact for Sustainable Development, has been appointed as an Executive Committee member of the Rexel Foundation for a better energy future. He replaces Jana Revedin, Architect, Founder and Curator of the "Global Award for Sustainable Architecture. He will thus sit on the Executive Committee alongside two other independent experts: Dan Esty, Hillhouse Professor of Environmental Law and Policy at Yale University and Ernst Worrell, Professor of Energy, Resources & Technological Change at the Copernicus Institute at Utrecht University.

Rudy Provoost, Chairman of the Rexel Foundation and Rexel Group Chairman and CEO, said: *"I am very pleased to welcome Brice Lalonde as an independent and expert member of the Rexel Foundation. Brice's fighting spirit and extensive experience as mayor, government minister and international negotiator, will bring tremendous value and ensure optimal governance of the Rexel Foundation."*

Brice Lalonde said: *"This new role is a great opportunity to work with and encourage companies like Rexel to drive energy progress and achieve their environmental commitments."*

Biographies

Brice Lalonde served in a variety of governmental positions, including as Minister of the Environment from 1988 to 1992. He was also Mayor of Saint-Briac-sur-Mer from 1995 to 2008. Following his tenure as French Ambassador of Climate Change Negotiations from 2007 to 2011, he was named Executive Coordinator for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) by the United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon. More recently, in 2013, the United Nations' Global Compact named Brice Lalonde Special Advisor for Sustainable Development.

Dan Esty is the Hillhouse Professor at Yale University with appointments in both the Environment and Law Schools. He also serves as the Director of the Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy and on the Board of the Center for Business and the Environment at Yale, which he founded in 2006. Professor Esty is the author or editor of ten books and dozens of articles on environmental protection, energy, and sustainability -- and their connections to policy, corporate strategy, competitiveness, trade, and economic success. From 2011 to 2014, Professor Esty served as Commissioner of Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). Prior to taking up his Yale Professorship in 1994, he served in a variety of senior positions at the US Environmental Protection Agency and was a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics in Washington, DC.

Ernst Worrell (Ph.D.) is Professor of 'Energy, Resources & Technological Change' at the Copernicus Institute at Utrecht University. He is a Nobel Peace Prize 2007 Laureate for his work as a Coordinating Lead Author of the Industry Chapter of the IPCC (The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) Fourth Assessment Report: Climate Change 2007 (AR4). In total, he has co-authored four IPCC reports and over 250 publications. He is Editor-in-Chief of the peer-reviewed journal Resources, Conservation and Recycling, one of the leading journals in the field of resources efficiency, associate editor of Energy, the International Journal and of Energy Efficiency, and the Encyclopedia of Energy.

THE REXEL FOUNDATION

The Rexel Foundation for a better energy future was founded in May 2013 by the Rexel Group, a global leader in the professional distribution of products and services for the energy world, under the aegis of the Fondation de France. The Rexel Foundation's mission is to promote access to energy efficiency for all based on three key pillars: Community projects, working in close collaboration with NGOs, charitable associations and other company-led foundations; Social innovation projects, supported through the Rexel Foundation's joint skills Platform for social entrepreneurs; and Academic Studies and Research, focusing on innovation in energy efficiency. In just over two and a half years, the Rexel Foundation has launched over 30 initiatives in 15 countries in collaboration with more than 40 partners. For more information, please visit: <http://www.rexelfoundation.com/en>

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