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René Carron



**Chairman of Crédit Agricole S.A.
Chairman of the des Savoie Regional Bank
Vice-Chairman of FNCA.**

As a farmer, René Carron was Chairman of the Savoie Chamber of Agriculture from 1983 to 1992, Savoie District Councillor (1992-1998), Vice Chairman of the Regional Council (1995-1998). René Carron chaired Savoie 92, an organisation dedicated to promoting Savoie for the Winter Olympics in Albertville. From 2000 to 2003, he was a member of the Economic and Social Council.

In 1981, he joined Crédit Agricole when he was elected Chairman of the Yenne Local Bank. In April 1992, he was elected to the Board of the Savoie Regional Bank and became its Chairman. Under his leadership, the Savoie and Haute Savoie Regional Banks were merged in 1994, to create the des Savoie Regional Bank, of which he is still the Chairman. In 1995, he started to take on national responsibilities, when he was elected to the Fédération Nationale de Crédit Agricole (FNCA). He was Chairman of the FNCA from July 2000 until April 2003. Having joined the Board of Directors of Crédit Agricole S.A. in 1999, he was elected Chairman in December 2002. He was Vice Chairman of Banca Intesa from 2004 until the end of 2006.

René Carron's external appointments include seats on the Board of Directors of GDF SUEZ, the Supervisory Board of Lagardère SCA and the Board of Directors of Fiat SpA. René Carron has been Chairman of the Crédit Agricole International Confederation (CICA) since 2002. He is also Chairman of the Foundation for World Agriculture and Rural Life (FARM).

René Carron has for many years championed a controlled version of globalisation, which addresses both the Millennium Development Goals and the issue of food, the urgency of which is underlined by the current crisis.