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# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, by email at [gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov](mailto:gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov), within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

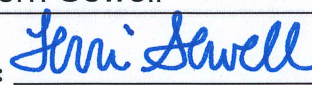
**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Name of Traveler: Hillary Beard
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: Saturday, April 1, 2023 Return: Sunday, April 9, 2023  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: April 6 - 9, 2023 **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Paris, France Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Global Women's Innovation Network "GlobalWIN"
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended:  
 I attended panel discussions and briefings with officials from the U.S. Embassy, the French government, and corporations with a presence in Paris. I learned about issues related to my boss's work on the Ways and Means and Armed Services Committees, including transatlantic trade, digital currency, sustainable finance, and healthcare.
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
  - a.  a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
  - b.  the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
  - c.  page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
  - d.  the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a.  I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda.  
**Signify statement is true by checking the box.**  
 b. If not, explain:

**I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 04/21/2023

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Terri Sewell Date: 04/21/2023  
Signature of Supervising Member: 



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## SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original  Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within ten days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Travel Destination(s): \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Return: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): \_\_\_\_\_

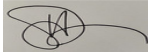
*Note:* You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler				
Accompanying Family Member				

6.  All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

- I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.**

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.



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## TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. This form and any attachments may be delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth or e-mailed to [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).

**Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date.** Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Hillary Beard

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Terri Sewell

Office Address: 1035 Longworth House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-740-0882

Email Address of Contact Person: hillary.beard@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

**KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM.** Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via e-mail: [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).



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## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Hillary Beard
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:  
Global Women's Innovation Network
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Paris, France
4. a. Date of Departure: Saturday, April 1, 2023 Date of Return: Sunday, April 9, 2023  
b. Yes  No  Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: 4.6.23-4.9.23
5. a. Yes  No  Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**  
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Yes  No  Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:
6. a. Yes  No  Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?  
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:
7. Yes  No  *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.  
  
*NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.*
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties.  
**Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**  
I serve as Chief of Staff to Congresswoman Terri Sewell (AL-07), who is a member of the Ways and Means Committee and House Armed Services Committee. While working for Congresswoman Sewell for 10 years, I have worked on many of the issues that the trip's programming will focus on, including transatlantic trade, healthcare distribution, national security, and small business investment.
9. Yes  No  **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

### ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member Terri Sewell Date 2-28-23



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## PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee website ([ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:  
Global Women's Innovation Network "GlobalWIN"
2.  I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent.  
*Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - a.  The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: **OR**
  - b.  The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: **OR**
  - c.  The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.  
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors:
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):  
See attached!
5. Yes  No  Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: Saturday, April 1, 2023 Date of return: Thursday, April 6, 2023
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC (Washington Dulles International Airport)  
b. Destination(s): Paris, France  
c. City of return: Washington, DC (Washington Dulles International Airport)
8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - a.  The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: **OR**
  - b.  The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: **OR**
  - c.  The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. **Check only one of the following:**
  - a.  I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
  - b.  I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
  - c.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
  - d.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:



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10.  Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*
11. **Check only one of the following:**
- a.  I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box; OR*
- b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:  
Attached.
13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
14.  I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*
15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a.  The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b.  The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation.  
If "b" is checked:
- 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided):  
Cost per day less or equal to \$157.00 allotted by the State Department. The total noted for 4.5 days
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:  
See attached.
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: The Westin Paris- Vendome City: Paris, France Cost Per Night: \$373.85  
Reason(s) for Selecting: Selected due to availability, group rate and proximity to events sites and meetings.
- Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_
- Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_
17.  I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*



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18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$1,600 flight	\$1,495.40	\$706.50
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	Uber to airport roundtrip Ground transport in Paris	\$150.00 \$375.00
For each Accompanying Family Member		


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19. **Check only one:**

- a.  I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify by my signature that

- a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
- b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and
- c. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 02/22/2023

Name: Helen Milby Title: Co-Founder & Executive Director

Organization: Global Women's Innovation Network "GlobalWIN"

Address: 233 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20003

Email: andrea@mietusevents.com Telephone: (301) 518-6336

### INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the agenda, invitation list, any attachments, and any *Additional Trip Sponsor Forms* directly to the Travelers.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

**Willful or knowing misrepresentation on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.**

**For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:**

1015 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

[ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov](mailto:ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov) | 202-225-7103  
More information and forms available at [ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)

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March 23, 2023

Ms. Hillary Beard  
Office of the Honorable Terri Sewell  
1035 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Beard:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to France,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for April 1 to 9, 2023, sponsored by Global Women's Innovation Network. We note that this trip includes three days at your personal expense.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$480] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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<sup>1</sup> Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Guest". The first letter "M" is large and loops around the first few letters of the name.

Michael Guest  
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Wild". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "S" being particularly large and stylized.

Susan Wild  
Ranking Member

MG/SW:tn



**GlobalWIN International Congressional Staff Education Trip- Paris, France**  
**Saturday, April 1, – Thursday, April 6, 2023**

**Question 4: GlobalWIN Staff Delegation Invitees**

The Congressional delegation of staffers joining us are senior female staff from both Republican and Democratic offices with wide-ranging work portfolios, complementing our schedule of programming. Each of these staffers were offered to participate based on the range of issues that they work on, including issues related to tech policy, transatlantic trade, telecommunications, national security, infrastructure, environmental policy, healthcare distribution, entrepreneurship and small business investment, and other innovation-driven fields. They are also great examples of women in leadership on Capitol Hill, as they are some of the highest-ranking female staffers in Congress.

First	Last	Title	Office
Hillary	Beard	Chief of Staff	Office of Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL-07)
A Brooke	Bennett	Chief of Staff	Office of Rep. French Hill (R-AR-02)
Colleen	Carlos	Chief of Staff	Office of Rep. Madeline Dean (D-PA-04)
Jessica	Donlon	General Counsel	Republican, House Committee on Oversight and Reform
Tiffany	Guarascio	Staff Director	House Energy & Commerce Committee
Rachel	Harris	Chief of Staff	Office of Rep. Debbie Lesko (R-AZ-08)
Maeve	Healy	Chief of Staff	Office of Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY-06)
Chloe	Hunt	Chief of Staff	Office of Office of Rep. Sean Casten (D-IL-06)
Nancy	Juarez	Executive Director	California Democratic Congressional Delegation
Una	Lee	Chief Counsel	House Subcommittee on Health
Brittany	Mandi	Deputy Chief of Staff & Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Ashley Hinson (R-IA-02)
Megan	Miller	Chief of Staff	Office of Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-LA-01)
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Nicole	Varner	Chief of Staff	Office of Rep. Marc Veasey (D-TX-33)
Emma	Weir	Communications Director	New Democrat Coalition
Yardena	Wolf	Chief of Staff	Office of Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA-14)
Emma	Zafran	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA-06)

QUESTION 10



**2023 GlobalWIN International Congressional Staff Education Trip  
Paris, France Preliminary Agenda  
Saturday, April 1, – Thursday, April 6, 2023**

**Saturday, April 1**

5:25 PM ET Depart Washington Dulles Airport for Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport on United Flight #915

**Sunday, April 2**

6:55 AM Arrive Charles de Gaulle Airport

*1 hour and 15-minute drive*

9:00 AM Breakfast and Trip Overview ft. GlobalWIN Senior Director Tizzy Brown  
10:00 AM The Westin Vendome

**Overview:** During this first meeting of the trip, the delegation will get a primer from GlobalWIN's Senior Director Tizzy Brown on the week ahead. As the Senior Director of GlobalWIN, Tizzy takes the lead on all programming and has acted as liaison in planning each meeting. With this knowledge, she will share with the group some of the details to come during this week in Paris.

*Time to freshen up after red-eye flight and check into offices as needed.*

12:30 PM Lunch and French Political Briefing with Thaima Samman, French Tech and Telecommunications  
1:00 PM Political Strategies  
The Westin Vendome

**Overview:** During this opening lunch meeting, we will have a political briefing on French politics by Thaima Samman, who has been an ally to GlobalWIN for a decade and who has helped GlobalWIN develop relationship with France. Thaima Samman is an attorney-at-law, registered to the Paris and Brussels Bars and founding partner of SAMMAN Law & Corporate Affairs. She is also on the board of FIPRA International.

She holds a specialised postgraduate diploma (DESS) in Banking and Finance Law as well as a professional postgraduate diploma (DEA) in Criminal Policy and Law in Europe. Thaima began her career as a founding member of a prominent French NGO, SOS Racisme, before being appointed as a staff member of MP Claude Bartolone, former President of the French National Assembly. After this, Thaima entered the law firms Gillot & Associates and August & Debouzy where she created their Corporate Affairs Departments.

In 2000, Thaima made the leap into the business world by creating a start-up prior to working for Philip Morris as Head of the Communications, Public and Regulatory Affairs Department in France. In 2003, Thaima joined Microsoft France as the Head of the Legal and Public Affairs Department, before being appointed Associate General Counsel within Microsoft EMEA, where she led an international team in charge of elaborating and conducting the company's Institutional Relations as well as Public Affairs and Corporate Social Responsibility Policy for the EMEA area.

Thaima is one of the founders, and President, of the European Network for Women in Leadership. She also sits on the boards of Women Equity for Growth and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

*15-minute drive or 30-minute walk*

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Sunday, April 2

**2:30 PM**                      **NFT Factory: The intersection of Art x Tech x Blockchain**  
3:30 PM                      137 Rue Saint-Martin, 75004 Paris, France

**Overview :** France is well known as one of the most famous arts centers of the world. In recent years, digital art and Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs) which are blockchain-based tokens that each represent a unique asset like a piece of art, digital content or media are becoming known. During this meeting, we will learn how NFTs are changing industries and finance. Making NFTs known to the general public, bringing together Web3 actors and actresses, and building the ecosystem that will allow France to rise among the world leaders in the field are among the objectives of this unprecedented initiative led by 128 co-founders and co-founders. Behind the NFT Factory, a collective of 128 tech and crypto leaders, artists, investors and managers of companies such as Allianz Accelerator, Arianee, Blackpool, LaCollection, Dogami, Ethereum France, the Galeries Lafayette group, Ledger, Museum of Crypto Art (MOCA), NFT Morning Podcast, RTFKT Studios, The Sandbox and Sorare...

*Time to check into hotel.*

*20-minute walk*

**6:00 PM**                      **Welcome Dinner ft. Eleanor Beardsley, NPR's Paris Correspondent**  
8:00 PM                      Chez Françoise, Aéroport des, 75007 Paris, France

**Overview:** During this opening dinner in Paris, we will hear from National Public Radio's Paris Correspondent, Eleanor Beardsley. Eleanor Beardsley began reporting from France for NPR in 2004 as a freelance journalist, following all aspects of French society, politics, economics, culture and gastronomy. Since then, she has steadily worked her way to becoming an integral part of the NPR Europe reporting team.

Beardsley has been an active part of NPR's coverage of terrorist attacks in Paris and in Brussels. She has also followed the migrant crisis, traveling to meet and report on arriving refugees in Hungary, Austria, Germany, Sweden and France. She has also traveled to Ukraine, including the flashpoint eastern city of Donetsk, to report on the war there, and to Athens, to follow the Greek debt crisis.

In 2011, Beardsley covered the first Arab Spring revolution in Tunisia, where she witnessed the overthrow of the autocratic President Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali. Since then, she has returned to the North African country many times.

In France, Beardsley has covered three presidential elections, including the surprising win by outsider Emmanuel Macron in 2017. Less than two years later, Macron's presidency was severely tested by France's Yellow vest movement, which Beardsley followed closely.

