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Mr. Severino is a Senior fellow at Ferdi, Chairman of Investisseurs & Partenaires (I&P), member of the Académie des Technologies, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Investisseurs & Partenaires (I&P), Inspecteur Général des Finances, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Fondation pour la Recherche et le Développement International (FERDI), of which he is a member of the steering committee of the impact investment chair, member of the Académie des Technologies, Jean-Michel Severino has been focusing on impact investment, societal investment and Africa since 2010. Previously, he was Director of Development at the French Ministry of Cooperation, Vice President for East Asia at the World Bank and Chief Executive Officer of Agence Française de Développement (AFD) from 2001 to 2010.

He has been a director of Orange, Lead Director, Chairman of the Governance and Finance Committees of Danone, member of the Boards of Directors of the EIB and Ecobank International, and of several corporate foundations (Carrefour, Sanofi, Alstom, Avril). He chairs Veolia's Critical Friends Committee. He sits on the Supervisory Board of Michelin, where he is a member of the Environmental and Social Committee.

Mr. Severino regularly publishes in the French and international press. His latest book, devoted to African entrepreneurship, "Entreprenante Afrique", co-written with Jérémy Hajdenberg, was published by Odile Jacob. In 2023, he published an article in the Revue Economique et Financière (REF) on the changing place of business in society, entitled "Sens privé, sens commun", and a working paper at FERDI on the contribution of impact investing to African development, entitled "Millions for Billions". He has also been a Senior Fellow of the German Marshall Fund, advisor to the European Commissioner for Development and a member of the French Foreign Affairs Council.