

## Summit: Biographies

### Sandrine Dixson-Declève, President, Club of Rome

Sandrine Dixson-Declève has 30+ years of European and international policy, business leadership and strategy experience with a particular focus on EU and international climate change, sustainable development, green growth, conventional and sustainable energy solutions and sustainable finance.

She divides her time between lecturing, facilitating difficult conversations and advisory work. She holds several advisory positions for the European Commission, sits on multiple Advisory Boards and is a Senior Associate and faculty member of the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership and a Senior Associate for E3G. Sandrine Dixson-Declève was recognised by GreenBiz as one of the 30 most influential women across the globe driving change in the low carbon economy and promoting green business.

### Jörg Gasser, CEO Swiss Bankers Association (SBA)

Jörg Gasser has long-standing experience in domestic as well as international politics, diplomacy and financial market policy. He began his career at the International Committee of the Red Cross. In senior positions with the Swiss government, including Policy Adviser in the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Secretary General of the Federal Department of Justice and Police and afterwards of the Federal Department of Finance, he advocated for a sustainable and competitive business location and financial centre. Most recently, he was State Secretary of the State Secretariat for International Finance. In 2018, the magazine Bilanz designated him one of the leaders in digitalisation in Switzerland. Jörg Gasser has been CEO of the Swiss Bankers Association since May 2019.

### Margaret L. Kuhlow, Finance Practice Leader, WWF International

Margaret L. Kuhlow leads WWF's Finance Practice, providing strategic direction and thought and content leadership to WWF's global engagement with the finance sector. She was Vice President of Investment Policy at the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and was a member of the team that established and implemented the U.S. Government's Millennium Challenge Corporation, leading the new agency's approach to environmental and social assessment of major investment projects. In her 25-year career she has lived and worked extensively in developing and emerging markets, and has broad sectoral experience in sustainable investment, project finance, and grant making. Margaret Kuhlow holds a Master in Public Policy, International Trade and Finance from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

### Oliviero Reusser, Representative of the Swiss Climate Youth Movement

Oliviero Reusser was born in July 1997. He began his studies in Political Science & Arabic at the University of Zurich in the summer of 2015, and graduated in the winter of 2019. Oliviero Reusser has been active in the Swiss climate strike movement since December 2018. His organizational activities: general national coordination, knowledge sharing, administration, social media, project management.

## Otto Scharmer, Senior Lecturer MIT Management Sloan School / Co-Founder of Presencing Institute

Otto Scharmer is a Senior Lecturer in the MIT and co-founder of the Presencing Institute. He introduced the concept of “presencing”—learning from the emerging future—in his bestselling books. He is co-author of *Leading from the Emerging Future*, which outlines eight acupuncture points for transforming capitalism. His most recent book, *The Essentials of Theory U*, outlines the core principles and applications of awareness-based systems change. Otto co-founded the MITx u.lab, a massive open online course (MOOC) for leading profound change, which has since activated more than 140,000 users from 185 countries. In 2019, he launched an annual innovation infrastructure called Societal Transformation Lab that supports place-based teams on reinventing economies and learning systems worldwide.

## Tamara Vrooman, President & Chief Executive Officer, Vancity

As President and CEO of Vancity, Canada's largest community credit union, Tamara Vrooman believes that banking plays a vital role in developing a healthy society—building the well-being of people and, at the same time, ensuring the long-term sustainability of the communities in which they live and work. Under her leadership, Vancity has earned global recognition for its values-based banking model. More than one-fifth of Vancity's assets plus assets under administration are invested in initiatives that make a positive impact in communities. Tamara Vrooman chairs the board of the Rick Hansen Foundation and serves as Vice-chair of the Global Alliance for Banking on Values, in addition to other board roles. She is the recipient of the Order of British Columbia (2019) among many other citations.

## Dr. Fritz Zurbrügg, Vice Chairman of the Governing Board, Swiss National Bank

Fritz Zurbrügg has been a member of the Governing Board of the Swiss National Bank and Head of the III. Department (Financial Markets, Operational Banking and IT) since the beginning of August 2012. On 1 July 2015, the Federal Council elected Fritz Zurbrügg as Vice-Chairman of the Governing Board, whereupon he took over as head of the Second Department (Financial Stability, Cash, Finance and Risks) in Bern. From 1998 to 2006, he was Senior Advisor and Executive Director in the Swiss office at the IMF in Washington. In April 2010, the Federal Council appointed him Director of the Federal Finance Administration. Fritz Zurbrügg studied economics at the University of Bern, graduated in 1985 and received his doctorate in 1989.

## Karin Frei, Moderation

Karin Frei has worked for Swiss National Radio and Television SRF for 27 years as a reporter, presenter and as head and anchorwoman of the current affairs show «The Club». As a mediator she helps businesses and institutions to resolve conflicts, she teaches media literacy based on negotiation strategies and works as a host and presenter at conferences and summits.