***RON: The Westin Paris - Vendôme, 3 Rue de Castiglione, 75001 Paris, France***

Monday, April 3

**8:00 AM Breakfast and Daily Overview**

9:00 AM Westin Vendome

**Overview:** During this breakfast we will be discussing the trip so far. We will go over the meetings we have had and discuss what more we have to come.

**9:30 AM Meeting with French Energy Transition Minister Agnès Pannier-Runacher**

10:30 AM

**Overview:** Agnès Pannier-Runacher, the outgoing minister for industry in the government led by Jean Castex, was appointed minister for the energy transition by President Emmanuel Macron and Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne. She graduated from HEC Paris, a business school, in 1995, and graduated from prestigious Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA), which trains France's elite civil servants, in 2000. Her classmates included the current secretary general of the Elysée, Alexis Kohler, and head of UNESCO Audrey Azoulay. After a spell as a finance inspector, she became the chief of staff for the director of AP-HP, the hospital system in Paris. She was later the deputy director of the Caisse des Dépôts, a state investment agency, in 2006.

**11:00 AM Meeting with French Minister for Digital Transition and Telecommunications Jean-Noël Barrot**

12:00 PM

**Overview:** Jean-Noël Barrot is a French politician of the Democratic Movement (MoDem) who has served as Minister for Digital Transition and Telecommunications in the government of Prime Minister Élisabeth Borne since 2022. Prior to joining the government, Barrot represented the 2nd constituency of the Yvelines department in the National Assembly from 2017 to 2022. He was elected to Parliament under the banner of La République En Marche! Jean-Noël Barrot's research interests include entrepreneurial finance, and the interactions between product and capital markets. In recent work, he has explored the implications of trade credit for business creations and survival, the propagation of shocks from suppliers to customers, and the implications of globalization for asset prices and household debt.

*10-minute drive or 30-minute walk*

**12:30 PM How the United States Navigates European Data Privacy Laws with Oracle**

2:30 PM Euros / Agency Group: 1 Pl. d'Estienne d'Orves

**Overview:** The European data privacy law known as GDPR safeguards the information of anyone living in the EU. The GDPR applies to companies outside the EU because it is extra-territorial in scope. Specifically, the law is designed not so much to regulate businesses as it is to protect the data subjects' rights. A "data subject" is any person in the EU, including citizens, residents, and even, perhaps, visitors. Many US tech companies have found the law probative as even anti-democratic, and have been fighting the law since it went into effect. During this meeting we will learn about the law and how it effects US companies. We will also hear from Oracle about their unique approach to compliance, while acknowledging how other US companies are responding to the law.

*10-minute drive or 20-minute walk*

**3:00 PM Political Briefing with the United States Embassy in France**

5:30 PM US Ambassador's Residence: E2 Av. Gabriel

**Overview:** This meeting at the United States Ambassador's Residence will be broken into four parts. First we will hear remarks by United States Ambassador to France Denise Campbell Bauer about her journey to this post and her priorities as Ambassador to France. Next, we will be joined by members of the Embassy's political team for a roundtable discussion on US-French diplomatic priorities. The third section will be a panel discussion by the US Delegation to the European Union on how United States works with the EU and how France has become the central figure in this discussion. Finally,

we will be joined by many members of the US mission to France for a networking reception and opportunity for our delegation to meet the women in this mission.

*20-minute drive or 30-minute walk*

**6:00 PM**                      **Dinner and Sustainable Finance and Climate Change with BNP Paribas ft. MP Benjamin Haddad**  
**8:00 PM**                      14 Rue Bergère

**Overview:** BNP Paribas is a leading international bank with a presence in 68 countries and more than 193,000 employees globally. In the US, BNP Paribas/Bank of the West operates an integrated business model offering Retail Banking, Investment & Protection Services, and Corporate & Institutional Banking services where we operate out of 25 states with more than 14,000 employees. BNP Paribas’s mission is to contribute toward responsible and sustainable growth, by financing the economy and supporting clients to tackle the world’s fundamental challenges. A pioneer in sustainable finance, BNP Paribas has developed a globally recognized track record of creating innovative finance and investing solutions for clients that can accelerate their journey towards sustainable business growth and success.

**Benjamin Haddad** is a French MP and the spokesperson for the Majority Renaissance group. He previously worked in the US and was the senior director of the Europe Center at the Atlantic Council. He is an expert in European politics and transatlantic relations. Before moving to the Atlantic Council, he was a fellow at Hudson Institute in Washington DC. His work has notably advocated for transatlantic unity in the face of Russian aggression, greater European responsibility, and investment on strategic matters. His recent book “Paradise Lost: Europe in the World of Trump” makes the case for greater European unity in a world of new challenges and threats.

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**Tuesday, April 4**

**8:00 AM**                      **Breakfast and Daily Overview**  
**9:00 AM**                      Westin Vendome

**Overview:** During this breakfast we will be discussing the trip so far. We will go over the meetings we have had and discuss what more we have to come.

*10-minute drive or 30-minute walk*

**10:00 AM**                      **Le Sénat Français ft. Sénatrice Antoine Lefèvre, Chair of the France - U.S. Friendship Committee**  
**12:30 PM**                      **and Member of the Finance Committee, and Sénatrice Catherine Dumas, Senator of Paris**  
**And Member of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Armed Forces Committee at the Senate.**  
Palais de Luxembourg: 15 Rue de Vaugirard

**Overview:** The GlobalWIN delegation will be meeting with French Senators Antoine Lefèvre and Catherine Dumas. This conversation will give insight into Sénatrice Antoine Lefèvre’s current priorities as a Member of the Finance Committee and as the Chair of the France – U.S. Friendship Committee, as well as Sénatrice Catherine Dumas’s experiences as a Member of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Armed Forces Committee at the Senate. Our delegation will glean invaluable perspectives on U.S. and French international relations, French politics and policy, and international security from this broad conversation anchored by two seasoned French politicians who engage at the forefront of these policy discussions every day.

*10-minute drive or 30-minute walk*

*20-minute drive*

**1:00 PM**                      **Lunch and Global Financial Innovation with Mastercard**  
2:30 PM

**Overview:** Mastercard is one of the world's largest financial services providers in the world. In the last several years, they have shifted their focus from thinking themselves as a credit card company and towards calling themselves one of the largest fintechs in the world. They are innovating their work to include new financial tools, such as payment through facial recognition software, to make payments easier and more efficient for different audiences. During this meeting, we will specifically discuss how they are innovating their payment systems to adapt to the volatility in European markets.

*Estimated 20-minute drive*

**3:00 PM**                      **Panel ft. Senior Women at Sanofi, moderated by Katie Oppenheim**  
4:00 PM                      46 Avenue de la Grande Armée

**Overview:** At this meeting, the GlobalWIN staff delegation will hear from a panel of senior women from Sanofi, one of the largest pharmaceutical and healthcare companies in the world, headquartered in Paris. Moderated by Sanofi's Vice President and Head of Federal Government Relations, Katie Oppenheim, panelists will answer questions relating to their respective experiences as women working in a male dominated field, their career trajectories, and the impacts they have made in the global healthcare space at Sanofi. From this conversation, our GlobalWIN delegation will receive international perspectives on female leadership and a high-level overview of international health and pharmaceutical policy.

*15-minute drive*

**5:00 PM**                      **Meeting and Networking Reception at National Assembly ft. The Chair of the Women's Rights**  
7:00 PM                      **Delegation of the National Assembly Véronique Riotton with WIL: Women in Leadership**  
Assemblée Nationale: Palais Bourbon: 126 Rue de l'Université

**Overview:** The GlobalWIN delegation will be joined by ally organization, WIL Europe: Women in Leadership, to meet the Chair of the Women's Rights Delegation of the French National Assembly, Véronique Riotton. Chair Véronique Riotton will speak on the Women's Rights Delegation at the National Assembly's current priorities and challenges, her career in French politics, and her experience serving as a member of parliament. In addition to deepening their understandings of women's impact in the French political sphere, the GlobalWIN delegation will also network with members of WIL Europe, an organization focused on providing spaces and resources for women in Europe to advance professionally and socially.

*Estimated 20-minute drive*

**7:30 PM**                      **Small Group Dinners**  
9:00 PM                      Various Locations

**Overview:** This evening we will be breaking up the delegation into small groups based on their issue area expertise. This will give our delegation the opportunity to dive in on some topics they have already discussed in Paris with other women working directly in their field with the hope of fostering growth and collaboration through the experiences and conversations they've had in France. We also intend for this to be an opportunity to create long lasting issue-area relationships that people can bring back to their work in DC.

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*Estimated 20-minute drive*

**9:00 AM**                      **Breakfast and the Paris 2024 Olympics with Airbnb**  
10:30 AM                      4 Place de L'Opera

**Overview:** The Olympic Games are coming to Paris in 2024 and the entire city is preparing for the massive global event. Many of the Games biggest advertisers have already begun their activation around the games. While legacy advertisers like P&G and Coca Cola have teams who only work on the Olympics partnerships. Airbnb is a relatively new partner to the Olympics, and we will be discussing how they are gearing up for their first Olympics. One of the biggest challenges of the event is finding housing for all of the athletes and spectators. Airbnb has already begun ramping up their inventory for spectator rentals and will be discussing all of the work that goes into making this global event happen.

*15–20-minute drive*

**11:00 AM**                      **Meeting with Minister for Sport and the Olympic & Paralympic Games Amélie Oudéa-Castéra**  
12:00 PM

**Overview:** Amélie Oudéa-Castéra is a French businesswoman and former professional tennis player. She has been serving as Minister for Sport and the Olympic & Paralympic Games in the government of Prime Minister Élisabeth Borne since May 2022. To continue our discussions about how France is gearing up for the Olympics, following our meeting with Airbnb we will hear from the French government official who's tasked with making this generational event a success. We will hear her priorities and how her experience has led her to this position.

*Estimated 20-minute drive*

**12:30 PM**                      **Lunch and Spirits Exports with Sazerac**  
2:00 PM

**Overview:** France is widely known for two exports: wine and cheese. During this lunch, hosted by Sazerac, we will hear from industry experts about the trading and exports business as it related to these two products. In 2020, France exported \$3.49B in Cheese, making it the 4th largest exporter of Cheese in the world. At the same year, Cheese was the 20th most exported product in France. The main destination of Cheese exports from France are: Germany (\$850M), Belgium (\$500M), United Kingdom (\$311M), Spain (\$264M), and Luxembourg (\$188M). Wine exports from France amounted to around 8.7 billion euros in 2020. In 2021, the French wine exported to the United States of America accounted for around 19 percent of the total wine exports from France, making the US the largest importer of French wine in the world

*15–20-minute drive*

**2:30 PM**                      **Meeting with Christel Heydemann, CEO of Orange, the French Telecom Provider**  
3:30 PM

**Overview:** Christel Heydemann is the chief executive of Orange, making her the first woman to lead France's biggest telecoms operator amid a revamp of its governance. Heydemann is the third woman appointed to lead a company listed on the French CAC 40 index, after Engie's Catherine MacGregor and Veolia's Estelle Brachlianoff. Heydemann took the reins of the company as it keeps on deploying the new generation of internet mobile networks and broadband fibre optic infrastructure - capital-heavy investments that have pressured its margins as its two biggest markets, France and Spain, remain highly competitive.

*Time to check in with offices and work as needed*

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Wednesday, April 5

15–20-minute drive

6:00 PM Closing Dinner and Sustainable Agriculture ft. Pernod Ricard  
8:00 PM Pernod Ricard The Island (Global HQ): 5 Cr Paul Ricard

**Overview:** Pernod Ricard are committed to being a leader in sustainability in the Wine & Spirits industry. They set high performance targets for ourselves and believe it is important to report on their progress. Their sustainability performance is assessed by various organizations, including rating agencies and other external organizations. During this meeting we will hear from experts about one of France's most famous exports, and how the company's commitment to sustainable practices is changing the industry in France. We will also learn a bit about the production of champagne and what sets this product apart from other spirits.

