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An expert in economics and international financial institutions, Rémy Rioux has held high-level positions in a career devoted to development and Africa. After serving as chief of staff of the French Economy and Finance Minister Pierre Moscovici, he was appointed by Laurent Fabius Deputy General Secretary of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Development, and coordinated the finance agenda for the French presidency of COP21.

Rémy Rioux started heading the French Development Agency (AFD) in 2016, which has seen its mandate expanded and its resources increased, and was reappointed by President Macron for two additional terms, in 2019 and in 2022. In 2017, he also became Chairman of the International Development Finance Club (IDFC) – the leading group of 27 national and regional development banks and a large provider of development and climate finance globally. A position he has held even since, as members of the Club reelected him in 2019.

In November 2020, Rémy Rioux hosted the first *Finance in Common Summit* in Paris gathering, for the first time ever, 500 public development banks from all over the world, which now form a global coalition to collectively shift their strategies, investment patterns, activities and operating modalities to contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the objectives of the Paris Agreement. Since then, he has become Chair of the Finance in Common Executive Board.

Rémy Rioux is the author of *Reconciliations* (2019), an essay in which he calls for a reinvented development policy aligned with the SDGs and the Paris Agreement, and co-author of *For a world in common* (2022), with Achille Mbembe. In the latter, they call for a new form of collective action: a “diplomacy of the living”.



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