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# Amb. ERIC DANON

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Born in Paris in 1957, Eric Danon is a graduate of *École Normale Supérieure de Saint-Cloud* (1977-1982) and holds a degree (Agrégation) in Physics (1980). He is also a graduate of *Sciences Po Paris* (1983) and of the *École Nationale d'Administration* (1984-1986). He is married and the father of five.



He has devoted most of his career to:

- Acting in favor of peace and security, in particular as France's representative during major international negotiations (terrorism, arms trade, organized crime, nuclear non-proliferation).
- Implementing innovative cooperation initiatives with developing countries.
- Teaching the complexity of contemporary geopolitics in a multi-disciplinary fashion.

## PROFESSIONAL CAREER

### DIPLOMACY (27 YEARS)

Ambassador of France to Israel (2019-2023); Deputy Director General for Political and Security Affairs (2016-2019); Diplomatic Advisor to Interpol (2011-2012); Ambassador to the Conference on Disarmament (Geneva, 2008-2011); Ambassador to Monaco (2007-2008); Chief of Staff to the Minister for Cooperation and Francophonie (1999-2001); Head of the French delegation during fourteen international strategic and security negotiations (1996-2011); Special Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs on the reunification of Germany (1989-1990).

### PRIVATE SECTOR (9 YEARS)

**HIGH TECH / IT** CEO of Elva SA (2002-2005) and CEO of its financial holding company Elva Inc. listed on the Nasdaq, a start-up designing components for securing data transfers (in 2004, the company won the IST of the European Commission).

**STRATEGY** Head of the strategy bureau of the "Space and Defense" division of *Aérospatiale / Airbus* (1991-1993): Established the management's strategic and investment plans; implemented industrial alliances and the restructuring of the Satellites division; monitored alliances with Russia and Ukraine.

**ADVISORY SERVICES** Founder and CEO (2002-2007) of three consulting companies for Sub-Saharan African governments dedicated respectively to good governance, the upgrading of health systems and the distribution of medicines (turnover of €400k in year 3 and €700k in year 4); Managing Director of *Agralex SA*, a family food trading company (1993-1995).

## EDUCATION

International teacher and speaker on the major challenges of the contemporary world (Professor in Master II "Contemporary criminal threats" at CNAM Paris (2016-2019); regular keynote speaker to conferences (CHEM, IRIS, IFRI, CSIS, Diploweb...)).

## SOFT SKILLS

### RESILIENCE

Ability to act with calm and composure in emergency and stressful situations. Responsible for several crisis cells at the Quai d'Orsay (conflicts, terrorist attacks, hostage taking) and in embassies (bombings, evacuations of civilians, coronavirus crisis).

### STRATEGY AND INNOVATION

Ability to grasp complexity, to think outside of the box and take account of every relevant factor. Facilitator of the "Thinking Differently" seminar at the École de guerre (2012-2014).

Director General of the Higher Council for Strategic Education and Research (CSFRS, 2012-2015): organizer of the National Conferences on Strategic Research (2014-2016), design and production (2015) of the first MOOC on strategic issues.

## DÉCORATIONS AND AWARDS

- Knight of the Legion of Honor (2019) and of the National Order of Merit (2010)
- Doctor Honoris Causa from Netanya Academic College (2023)
- VIP Member of Worldwide Who's Who for Excellence in International Policy (2013)

## COMMITMENTS AND AREAS OF INTEREST

### DEFENSE AND CYBER SECURITY

Colonel of the citizen reserve and member of the ADER network of the Air and Space Force (2021); Founding member of Cercle K2; Member of the "Agora des 41" of the National Agency for Information Systems Security (ANSSI).

### BOARDS AND FOUNDATIONS

- Vice-President of the "Global Governance Foundation".
- Associate expert of the *Association Forêt Vierge* (Rain Forest Organization France-Brazil) for the construction of the Aritana Institute (Province of Xingu - Brazil).
- Former member of the board of the "Esprit de Vélox Foundation" (Laureate of COP21, low-carbon oceanographic research vessel).

### LEISURE AND SPORTS

Aviation: Multi-engine private pilot (350 h).

Boating: Former sailing instructor at the *Centre Nautique des Glénans*, numerous races at sea; member of the Yacht Club of Monaco.

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