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End of Paris Programming

Thursday, April 6

7:30 AM Closing Breakfast  
8:30 AM Westin Vendome  
9:00 AM Depart Hotel for Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport  
12:25 PM Depart Charles de Gaulle Airport for Washington Dulles Airport on United Flight #914  
2:50 PM Arrive Washington Dulles Airport

#### Question 12

GlobalWIN highlights women leaders and connects the public and private sector through our programming that includes networking receptions, policy roundtables, career workshops, and educational trips in the United States and abroad. Our stay in Paris will combine all tiers of GlobalWIN programming and provide all participants a rare opportunity to learn about other governments and industries while connecting with experts and leaders outside of the U.S. GlobalWIN has organized and planned the trip with the professional guidance of our Executive Director, and GlobalWIN Co-Founder, Helen Milby, Tizzy Brown our Senior Director, Andrea Mietus our Senior Advisor and Quinn Needham, Program Coordinator

#### Question 15-A

We chose Paris, France this year since we have not been to Paris since 2018. As a hub for commerce, innovation, entrepreneurial activity, and increasing political role in the EU, Paris, France was chosen as the location for many of those reasons. With access to direct flights from Washington this made for a good selection. In addition, over the years GlobalWIN continues to strengthen their relationship with the French Embassy in Washington, DC and has been provided great programming and partnership opportunities over the years. This year during the initial planning of our international trip it became very evident to the team planning that 2.5 days of programming was not sufficient based on the opportunities and the caliber of meetings available to our delegation, so we extended it to 3.5 days of programming. This will allow GlobalWIN the time needed to expand networking learning opportunities for this incredible staff delegation.

## GlobalWIN Paris 2023 Itinerary

## Saturday, April 1

- 5:25 PM ET Depart Washington Dulles Airport for Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport on United Flight #915
- 7:30 PM ET Flight returned to UIAD due to mechanical issues.
- 10:07 pm ET United Flight #915 departs IAD

## Sunday, April 2

- 12 :07 PM Arrive Charles de Gaulle Airport

*1 hour and 15-minute drive*

*Time to freshen up after red-eye flight and check into offices as needed.*

- 2:00 PM Lunch and French Political Briefing with Thaima Samman, French Tech and Telecommunications  
3:00 PM Political Strategies and Camille Sablayrolles, Cabinet Samman  
The Westin Vendome: The Napoleon Room (Lobby Level)

*Time to freshen up after red-eye flight and check into offices as needed.*

- 5:40 PM Depart hotel for dinner

*10-minute drive or 20-minute walk*

- 6:00 PM Welcome Dinner ft. Fabienne Arata, LinkedIn's Country Manager for France, and Mirek Pospisil,  
8:00 PM Head of Public Policy for LinkedIn in France  
Chez Françoise, Aéroport des, 75007 Paris, France

*10-minute drive or 20-minute walk back to hotel*

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## Monday, April 3

6:45 AM Breakfast Available  
11:00 AM Le First Restaurant: Lobby Level

10:00 AM Depart hotel for meeting

*15-minute drive*

10:30 AM Meeting with Tech Entrepreneur Maÿlis Staub, President of the Women in Digital Committee of  
12:00 PM NUMEUM, with Members of *La Villa Numeris*, a French Digital Think Tank  
FIEEC: 17 Rue de l'Admiral Hamelin

*20-minute drive*

12:30 PM Panel Discussion: Perspectives on Navigating GDPR with Oracle  
2:00 PM Euros / Agency Group: 1 Pl. d'Estienne d'Orves

*10-minute drive*

2:30 PM How the French Government Works to Protect Children Online with Charlotte Caubel, Secretary  
3:45 PM of State for Children  
20 Av. de Ségur

*10-minute drive or 40-minute walk through the Place de la Concorde, the Champs-Élysées, and les Invalides*

4:30 PM Political Briefing with the United States Embassy in France ft. United States Ambassador to France  
6:30 PM Denise Bauer and OECD Ambassador Jack Markell  
US Ambassador's Residence: 41 rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré

*2-minute walk*

6:30 PM Dinner and Sustainable Finance & Climate Change with BNP Paribas (*proper dress required*)  
9:00 PM Cercle de l'Union Interalliée : 33 Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré

*10-minute walk back to the Westin*

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Tuesday, April 4

6:45 AM Breakfast Available  
11:00 AM

9:30 AM Depart the Westin for the first meeting

*15-minute drive or 30-minute walk*

10:00 AM Le Sénat Français ft. Sénateur Antoine Lefèvre, Chair of the France - U.S. Friendship Committee  
12:30 PM and Member of the Finance Committee, and Sénatrice Catherine Dumas, Senator of Paris  
And Member of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Armed Forces Committee at the Senate.  
Palais de Luxembourg: 15 Rue de Vaugirard

*20-minute drive*

1:00 PM Lunch and Nutrition and Climate Impact Strategy with Danone  
2:15 PM 17 boulevard Haussmann

*20-minute drive*

3:00 PM Panel ft. Senior Women at Sanofi, moderated by Katie Oppenheim  
4:15 PM 46 Avenue de la Grande Armée

*30-minute drive*

5:00 PM Meeting with Laurence Rossignol, Vice-President of the Senate and a Former Minister for  
6:00 PM Women's Rights and for Social Affairs  
Palais de Luxembourg: 15 Rue de Vaugirard

7:30 PM Small Group Dinners- Energy & Climate-Health-Tech-Trade/Economy- Cyber & Communications  
9:00 PM *Various Locations*

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Wednesday, April 5

9:00 AM Meet in Lobby for update on the day

*10-minute walk*

9:30 AM Breakfast and the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games with Airbnb  
10:30 AM 4 Place de L'Opéra

*10-minute drive or 15-minute walk*

11:00 AM American Chamber of Commerce (EACC) and hosting MP Christopher Weissberg, Chair of the U.S.  
12:00 PM Delegation at the National Assembly, and other MPs members of the delegation  
Cercle de l'Union Interallié, rue du Faubourg Saint Honore

12:00 PM Lunch with the EACC and WIL: Women in Leadership  
1:00 PM Cercle de l'Union Interallié, rue du Faubourg Saint Honore

*15-minute drive*

1:30 PM How Web3 Unlocks the Future of Ownership & the Cultural Relevance of NFTs in Communities ft.  
2:30 PM Ledger and the NFT Factory Open Secrets Exhibition  
137 Rue Saint-Martin

*2-minute walk*

2:30 PM Innovation in the Arts at le Centre Pompidou  
3:15 PM Place Georges-Pompidou

*30-minute drive*

4:00 PM Meeting with the Ministry for Digital Affairs  
5:00 PM Ministère de l'Economie: 139 Rue de Bercy

*30-minute drive*

6:30 PM Women in the Arts Tour Art Gallery Foundation Paul Ricard  
7:00 PM Closing Dinner: Good Times from a Good Place: Sustainability & Responsibility ft. Pernod Ricard  
9:00 PM Pernod Ricard The Island (Global HQ): 5 Cr Paul Ricard

End of Programming

*10-minute drive or 20-minute walk back to the Westin*

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Thursday, April 6

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## Congressional Delegation Biographies

### **Hillary Beard, Chief of Staff, Rep. Terri A. Sewell**



Hillary Beard is Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell's (AL-07) Chief of Staff, a position she has held since December 2020. In this role, Hillary is responsible for managing staff, advising on political issues, and directing the execution of the office's long-term legislative and political strategy. She manages Congresswoman Sewell's duties as Chief Deputy Whip, a member of the Ways and Means Committee, House Committee on Armed Services (HASC), and the Committee on House Administration, and Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Board of Directors. After interning for Congresswoman Sewell in 2012, she was hired as a Press Assistant and rose through the ranks from Legislative Assistant to Legislative Director prior to being named Chief of Staff. As a legislative staffer, she was responsible for executing on a wide array of legislative issues, including the Congresswoman's health care work on the Ways and Means Committee. Hillary is originally from Guntersville, Alabama and is a graduate of Birmingham-Southern College. She lives in Washington, DC and loves shopping for antiques, hosting parties, and eating ice cream.

### **Megan Bel Miller, Chief of Staff, Rep. Steve Scalise**



Megan Bel Miller is the Chief of Staff to Congressman Steve Scalise, who currently serves as the House Majority Leader. Miller has held this position since January of 2017. In this role, Miller serves as a Senior Advisor to Leader Scalise and leads the efforts of Scalise's legislative, district, and press teams in his Congressional office. From 2013-2016, she was the Vice President of Government and Political Affairs at the National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA), the trade association for the offshore energy industry. Prior to NOIA, Miller was Congressman Scalise's Legislative Director from 2008-2013 and served as a Legislative Assistant for then-Rep. Richard Baker from 2006-2008. Before moving to Washington, DC, she was a Policy Advisor in the Louisiana Governor's Office. A native of Louisiana, Miller received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Master of Public Administration from Louisiana State University. She and her husband, Joel, live on Capitol Hill with their two young children.

### **Brooke Bennett, Chief of Staff, Rep. French Hill**



A. Brooke Bennett has served as Chief of Staff to Rep. French Hill since his election in 2014 and has served in the House since 2005. She first served as an investigative counsel on the House Oversight Committee and then as Legislative Director for two Members of Congress including Rep. Hill's predecessor. Prior to coming to Congress, she worked for Arthur Andersen based in London for nearly seven years. As a Chief of Staff, she has stressed the importance of a professionally managed office, and in 2021, the office won the Congressional Management Foundation's prestigious "Democracy Award" for the best workplace environment. She prioritizes staff development and institution building and runs a mentoring program for female for GOP female Chiefs of Staff that she founded as well as the first-of-its-kind listserv for House Chiefs on both sides of the aisle. A Stennis Fellow in the 115th Congress, she is a regular featured speaker including, recently, for the Manager Tool "M Conference" series. She is a Washington, DC native and a graduate of Smith College and Tulane Law School, but most importantly, she and her husband are the parents of a feisty and highly amusing toddler – her proudest accomplishment of all.

### **Colleen Carlos, Chief of Staff, Rep. Madeleine Dean**



Colleen Carlos is the Chief of Staff for Rep. Madeleine Dean (D-PA) – who serves on the Judiciary and Foreign Affairs Committees. Prior to this, she was Rep. Dean's Legislative Director and primarily covered the Financial Services Committee portfolio. Before coming on board with Rep. Dean, Colleen worked for Rep. Bob Brady (D-PA), where she covered the House Armed Services Committee, as well as a number of different issues. Colleen is a graduate of the University of Michigan and originally from Pittsburgh, PA.

### **Jessica Donlon, Deputy Staff Director, House Oversight and Accountability Committee**



Jessica Donlon is the Deputy Staff Director for the House Oversight and Accountability Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. Prior to that, she served as the General Counsel for the Committee. She also served as Deputy General Counsel for Oversight for the Office of Management and Budget within the Executive Office of the President. Jessica has spent several years conducting oversight and investigations in the House of Representatives, including on the Committees for Oversight and Government Reform, Energy and Commerce, and Small Business. She graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2003 and Notre Dame Law School in 2009. She lives in Bethesda, Maryland with her husband and three children.

### **Tiffany Guarascio, Democratic Staff Director, House Energy and Commerce Committee**



Tiffany Guarascio is the Democratic Staff Director for the powerful House Energy and Commerce Committee. In 2021, she became the first woman and mother selected to hold this position for the Majority in the Committee's 225-year history. The Committee on Energy and Commerce is the oldest continuous standing committee in the United States House of Representatives. The Committee has the broadest jurisdiction of any committee in Congress and is responsible for shaping public policy issues that impact the lives of every American, including: health care, energy, climate, telecommunications, consumer protection, and commerce.

Tiffany is responsible for working with the Committee's elected leaders to develop, manage and execute the Committee's agenda across these key policy areas. This includes leading staff efforts to pass legislation into law, conduct oversight of 16 federal departments and agencies, and examine critical national issues through hearings and investigations. She also coordinates with House and Senate committee and leadership offices, as well as the White House and Executive Branch on political and policy matters. Tiffany's role also includes running the day-to-day operations for the Committee, leading a professional staff of nearly 40 people and overseeing a multi-million dollar budget.

Over the course of her career, Tiffany has played a leading role in advancing key public policies that have improved the health and well-being of the nation. During the COVID-19 public health emergency, Tiffany was at the forefront of efforts to ensure the country had the resources and authorities it needed to respond. In addition, Tiffany helped pass many other critical laws such as the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act, the No Surprises Act and the American Rescue Plan. Most recently, she led the Committee's efforts to pass the CHIPS & Science Act, the Inflation Reduction Act, and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022.

Tiffany has nearly two decades of Congressional experience. The majority of her tenure on Capitol Hill has been spent working for Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ), one of the most senior members of the House of Representatives, who now serves as the Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Tiffany earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Master of Arts in Political Management from the George Washington University. She lives on Capitol Hill with her husband Matt, their sons Arlo and Auden, and their dog Boss.

### **Rachel Harris, Chief of Staff., Rep. Debbie Lesko**



Rachel Harris is Chief of Staff to U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Lesko (R-AZ). Prior to serving as Chief, Rachel was the Communications Director for Lesko, handling all local, state, and national media relations for the Congresswoman and overseeing an active social media presence. Rachel began her career on the campaign trail, serving as Deputy Director of Operations for U.S. Senator Tom Cotton's (R-AR) 2014 Campaign. A native of Arkansas, Rachel also volunteered on many local races before heading to Washington, D.C. Once in our nation's capital, Rachel worked at The Herald Group, a boutique public affairs firm, where she managed communications activities for corporations and trade associations in highly regulated industries. Rachel began her Capitol Hill career as Communications Director for Congressman Greg Steube (R-FL). Rachel holds a Bachelor's Degree from Rhodes College in Memphis, TN.

### **Maeve Healy, Chief of Staff, Rep. Grace Meng**



Maeve Healy serves as Chief of Staff to U.S Representative Grace Meng (NY-06). Maeve has served in key leadership roles in Congresswoman Meng’s finance and political operation. She oversaw the Congresswoman’s national portfolio as an elected Vice Chair of the DNC from 2017 to 2020, and led Congresswoman Meng’s efforts as Chair of ASPIRE PAC, the political arm of Asian American and Pacific Islander Members of Congress. Previously, Maeve was a Senior Associate at the Frost Group, where she executed fundraising plans for several Democratic Members of Congress and DCCC Red-to-Blue candidates in addition to leading events at the 2016 Democratic

National Convention. Maeve holds a dual Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Communication from Tulane University in New Orleans. She is proudly a Northern California native.

### **Chloe Hunt, Chief of Staff, Rep. Sean Casten**



Chloe Hunt is chief of staff for Rep. Sean Casten (IL-06). Before joining his official office, Chloe ran Mr. Casten's campaign operations for the 2020 cycle, and had previously worked elections in Colorado. Chloe is originally from California, graduating from UC Berkeley with a degree in Political Science and a minor in History. While still in California, Chloe worked at Google, working in the digital ads and marketing division. She now calls D.C. home.

### **Nancy Juarez, Executive Director, California Democratic Congressional Delegation, Chair Zoe Lofgren**



Nancy Juarez is the Executive Director of the California Democratic Congressional Delegation under the leadership of Chair Zoe Lofgren (CA-18). In that capacity, Nancy supports the 40 House California Democrats, managing the delegation’s legislative priorities and intergovernmental relationships. Nancy has 12 years of Capitol Hill experience, previously serving as Chief of Staff to Rep. Marie Newman (IL-03), Legislative Director to Rep. Salud Carbajal (CA-24), Senior Policy Advisor to Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ-12), Legislative Assistant to Rep. Steven Horsford (NV-04), and Scheduler to Rep. Joe Baca (CA-43). Nancy is from Orange, CA and a graduate of UCLA.

### **Una Lee, Chief Counsel, Health Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee**



Una Lee serves as Chief Counsel of the Health Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Frank Pallone, Jr, where she recently oversaw the drafting and passage of landmark legislation through the House of Representatives giving the Secretary of Health and Human Services the authority to negotiate the price of prescription drugs in Medicare. Previously, she served as Senior Counsel for Ranking Member Pallone, where she handled legislation pertaining to the private insurance market, including the Affordable Care Act, and Medicare. She also previously served as Chief Oversight Counsel for Ranking Member Pallone, where she spearheaded

the Ranking Member’s health oversight activities. Prior to joining the House Energy and Commerce Committee staff, she served as Chief Health Counsel for House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Ranking Member Elijah E.

Cummings. She also served as a Trial Attorney for the Department of Justice Civil Fraud Section, prosecuting healthcare fraud *qui tam* lawsuits on behalf of the U.S. government, and clerked for the Honorable Judge Timothy B. Dyk of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

### **Brittany Madni, Deputy Chief of Staff, Rep. Ashley Hinson**



Brittany Madni currently serves as Congresswoman Ashley Hinson’s Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director, since joining her team at the beginning of the 117th Congress. In this capacity, she leads the Congresswoman’s legislative team and advises the Congresswoman on all items related to her legislative work, from authoring bills to providing vote recommendations. She is charged with overseeing Congresswoman Hinson’s legislative portfolio and priorities, as well as managing the Washington, DC, office. Madni also serves as the Congresswoman’s lead staffer for her assignments to the House Appropriations Committee and the House Select Committee on Strategic Competition between the US and the Chinese Communist Party. Madni most recently served as Congressman Troy Balderson’s Legislative Director. Prior to that position, Madni spent two years working for the House Budget

Committee, and has extensive experience in federal budgeting, health care policy, and congressional oversight. In total, Madni has more than 10 years of Capitol Hill experience. Madni graduated from Boston College with bachelor's degrees in political science and English, and from the George Washington University's Graduate School of Political Management with a master's degree in legislative affairs.

**Kate O'Connor, Chief Counsel, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology**



Kate O'Connor is the Chief Counsel for the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology with the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce. O'Connor previously served as the Chief of Staff for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, where she worked on legislative and communications policy focused on spectrum and broadband issues. She also worked in NTIA's Office of Congressional Affairs and engaged with Congress, state government officials, and other federal agencies to advance the Administration's legislative initiatives on broadband and 5G. Prior to joining NTIA, O'Connor worked in the United States Senate. She began her Senate career working in the office of Senator Mark Kirk (R-IL) and then served as a Legislative Assistant for Senator

Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), where she handled issues before the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, including telecommunications policy.

Ms. O'Connor attended the University of Chicago, and is originally from Chicago, IL.

**Katherine Sears, Deputy Chief of Staff, Rep. Jen Kiggans**



Born and raised in Pasadena, California, Katherine moved to Washington, DC in 2010 to attend American University where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in Communications, Law, Economics, and Government. While earning her master's degree in Political Communication, she was hired to launch and run the University's premiere abroad Mentorship Programs in both Greece and England. In 2016, Katherine returned to Washington to work on Capitol Hill, starting as a Staff/Press Assistant. In 2018, she was hired to be the Communications Director for Congressman

Dave Joyce (OH-14), a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee. In this role, Katherine developed and executed the Congressman's comprehensive communications strategy and acted as his on-the-record spokeswoman with members of the press. In January of 2023, Katherine became Deputy Chief of Staff for Congresswoman Jen Kiggans (VA-02). In this role she serves as a confidential and strategic advisor for the Congresswoman, working with the Chief of Staff to formulate policy positions, oversee the office's media relations, and coordinate with House leadership as well as the Congresswoman's three Committees to ensure the Congresswoman's success. Katherine also supervises the Washington, DC staff, providing leadership and guidance to ensure high job performance as well as personal and professional growth. A product of an all-girl high school education, Katherine is committed to empowering young women, helping them achieve meaningful success, and preparing them to lead America's next generation. She is an aspiring world traveler, avid animal lover, and is a passionate advocate for those living with autism and neuromuscular diseases.

**Callie Strock, Communications Director, Rep. Young Kim**



Callie has over six years of professional experience developing and implementing communications strategies and effectively messaging during political crises. She currently serves as Communications Director for Congresswoman Young Kim (CA-40), creating a robust communications strategy in one of the most competitive and diverse districts in the country and overseeing her communications team.

Prior to Rep. Kim's office, Callie was press secretary for the House Energy and Commerce Committee, where she focused on technology, telecommunications, energy, and environmental issues, and spent over three years working for former Congressman Will Hurd (TX-23), serving as his communications

director during high-profile national security and political events. She is passionate about helping public servants in competitive districts who lead with integrity and civility, managing crisis communications, finding innovative, creative ways to convey messages and reach new audiences, and promoting smart policies that help boost U.S. innovation and leadership. She is a proud Fort Worth, Texas native and University of Texas at Austin alum.

### **Allison Teixeira Sulier, Chief of Staff, Rep. Sharice Davids**



Allison Teixeira Sulier has more than a decade of experience in strategic communications and Democratic politics and government. She is currently chief of staff for U.S. Congresswoman Sharice Davids of Kansas, one of the first two Native American women ever to serve in Congress, and she was senior advisor on Davids' successful 2018 campaign against a four-term incumbent.

Prior to joining Davids' team, Allison worked as communications director for Senator Amy Klobuchar. She also previously helped elect Democrats through her work as deputy director for senate campaign communications at American Bridge 21st Century, and as vice president at Three Point Media, where she produced political ads for TV and digital and advised candidates across the U.S. Allison got her start in politics as communications director to Congressman Ami Bera from California.

Allison earned a Masters of Arts degree in Communication Management from Emerson College in Boston, Massachusetts, and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island. She lives in Washington, D.C. with her husband, their son, and their rescue dog.

### **Nicole Varner, Chief of Staff, Rep. Marc Veasey**



Nicole is a native of Birmingham, AL who received her BA from Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, GA and her JD from Loyola University College of Law in New Orleans, LA. She began her professional career practicing law. In 2015, she transitioned to Capitol Hill to work on legislation and policy to better serve these vulnerable members of her community. She began her career on the Hill with former member Joseph Kennedy, III (MA-04) in 2015. She then moved to the office of Representative Marc Veasey (TX-33) from 2016 to 2020, left briefly to run the Congressional Health Braintrust under Congresswoman Robin Kelly (IL – 02) and returned to serve as Chief of Staff to

Congressman Veasey. In that time, Nicole has worked on issues before the House Energy and Commerce, House Armed Services, and Small Business Committees.

### **Emma Weir, Communication Director, New Democrat Coalition**



Emma Weir is the Communications Director for the New Democrat Coalition in the U.S. House of Representatives. Previously, she served as the Deputy National Press Secretary and Caucus and Surrogates Program Manager for Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer. Emma is from Washington, DC and is an alum of Wake Forest University where she studied Politics & International Affairs.

### **Emma Zafran, Senior Legislative Assistant, Rep. Chrissy Houlahan**



Emma Zafran is a Senior Legislative Assistant for Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan and advises the Congresswoman in issues pertaining to health care, judiciary and gun violence prevention, immigration, appropriations and budget, education, and policies impacting women and families. She also oversees the Military Personnel portfolio for her boss who sits on the House Armed Services Committee, is the lead staffer for the Women in STEM Caucus, and the first- ever House Bipartisan Working Group on Paid Family Leave. Previously, Emma was in the office of Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz for 3 years and began her Congressional career in the office of her hometown Congressman Ted Deutch. Before coming to the Hill, Emma received her [M.Sc](#) from the London School of Economics in Gender and Public Policy

and her Undergraduate Degree in International Relations and Security Studies from Tufts University. She has experience working at various human rights and international development NGOs, particularly those that focus on women's economic empowerment and security.

## GlobalWIN Team Biographies

### **Helen Milby, President Co-Founder, GlobalWIN**



Helen Milby is the founder and president of Helen Milby & Company (HM&CO), a strategic, fundraising and non-profit consulting firm based in Washington, DC. Before founding HM&CO in 2005, Ms. Milby built a solid record as a senior political and non-profit fundraising executive. Over the last 30 years, she has worked tirelessly for moderate political leaders and pro-innovation ideals, serving first as the Director of Development for the Democratic Leadership Council and the Progressive Policy Institute, and then as president of her own company. In 2009, Helen co-founded The Global Women's Innovation Network, a bipartisan non-profit that promotes women in public policy and innovation-driven fields. GlobalWIN is proud to partner with nearly 100 member companies and a network of senior staffers on Capitol Hill and beyond. Internationally, GlobalWIN has established a strong network of women who share best practices and friendships across North America and Europe. Ms. Milby is a native Washingtonian, a graduate of the Madeira School, and she received a Bachelor of Arts from Colby College; she and her husband have two daughters.

### **Tizzy Brown, Senior Director, GlobalWIN**



Tizzy Brown is an experienced organizational driver and the Senior Director of the Global Women's Innovation Network (GlobalWIN), a bipartisan nonprofit with the goal of promoting women in politics and women in innovation-driven fields. She also serves as Vice President of Helen Milby & Company. Tizzy helps diverse internal and external stakeholders identify untapped opportunities, build partnerships, and achieve lasting and meaningful results. She is an expert in networking, influencing, owning projects, and driving results that benefit teams with multi-faceted goals. Tizzy also understands the importance of coalition building and creates opportunities for connection and collaboration. She has worked in many industries such as think tanks, government, higher education, and media, and some of those experiences include time at Third Way, the Senate, Dartmouth College, National Geographic, and NPR. In addition to her role as Secretary on the GlobalWIN Board of Directors, Tizzy has served as Chair for the Camping Services Board for the Boston YMCA, a 60-person board servicing summer programs, and she is active in prep school alumni network, being part of the 1879 Society at Holderness School in Plymouth, NH. Today she works to prove that partnerships can be created across broad coalitions.

### **Andrea Mietus, Senior Advisor, GlobalWIN**



Andrea Mietus is an independent event planner who focuses on political and policy-related events. She is based in the Washington, DC area and plans events nationwide and internationally. Andrea built her foundation in event planning as the Democratic Leadership Council's Director of Planning and Strategic Development from 1992 through 2009. In that role, she handled retreats, conferences, and the organization's National Conversation, which attracted state and local elected officials. She developed experience in negotiating event-related contracts and handling event logistics, including security issues associated with political figures. She also managed or staffed events held during four Presidential inaugurations and seven Democratic national conventions. Andrea has had her own event consulting firm since 2009. Her clients have included BSA|The Software Alliance, Center Stage, the Democratic Attorneys General Association, the Entertainment Software Association, GlobalWIN, HM&CO, Climate Solutions Foundation, the Information Technology & Innovation Foundation, the Moderate Democrats PAC (ModSquad), the NewDEAL and the New Democrat Action Fund. Andrea, a Political Science graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park, resides in suburban Maryland with her husband; together they raised four daughters.

### **Quinn Needham, Program Coordinator, GlobalWIN**



Quinn Needham is the Program Coordinator for Global Women's Innovation Network (GlobalWIN). Quinn is an experienced coordinator with a passion for gender equity, corporate responsibility, and collaborative communication. Prior to her role with GlobalWIN, Quinn was the Global Relations and Foundation Coordinator at Finseca, where she specialized in donor management and built partnerships amongst stakeholders. Quinn also brings event planning expertise to her role, having previously served as an Events Associate with Markham, a full-service event management and

campaign firm serving local, state, national and international campaigns, non-profit organizations, advocacy groups, and corporate clients. Quinn is a graduate of The University of the South where she received a BA in English and Women's and Gender Studies.

## Cabinet Samman Team Biographies

### **Thaima Samman, Partner at SAMMAN Law & Corporate Affairs, President of the European Network for Women in Leadership (WIL Europe)**



Thaima began her career as a founding member of the French NGO "SOS Racisme" before going to work for the office of MP Claude Bartolone, former Minister of Urban Affairs and former President of the National Assembly. She also worked for a law firm, Gillot, before joining August & Debouzy law firm to develop their Corporate Affairs department. In 2000, Thaima crossed over to the business world to set up a start-up before moving on to head the Corporate and Regulatory Affairs department of Philip Morris France. In 2003, she joined Microsoft France where she headed the Legal & Corporate Affairs department before being promoted to Associate General Counsel within Microsoft International where she led the EMEA Corporate Affairs team with responsibility for designing and implementing institutional relations, corporate affairs and CSR strategies and policies. Thaima co-founded the European Network for Women in Leadership WIL, a blue-ribbon panel of women in high-level positions from the world of business, academia, and government. She is also a lecturer at the Paris Bar School and holds seminars at several schools and universities on public affairs. She is also a Board Member of the European American Chamber of Commerce. Thaima is a member of the Strategic Committee of the private equity fund Women Equity Partners, which focuses on women-led growth companies in Europe. Admitted to practice by the Paris and Brussels bars, Thaima has a DESS graduate degree in banking and financial law (Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University) and a DEA graduate degree in criminal law and policy in Europe (Paris II Panthéon-Assas University). During her free time, Thaima also authors articles and contributes to collective publications on a wide range of legal topics.

### **Anca Caruntu, Directrice des Affaires européennes, Cabinet Samman**



Specializing in digital issues, Anca develops the public affairs activities of the Brussels office. Her international experience and extensive knowledge of issues related to data protection, cybersecurity, regulation of online platforms, allows her to develop effective strategies at the French and European levels. After working in the public relations and advertising industry in Romania, Anca joined the Legal/Public Affairs department of Microsoft EMEA in 2009 for a one-year assignment. Over the next two years, she coordinated the initiatives and the extension of the European Network for Women in Leadership (WIL), a high-level women's network. Anca is also a former member of AIESEC, the largest international organization run by young graduates. A Romanian national, Anca Caruntu has a degree in political science (Al. I. Cuza University, Iasi, Romania, 2008)

### **Camille Sablayrolles, Chargée d'Affaires publiques, Cabinet Samman**



Camille works mainly in the digital sector, particularly on topics relating to infrastructure and the cloud. She joined the Paris office after beginning her professional career in the firm's Brussels office, where she followed various European policies and supported French companies in their negotiations with the institutions, particularly in the areas of online advertising and the ecological transition. She holds a Master 2 in international and European law from the University of Rouen. She also studied at the universities of Turku and Åbo Akademi in Finland where she specialized in environmental law, as well as at the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium where she studied public international law and the protection of fundamental rights.

## Speaker Biographies

### Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

6:00PM-8:00PM

**Welcome Dinner ft. Fabienne Arata, LinkedIn's Country Manager for France, and Mirek Pospisil, Head of Public Policy for LinkedIn in France**

#### Fabienne Arata, Country Manager for France, LinkedIn

Fabienne Arata joined LinkedIn as Country Manager France and Talent Solutions Director in 2017. Formerly, she served as General Manager of two divisions at ManpowerGroup, Experis IT & FuturSkill, General Manager Columbus IT Partner France, General Manager ANELIA (IBM affiliate). A graduate of Skema Business School and EM Lyon, she started her professional career as business engineer at IBM.

#### Mirek Pospisil, Head of Public Policy for France, LinkedIn

Mirek leads LinkedIn's public policy and government affairs in France and has responsibility over several files in Brussels. He leads LinkedIn's economic and workforce development programs with government and research partners from around Europe who leverage unique data insights from LinkedIn's digital map of the global economy - the Economic Graph. Prior to joining LinkedIn, Mirek advised global companies on EU regulation, and strategic and policy communications in Brussels and across the EU.

### Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

10:30AM-12:00PM

**Meeting with Tech Entrepreneur Maÿlis Staub, President of the Women in Digital NUMEUM, with Members of *La Villa Numeris*, a French Digital Think Tank**

#### Maÿlis Staub, Entrepreneur, Member of the Board of NUMEUM, President of *Femmes du Numérique*

Maÿlis Staub is a French entrepreneur in the technology and data field, who founded or co-founded three companies, including two software tech startups, Pocket Result and Data Legal Drive. She also previously worked in marketing and has always had an interest in data analysis and exploitation. This field helped her to develop her analytical skills and her taste for action through entrepreneurship. In 2023, Maÿlis Staub retired from her executive positions within the companies she created and now holds several roles. She is the president of *Femmes du Numérique* (French foundation created with the support of the main French tech associations and elite engineering schools with the aim to promote women in the tech sector). She is also a member of the board and president of the Women's committee of *Numeum* (the largest French trade association representing the digital sector). Maÿlis is ambassador of the public investment bank BPI France, and founder and president of the Surfln Tech association. These roles allow her to continue working in the technology and data field while supporting and encouraging other women to pursue careers in this sector as the president of *Femmes du Numérique*.

#### Isabelle Rouhan, President of Colibri Talent, Member of the Board of La Villa numeris

Isabelle is a digital native with a passion for recruitment and future of work. Indeed, she has founded in 2017 Colibri Talent, a recruitment and outplacement company specialized in digital transformation (Colibri is French word for hummingbird). She has published in 2021 the book "emploi 4.0" (Editons Atlante) and in 2019 « Les métiers du futur » (Editions First). She has also created a think tank to deep dive into the future of work, and launched in 2021 a podcast focused on this subject. She is board member of the French think tank specialized in digital issues La Villa Numeris. She is also board member of Conference des Grandes Écoles (a foundation established by the elite higher education institutions in France). Isabelle has a long track record in forging long-lasting, profitable relationships with customers and partners. She has successfully built transformation and revenue in different companies such as Facebook, Renault and media agencies (Havas & Mediabrands) during 20 years, before shifting to entrepreneurship.

**Ayumi Moore Aoki, Founder & CEO, Women in Tech Global**

Ayumi is a social entrepreneur committed to driving positive, sustainable change through technology. She is the Founder and CEO of Women in Tech Global, the world's leading organization for women in technology, counting over 200,000 members in 6 continents, and on a mission to empower 5 million women and girls in STEM by 2030. Ayumi is a member of the Forbes Business Council, and she sits in the Supervisory board of Autofill, a deep tech meets hard tech company, revolutionizing object inspections with an initial focus on the automotive and rail industries. She grew up in South-Africa under Apartheid with her Brazilian and Japanese parents. A third culture kid, whose upbringing shaped her beliefs on equality, and fueled her drive to defy all norms rooted in oppressive and discriminatory stereotypes, such as gender and race. Ayumi knows firsthand the power of code. In 2008, she was struggling to achieve a healthy life balance, so she quit her high-powered job and taught herself how to code with CD-Roms. Her new digital skills reshaped both her personal and professional life. She created her first company, and in 2018 founded Women in Tech. She has fully embraced the revolutionary promise of web3 by deepening her knowledge in blockchain and NFT's while working on the launch of Women in Tech's first NFT collection. As an international expert in women empowerment and a champion of equality, she regularly takes to the stage at global, industry-leading events, including the World Economic Forum (Davos), PauseFest (Melbourne), LEAP (Riyadh), TEDx Ist (Lisbon), WE Convention (Dubai), UFM Business Forum (Barcelona), and GMI Summit (UAE).

**Agnieszka Bruyère, Vice President for Cloud Growth & Public Sector for, Oracle EMEA**

Agnieszka serves as Vice President of Cloud Growth and Public Sector, Oracle EMEA oversees both Oracle's Cloud Expansion strategy and Cloud adoption in the Public Sector across the EMEA theatre, with a particular focus on security and compliance to achieve an optimum level of cyber-resiliency and sovereignty. Previously, Agnieszka Bruyère was Vice-President of IBM Cloud for EMEA, targeting regulated industries, and in particular, the Financial Services with an emphasis on cyber resiliency, data protection, and compliance. Additionally, Agnieszka represented IBM at the GaiaX program and was a business representative for key sovereignty matters. Agnieszka has extensive experience in Security & Compliance. Earlier in her career, she built and led the Cyber Security Entity for IBM France over the course of five years, employing technology and services to highlight the challenges of constantly evolving threats in the context of digital transformation, raising compliance standards and requirements as a result. With 23 years of experience in the field of information technology, Agnieszka has built a deep knowledge and has become a recognized expert in the field of cloud & compliance, sharing her experiences and insights through several published articles and interviews.

**Laura Kayali, Reporter, POLITICO**

Laura Kayali is a technology correspondent for POLITICO Europe, based in Paris. She covers platforms, privacy and competition, among other topics. Previously, she was a technology reporter for the publication based in Brussels. Prior to joining POLITICO, she covered EU tech legislation for Contexte. She wrote about the copyright reform, transatlantic data flows and platform regulation. Laura graduated from the EM Lyon business school and holds a Master's degree in political communications from the Celsa-Sorbonne University.

**Caroline Ramade, Former Managing Director, Willa & Former Head of Innovation at La Mairie de Par**

Former Managing Director at Willa, ex-Head of Innovation at La Mairie de Paris, Caroline is the mastermind behind 50inTech, a fast-track app for women that aims to reach gender equality in the tech industry. It is a data-driven, collaborative, and inclusive platform, acting as a business and career accelerator for all the women in tech by providing actionable advice and tools within highly performant networking. Fervent advocate for women in tech, she's intent on achieving equality in Tech by 2050, by all means necessary. When she's not busy running the world, she often daydreams about hugging trees.

4:30PM-6:30PM

**Political Briefing with the United States Embassy in France ft. United States Ambassador to France Denise Bauer and OECD Ambassador Jack Markell**

**Ambassador Denise Bauer, United States Ambassador to France**

Ambassador Denise Campbell Bauer, of California, was sworn in as U.S. Ambassador to the French Republic and the Principality of Monaco on December 23, 2021. Denise Campbell Bauer is an experienced diplomat, non-profit leader, and advocate for women's voices in politics and policy. She served as the United States Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium from August 2013 until January 2017, where she led one of the largest embassies in Europe and earned a reputation for her collaborative leadership style, high ethics standards, and crisis management skills. In that role, she focused on building transatlantic security partnerships and expanding international trade. Bauer began her career in Los Angeles, where she worked as a journalist for two internationally respected television networks. She went on to serve in leadership roles for a number of non-profits. In 2019, Bauer became the Executive Director of Women for Biden, a nationwide network of women that organized and mobilized to elect President Biden. In 2012, she served in a similar role for the Obama-Biden presidential campaign, while also chairing the Women's Leadership Forum for the Democratic National Committee. Upon returning from Brussels in 2017, she re-engaged in politics, focusing on supporting women running for office for the first time. Bauer received a B.A. in Political Science from Occidental College. She speaks French.

**Ambassador Jack Markell, U.S. Mission to the Organization for Economic Cooperation**

Jack Markell became the U.S. Representative to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), with rank of Ambassador, on January 14, 2022. Markell previously served as the White House Coordinator for Operation Allies Welcome where he worked to ensure vulnerable Afghans who passed screening and vetting reviews were safely and effectively resettled in the United States. Markell also served two terms as Governor of Delaware from 2009-2017, Chair of both the National Governors Association and the Democratic Governors Association, as well as President of the Council of State Governments. During his tenure as Governor, Delaware emerged from the great recession with the strongest job growth in the region and among the best private sector wage growth in the country. Governor Markell led significant investments in improved early childhood education, language immersion programs, heightened college access for low-income students and some of the most aggressive workforce development efforts in the country. Previously, he served ten years as Delaware's State Treasurer. Prior to public service, Governor Markell served as senior vice president for corporate development at Nextel, among other positions in the private sector, including at Comcast Corporation and McKinsey and Company. Governor Markell served on the boards of a number of publicly-traded and privately held corporations as well as on a number of non-profit organizations including Upstream USA, Delaware State University, Annie E. Casey Foundation, and Jobs for America's Graduates. He is a Henry Crown Fellow and a Rodel Fellow at the Aspen Institute. Governor Markell was born in 1960 in Newark, Delaware. He earned an undergraduate degree from Brown University and an MBA from the University of Chicago. He and his wife Carla have two children, Molly and Michael, who are in their 20s.

7:00PM-8:45PM

**Dinner and Sustainable Finance and Climate Change with BNP Paribas**

**Alain Papiasse, Chairman, BNP Paribas CIB, & Chairman, BNP Paribas USA**

Alain Papiasse began his career in 1973 at Crédit Lyonnais where he held various positions including Credit Analyst and Deputy Senior Banker, before being appointed Crédit Lyonnais Executive Vice President for the Americas in 1996. In 2002, Alain Papiasse was appointed Group Vice President of Crédit Lyonnais, before being appointed in 2003 Vice President of Crédit Agricole Indosuez Calyon following the merger between Crédit Lyonnais and Crédit Agricole. In January 2005, he joined BNP Paribas as a member of the Group Executive Committee and Head of Investment Solutions; the Group's division responsible for administering customers' savings programs and providing asset management services. In April 2009, he was appointed Head of the Corporate and Investment Banking division (CIB), and in December 2011 becomes Deputy Chief Operating Officer of the Group. In 2018, Alain Papiasse is appointed Chairman of CIB and brings his expertise and knowledge of the BNP Paribas Group to develop relationships with large international clients, while continuing to oversee the Group's activities in North America (Chairman of BNP Paribas USA Inc.), the United Kingdom, the MEA Region and India. In 2021, Alain Papiasse is appointed Executive Advisor to General Management while retaining the position of Chairman of CIB. Alain Papiasse is also Chairman of Exane-BNP Paribas, as well as President of the Steering Committee at Paris-Europlace, and President of the French-American Foundation.

## **BNP Paribas**

- Alain Papiasse, Chairman CIB and Chairman French American Foundation
- Jean-Jacques Santini, Senior Advisor, Former Head of Group Public Regulatory and Supervisory Affairs
- Olivia Auclerq, Group Prudential Affairs

## **French American Foundation Executive Committee**

- Amina Sabeur, CEO
- Jean David Levitte, Vice President and former Ambassador of France to Washington
- General Jean-Paul Palomeros, Vice President and former Supreme Allied Commander Transformation of NATO
- Leslie Serrero, former CEO of Fendi France, MD Casa Komos Brands Group

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**Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00AM-12:30PM**

**Le Sénat Français ft. Sénateur Antoine Lefèvre and Sénatrice Catherine Dumas**

### **Catherine Dumas (The Republican - Conservatives), Senator of Paris, member of the Committee of Foreign Affairs, Defence and Armed Forces**

Catherine Dumas, 66, has been a key figure of the Paris for nearly 40 years. Throughout her career, she has proven being a fine connoisseur of culture-related topics and a strong advocate of the Parisian heritage. She was decorated Knight of the National Order of Merit in 2006 and Knight of the Legion of Honour in 2012. She started her career as a Deputy Mayor of the 17<sup>th</sup> arrondissement of Paris, successively in charge of social affairs (1983), of the associative life (1989) and of trade, industry and employment (1995). Her in-depth knowledge of local politics enabled her to be elected for the first time to the Paris Region Council in 1998. After her mandate in 2004, she chaired the Commission of Culture, Communication and New Technologies within the Council. She was senator under the UMP etiquette (renamed “Les Républicains” – Conservatives) from 2007 to 2011. Close to François Fillon, then Prime Minister of Nicolas Sarkozy, she was tasked with a temporary mission on arts, excellence and luxury crafts and traditional know-how for the Minister of Culture, in 2009. She regained her Senator seat in 2017 and was appointed Vice-Chair of the Culture, Communication and Education Committee. Catherine Dumas involved in cultural heritage-related issues, in particular the reconstruction of the Notre-Dame de Paris cathedral following a 2019 fire. She is now a member of the Senate’s Committee of Foreign Affairs, Defence and Armed Forces. Catherine Dumas is a member of the Board of Directors of the Georges Pompidou National Centre for Art and Culture, and of the High Council of French Museums. She has been involved in women empowerment organizations, she is the Founding President of the Association of Political Women, Vice-Chair of the French Association of Women, National Delegate for Women of the Association of Friends of former President Jacques Chirac.

### **Sénateur Antoine Lefèvre, (The Republicans - Conservatives), Chair of the Senate's France-United States Friendship Group, Member of the Senate’s Finance Committee**

Senator Antoine Lefèvre, 57, has held elected offices at local government and national level for more than 25 years. A former mayor of the city of Laon, Antoine Lefèvre was elected Senator (upper chamber of the French Parliament) for the first time in 2008, where he worked on a wide range of policies, including budgetary, health and local government matters. He is the Chair of the Senator Antoine Lefèvre, 57, has held elected offices at local government and national level for more than 25 years. A former mayor of the city of Laon, Antoine Lefèvre was elected Senator (upper chamber of the French Parliament) for the first time in 2008, where he worked on a wide range of policies, including budgetary, health and local government matters. He is the Chair of the Senate’s France-United States Friendship Group. Antoine Lefèvre holds a degree in public law and regional planning. He began his career in 1992 as a research officer at the Chamber of Agriculture of the department of Aisne (north-east of France). A member of the conservative party, he started his political career as councilor of Laon (a city of 25,000 inhabitants in the North of France) in 1995. He was then elected deputy mayor in charge of urban affairs, then mayor of Laon in 2001, a position he has held until 2017. He also served as member of the regional council of Picardy from 2004 to 2008. Antoine Lefèvre was elected Senator of the department of Aisne for the first time in 2008, then re-elected in 2014 and 2020. As a Senator, he has focused on public budget and healthcare affairs, electoral processes, as well as local government issues. Today, he sits in the Senate’s Finance Committee and serves as the Chair of the France-United States Friendship Group. In 2018, Antoine Lefèvre proposed a nonbinding resolution aimed at expressing the Senate’s gratitude and recognition to the American armed forces who participated in the landing of June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944, in Normandy..

1:00PM-2:15PM

## Lunch and Nutrition and Climate Impact Strategy with Danone

### **Isabelle Esser, Chief Research, Innovation, Quality and Food Safety Officer, Danone**

Isabelle manages Danone's science, innovation, quality and product superiority agenda across categories. She has 30 years of experience in consumer goods & B2B international companies in local, regional and global roles. Before joining Danone, she was the Chief Human Resources Officer of Barry Callebaut, after a career of over 25 years in Research and Development at Unilever, where she last held the position of Executive Vice President R&D Foods Transformation in the Global Foods & Refreshment Division. Isabelle Esser started her career as a scientist at Unilever Research & Development Port Sunlight Laboratory, UK, after which she served in various positions within Research & Development across the globe within the Foods as well as the Home & Personal Care business divisions. Throughout her career, Isabelle promoted and drove transformational changes through people, built capabilities enabling sustainable innovation from insights generated through consumer data and digital. She is passionate about sustainable nutrition, product innovation & solution and quality in brands. Engaged in the Diversity & Inclusion agenda for more than 20 years, she drove D&I in all her roles as a source of innovation. Isabelle holds a degree as 'Ingénieur Civil en Sciences des Matériaux, Orientation Physique' from Louvain-La-Neuve University in Belgium and a PhD in Chemistry from the University of Birmingham in the UK.

### **Mathilde Rodié, VP Investor Relations, Danone**

Mathilde joined Danone in February 2021 as VP Investor Relations. Before joining Danone, Mathilde was Head of Financial Communication in SUEZ. Mathilde started her career as Equity Analyst in 1998 in Exane, before joining ING Direct in 2002 and HSBC Securities in 2004. She moved to Crédit Agricole Cheuvreux in 2006 as European Equity Sales manager and in 2013 she joined Brunswick - the financial communication consulting company - as Director. In 2015, she joined Carrefour as Director of Investor Relations before extending her responsibilities to Head of Investor relations and Financial Communications department in 2016.

### **Jeanette Coombs-Lanot, Global Sustainability Advocacy and B Corp Director, Danone**

Jeanette leads Danone's global advocacy and engagement on sustainability. In this role, she builds positions, partnerships and initiatives that help drive transformation within and beyond Danone. She also leads the company's journey towards global B Corp certification, with the ambition to make Danone the largest B Corp by 2025. Before joining Danone, Jeanette served in the U.S. Mission to UNESCO and the OECD, where she catalyzed and helped spearhead a number of global initiatives to strengthen intercultural understanding and foster inclusive growth.

### **Adélaïde Grémont, Global Public Affairs Director for the Medical and Early Life Nutrition categories, Danone**

Adélaïde leads Danone's global advocacy and engagement on the Early Life Nutrition and Medical Nutrition categories (>7bn€ business, 30% of group sales). This includes understanding stakeholder expectations and channelling these back to company leadership to inform decision-making, developing positioning and policies on key business issues, and driving external engagement. Adélaïde has been with Danone for the past 13 years, holding various positions in Public Affairs, Communications, Digital and Sales. Adélaïde graduated with a degree in Communications from CELSA – Université de La Sorbonne, and also followed Executive Education at the Ecole Nationale de l'Administration (ENA).

### **Roxane Clément, Global Sustainability Marketing Manager, Danone**

Roxane implements the company's dairy sustainability strategy while understanding shifting consumer expectations about the environmental impacts of packaged goods. She works with Danone and global brands Actimel, Activia, Danonino and YoPro, on regenerative agriculture, CO2 emission reductions, circular packaging and food waste reduction. Roxane has been with Danone for the past 9 years, in various capacities, including as Head Of Marketing of Grameen Danone Foods Limited in Bangladesh, which developed a vitamin-rich yogurt sourcing from local micro-farms. Roxane holds a degree from McGill University – Desautels Faculty of Management, and is featured in GreenBiz's 2022 "30 Under 30" report.

### **Chris Adamo, VP Public Affairs & Regenerative Agriculture Policy, Danone North America**

Chris Adamo is Vice President at Danone North America for Public Affairs & Regenerative Agriculture Policy, assisting Danone to create social and environmental impact through its business. Chris helps Danone build policy positions, lead external engagement and execute strategies for implementing regenerative agriculture with farming partners across its supply chain. Prior to joining Danone, Chris spent over a decade at the highest levels of the federal government working on issues related to agriculture, environment and climate change. He served as chief of staff for the White House Council on Environmental

Quality from 2015 until the end of the Administration in 2017, where he helped lead the President's agenda on climate change and conservation. From 2011-2105, he led the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry as its staff director, including the negotiations and drafting of the 2014 Farm Bill, which included new opportunities for landscape-scale conservation and unprecedented investments in healthy foods. Chris began his Senate career in 2005 and was a legislative counsel in U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow's office starting in 2007, where he worked on priorities such as the 2007 energy bill, the 2008 farm bill, the 2009-2010 energy and climate bill efforts, as well as various other environmental initiatives. Chris graduated with a degree in economics and business from Kalamazoo College and a law degree from Vermont Law School.

**3:00PM-4:15PM**

**Roundtable Discussion with Sanofi Female Leaders**

**Clotilde Jolivet, Head of Government Relations, Sanofi, France**

Clotilde Jolivet is the Director of Government Relations, France at Sanofi. Clotilde Jolivet began her career at Rhone-Poulenc Rorer, a company of the Sanofi group, in charge of project management and R&D planning, before joining the consulting firm Ernst & Young in 1999 as a senior consultant. In 2001, Clotilde Jolivet returned to the French subsidiary of Sanofi and continued her career in finance and controlling by occupying various positions of responsibility. In 2009, she was appointed Strategic Planning and Performance Manager for the France subsidiary and worked as Attaché to the General Manager, while leading the Strategy department during an intense period of transformation. Since 2016, Clotilde Jolivet has held the position of Head of Bilateral and Corporate Relations within the Department of Government Relations France, and was also in charge of relations with international governmental bodies within the French institutional ecosystem. She holds a DESS in Innovation and Technology Management (Paris-Dauphine University) and a Masters in Economics (Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne University).

**Janice Kam, Global Legal Head of Vaccines, Sanofi, France**

**Katie Oppenheim, Vice President and Head, Federal Government Relations, Sanofi**

Katie Oppenheim currently serves as Vice President and Head of Federal Government Relations for Sanofi, where she leads all federal advocacy efforts for the company. Prior to joining Sanofi, Katie worked in federal government relations for both Merck and Eisai. Previously, she served as the lead health policy staffer to Senator Mike Crapo (R-ID). Katie holds a bachelor's degree in government from Hamilton College and a J.D. from the American University Washington College of Law. She lives in Washington, D.C. with her husband and two sons.

**Fiona Olivier, Global Head of Public Affairs and Communications, General Medicines, Sanofi**

Fiona Olivier has served as Sanofi's global head of public affairs and communications for its general medicines division. Olivier was previously AbbVie's head of global patient relations and international public affairs. She has also held senior roles at GlaxoSmithKline and Abbott.

**Julie Van Ongevalle, Executive Vice President, Consumer Healthcare, Sanofi**

Julie Van Ongevalle's career shift from the beauty industry to healthcare is inspired by Sanofi's mission to help people lead healthier, fuller lives. She is determined to seize the huge opportunity to positively impact how people live by listening to their needs and providing them with the right solutions. For Julie, it all starts with building a stronger connection with the consumer by better understanding their needs today and tomorrow. Prior to joining Sanofi, Julie worked at the Estée Lauder Companies, where she held roles of increasing responsibility across the company, starting in 2004. As Global Brand President of Origins, beginning in 2014, she led a global organization of 4,000 people, growing the company's market share across geographies. Prior to Origins, she spent eight years at MAC Cosmetics, first as General Manager Benelux, then of the EMEA Region and North America. Julie started her career as a marketing manager at GSK Consumer Healthcare and then in the same role at Clinique. Julie holds a master's in commercial and financial sciences from the Institut Catholique Hautes Etudes Commerciales (Belgium). Married, with four children, Julie's philosophy is to stay optimistic and have faith in life, "life can sometimes be challenging, but it is also beautiful".

### **Emmanuelle “Emma” Valentin, General Manager – France, Specialty Care Europe**

As the General Manager for Specialty Care Europe at Sanofi, Emmanuelle Valentin is in charge of all specialty medicine activities in France. Its objective is to strengthen the solid sector expertise of this strategic branch of Sanofi, whose ambition is to be a leader in specialty care. A key area for Sanofi, the Specialty Care business unit develops treatments for patients with serious diseases that are often difficult to diagnose and treat in the fields of immunology, oncology, rare diseases and neurology. With a 25-year career at Sanofi, Emmanuelle Valentin held several international leadership positions before succeeding Christian Deleuze at the head of Sanofi Genzyme France. An experienced manager, Emmanuelle Valentin stands out for her leadership, vision and proximity. His professional career has been built on strong values of tolerance, courage, respect for others and a desire for continuous learning. Her appetite for diversity encourages her to pay particular attention to the equity of patients' access to the most innovative care and therapies. Her entrepreneurial spirit led her to step out of her comfort zone to surpass herself. Emmanuelle Valentin's solid knowledge of the pharmaceutical industry is based on a particularly diversified background, both in terms of therapeutic areas (Vaccines, Diabetes, Cardiovascular, Consumer Health Care, Generics), fields of activity (Marketing, Finance, Sales, BO&S, Supply Chain) and scopes of responsibility (Managing Director country/multi-country, international experience).

5:00PM-6:00PM

**Meeting with Laurence Rossignol, Vice-President of the Senate and a Former Minister for Women's Rights and for Social Affairs**

### **Sénatrice Laurence Rossignol (Socialist Party), Vice President of the Senate**

Jurist by training in Social Law, Laurence Rossignol has been from the beginning of her career a strong advocate for women and social rights. She is an influential figure of the Socialist Party, she has held many political positions within the party, dealing with women issues, environment, sustainable development. Laurence Rossignol joined the Socialist Party (PS) in 1981 and began her professional career as a legal journalist at *La Vie Ouvrière*, a newspaper affiliated with the French trade union CGT. In 1983, she was appointed as a collaborator in charge of monitoring social legislation in the office of Pierre Joxe, then president of the Socialist group at the National Assembly (lower chamber of the French Parliament). In 1988, following the legislative elections provoked by François Mitterrand after his re-election as President, Laurent Fabius became President of the National Assembly and chose Laurence Rossignol as one of the officers of his cabinet. In 1991, she used her parliamentary experience to join the cabinet of Frédérique Bredin, Minister of Youth and Sports, as a technical advisor in charge of children and relations with Parliament. She began a political career by being elected as a Regional Advisor for the Picardy Region in 1998 and as a Municipal Advisor of Compiègne (a city of 40 000 inhabitants in the north-east of France) in 2001. Invested in the party's bodies, she held between 2005 and 2014 the successive positions of National Secretary of the PS in charge of women (2005-2008), environment (2008-2012) and sustainable development (2012-2014). In 2004, she also became head of the National Council of Socialist Women. In September 2011, she was elected Senator for the department of Oise and joined the Committee on Sustainable Development, Infrastructure, Equipment and Regional Planning, of which she became Vice President in early 2012. She was particularly active in the preparation of the COP21, and the delegation for women's rights and equal opportunities between men and women. In April 2014, Manuel Valls became Prime Minister and Laurence Rossignol was appointed Junior Minister in his first government, in charge of the Elderly, the Family and Autonomy, a portfolio expanded to include Children as of summer 2015. Following a new ministerial reshuffle, she was appointed Minister for Families, Children and Women's Rights in 2016. She returns to the ranks of the Senate in 2017 following the termination of office of member of the Government and is re-elected three months later as Senator. She is now Vice-President of the Senate, member of the Social Affairs Committee and the Delegation for Women's Rights and Equal Opportunities between Men and Women. She is Vice-Chair of the committee of inquiry on the use of the social network TikTok rapporteure on the bill to strengthen the right to abortion (2021).

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9:30AM-10:30AM

**Breakfast and the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games with Airbnb**

**Felix Vo, Government Affairs Lead, OCOG/NOC/NPC Relations, Olympics and Paralympics, Airbnb**

As the Head of Host City, OCOG, NOC and NPC Relations, Felix oversees relationships with key stakeholders related to Airbnb's TOP partnership with the IOC and the IPC. Felix previously led Strategic Partnerships for Airbnb in the Asia Pacific region and Strategic Partnerships for Airbnb across France, Belgium and the EU institutions. He is currently based in Paris and is currently leading the planning for the Olympic and Paralympic Games Paris 2024. Prior to joining Airbnb, he managed international accounts for Havas Paris, a French strategic communications consultancy, where he advised governments and companies on their branding and communications strategies. He has professional experience both in the private sector and across municipal, regional, and national levels of government. Originally from the United States, Felix holds a Bachelor's degree from Columbia University, a Master's degree from Sciences Po Paris and is a graduate of the French School of Administration.

11:00AM-12:00PM

**American Chamber of Commerce (EACC) ft. MP Christopher Weissberg**

**MP Christopher Weissberg (Presidential Majority), Chair of the National Assembly's France-US Friendship Group**

Aged 37, Christopher Weissberg has been an early supporter of the Macron movement and a strong advocate for the party in Montréal. He is part of Roland Lescure's (the current Deputy Minister of Industry) inner circle as a member of his campaign team for the legislative elections and as an advisor once elected in 2017. He is now a Member of the Parliament (MP) at the National Assembly (lower chamber of the Parliament), as a suppletive to Roland Lescure following his appointment at the Government. He studied and had a few political experiences in the US and Canada. Christopher Weissberg holds a bachelor's degree in arts, Political Sciences from the University of Montreal (2011), a master's degree in political science from the College of Europe (2012) and a master's degree in International Energy, Environment Law, and Natural Resources from political sciences elitist school Sciences Po Paris (2013). He began his career in 2012 as Head of Office of the Vice-President of the Regional Council for Paris' Region, in charge of public procurement and administration, and became two years later a parliamentary assistant of MP Christophe Premat (Socialist) at the National Assembly. In 2015, he shortly joined Amsterdam Group, a Washington-based social media and public relations consultancy company, as a campaign manager. He then became in 2016 the Communications and Press Relations Advisor of Quebec's International Youth Offices. In parallel to this position, he was the referent of Emmanuel Macron's political party (centrist En Marche!, recently renamed Renaissance) in Montreal. During the 2017 presidential elections, he led Roland Lescure's campaign team (the current Deputy Minister of Industry). Following Lescure's election as Member of the Parliament and his appointment as President of the National Assembly's Economic Affairs Committee, he became his Political Advisor. In 2020, he joined the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs as Parliament and elected representatives of French nationals living abroad Advisor to the office of the Junior Minister in charge of Tourism, French nationals living abroad and the Francophonie (Jean-Baptiste Lemoyne). In August 2022 and following the appointment of Roland Lescure as Deputy Minister of Industry, he became a Member of the Parliament for the presidential majority (Renaissance, centrist), representing the 1st constituency for French residents overseas (North America) as his suppletive. At the National Assembly, his priorities are to develop the Flam network (a fund supporting associations providing activities in French to children based abroad), to increase his presence within his consistency and pursue de modernization of consular services. He is committed to a few friendship groups with American countries, namely as the Chair of the France-United States friendship group, a member of France-Argentina, France-Quebec, French-Canada and France-Mexico friendship groups. He is also a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and co-rapporteur of the fact-finding mission on international sanctions policy. In addition, he is a member of a few study groups e.g., Luxury industries, Discrimination and LGBTQI-phobias, Tourism and heritage, Participative democracy and e-democracy, wine and oenology. Finally, he is a member of the French Section of the Parliamentary Francophonie Assembly (APF), an association gathering French-speaking countries' MPs. For the record, he is also the owner of the Left Bank Café, a French restaurant located in New-York since 2010.

### **Katherine Prewitt, Executive Director, European American Chamber of Commerce (EACC)**

Katherine is an American/French trilingual (English/French/German) marketing, communications and organizational development executive. Before joining the European American Chamber of Commerce (EACC) in 2019, she acted as Head of Strategic Communications for the manufacturing group Accudyne Industries, Senior Advisor, Strategic Marketing & Development for the OECD's International Energy Agency and Head of Marketing, Europe for Proudfoot Consulting. Katherine has a Master's Degree from the Sorbonne/CELSA and a Bachelor of Arts from Brown University.

### **12:00PM-1:00PM Lunch with the EACC and Women in Leadership (WIL)**

The European Network for Women in Leadership (WIL) is committed to the promotion and advancement of the professional and social interests of women in leadership positions and aspiring female leaders, across Europe. Since 2010, WIL Europe has been acting as a platform whereby such women can meet and exchange, network, enlarge their horizons, and identify opportunities and ideas that are not readily available in their current social and professional environments. WIL promotes their mission through international, local and online events and workshops, networking opportunities, the Women in Talent Pool programme, and via their website, monthly newsletters, social media channels and online directory.

### **1:30PM-2:30 PM How Web3 Unlocks the Future of Ownership & the Cultural Relevance of NFTs in Communities ft. Ledger and the NFT Factory Open Secrets Exhibition**

#### **Speakers**

- Ian Rogers, Chief Experience Officer, Ledger
- Ariel Wengroff, VP Communications, Ledger
- Julien Nivot, Head of Regulatory Affairs, Ledger
- 1 of 2 co-founders of the NFT Factory

### **4:00PM-5:15PM Meeting with the office of the Deputy Minister for Digital Affairs, Jean-Noël Barrot Renaud Vedel, Head of Office of Jean-Noël Barrot**

Renaud Vedel is a senior civil servant who graduated from Ecole nationale d'administration (ENA), a French elite institution training politicians and senior civil servants and allows one to occupy the highest positions in the French administration. He has mainly served in national security positions and was particularly affected by the 2015 attacks as he was then advisor for home affairs to the Prime Minister. He then ensured for the Prime Minister the proper implementation of the 2015 law on intelligence. Before being appointed in his current role, he coordinated the French national strategy for artificial intelligence (AI). Renaud Vedel graduated from Sciences Po Paris (1993), the University of Manchester (Masters in Economics in 1994), and Ecole Nationale d'Administration (1999). In 2001, he joined the office of the Director General of the National Police (Ministry of Interior) as Head of office. In 2007, he became Deputy Head of office of Paris' Prefect of Police, then moved to the role of Deputy Head of the Minister of Interior's office in 2012. In 2014, Renaud Vedel became Advisor, then Head of the Home Affairs Department at the Prime Minister's office until 2016. In 2018, he was appointed coordinator of France's National Strategy for AI. Following a parliamentary report on AI, Renaud Vedel was in charge of coordinating public and private initiatives aimed at positioning France as one of the world leaders in this set of key information processing technologies. In July 2022, Renaud Vedel appointed Head of Jean-Noël Barrot's office, Deputy Minister for the Digital Transition and Electronic Communications.

### **Mélanie Przyrowski, Telecommunications Advisor to Jean-Noël Barrot, Deputy Minister for Digital Transition and Electronic Communications**

After practicing in the private sector, Mélanie Przyrowski joined the French Ministry of Economy where where she has worked on the French and European Union regulatory landscape for the digital and telecoms sectors for 6 years, before advising Minister Jean-Noel Barrot. Mélanie Przyrowski holds a master's degree in political science from the People's Friendship University of Russia (2015) and a master's degree in international relations from Sciences Po Paris (2015). For the three years following her graduation, she volunteered in the Young Europeans, a transpartisan association promoting the European construction and European federalism, where she was successively Secretary General and Treasurer. She began her career in 2014, in Moscow, as a Junior Business Developer for Bridor (a bakery product manufacturing company). A year later, she returned to Paris, and after a short experience at the strategy and risk management consultancy firm, CEIS, she was hired by Orange as a Junior Institutional and Regulatory Relations Officer. In 2016, she entered the Directorate General for Enterprises at the French Ministry of Economy, where she was Digital Sector Officer, then Parliamentary Advisor and Chief of

Staff at the Director General's office. In July 2022, she was appointed Telecommunications Advisor to Deputy Minister for Digital Transition and Electronic Communications, Jean-Noël Barrot. Mélanie Przyrowski is involved in the association Culture & Cie since 2013. As a volunteer, she supports the association for the organization and supervision of the street arts festival Fest'arts in Libourne and with the mediation between the public and the artist.

#### **Michaël Reffay, Advisor on Regulation and Digital Sovereignty to Jean-Noël Barrot**

Michaël Reffay is a young civil servant specializing in European affairs, who became an expert in digital economy regulation. Before joining the cabinet of Jean-Noël Barrot, he was Deputy Advisor for Digital Affairs at the French Permanent Representation to the European Union. Michael Reffay holds a Master's degree in Behavioral Economics from Panthéon-Sorbonne University (2014), a Master's degree in Public Affairs from Paris Dauphine University (2015) as well as a Master's degree in Political and Administrative Studies obtained from the College of Europe (2016). Michael Reffay began his career in 2014 as a project manager in charge of European and digital affairs at ENGIE. Between 2018 and 2021, he taught as a "digital economy" lecturer at Paris Dauphine University. In 2016, he joined the Ministry of Economy and Finance, Action and Public Accounts as a project manager for the French Digital Agency. Then in 2018, he became project manager for the "Data Economy" before being appointed project manager for the "Data, Electronics and Software Industries". From September 2021 to July 2022, he was deputy advisor for digital, telecommunications and postal services at the French Permanent Representation to the European Union. He participated in the negotiations between the EU member states on the draft Artificial Intelligence Act regulation during the French Presidency of the Council of the EU (January - June 2022). On July 26, 2022, he joined Deputy Minister for Digital Transition and Telecommunications Jean-Noël Barrot's office as Advisor in charge of regulation and digital sovereignty. He is responsible for regulatory issues related to artificial intelligence, data, cloud and online platforms.

#### **Baltis Méjanès, Chief of Staff and Advisor on Online Child Protection to Jean-Noël Barrot**

After graduating from Sciences Po Paris and the London School of Economics and Political Science, Baltis participated to the electoral campaign for the mayorship of Paris of a former Conservative minister, Nathalie Kosciusko-Morizet, in 2014. She served as Chief of Staff of the Mayor of the city of Palaiseau, Grégoire de Lasteyrie (conservatives) from 2014 to 2017, when she became parliamentary assistant of MP Olivia Grégoire (incumbent French Deputy Minister for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, Trade, Craft and Tourism). In 2019, she was appointed Chief of Staff and Advisor for the Relations with the Parliament of the former Junior Minister for Children Rights, Adrien Taquet, and Deputy Chief of Staff of the former Minister of Solidarity and Health, Agnès Buzyn. Since July 2022, Baltis has been serving as Chief of Staff and Advisor on Online Children Protection of the Deputy Minister for Digital Transition and Electronic Communications, Jean-Noël Barrot.

#### **7:00 PM-9:00PM      Closing Dinner: Good Times from a Good Place: Sustainability & Responsibility ft. Pernod Ricard Conor McQuaid, EVP for Corporate Communication, S&R and Public Affairs**

Conor McQuaid holds a degree in International Marketing & Languages from Dublin City University and Universidad de Sevilla. He began his career with Golden Vale Group plc before joining Irish Distillers Ltd in 1998 as Regional Manager for Southern Europe. He subsequently became Regional Director for Europe in 2000 before taking up the position of International Commercial Director of Irish Distillers Ltd in July 2005. He was appointed Managing Director of Pernod Ricard South Africa in July 2011. In March 2015, Conor McQuaid was appointed EVP Global Business Development before moving back to Dublin as Chairman & CEO of Irish Distillers in July 2018. In July 2022 he was appointed Executive Vice President Corporate Communication, S&R and Public Affairs.