

Martin Lees

After five years in industry in Britain, Martin Lees joined OECD in 1971 in the Directorate for Science, Technology and Industry, where he was responsible for the Programme on Innovation in the Procedures and Structures of Government and for the “InterFutures” Project on the Future of the Advanced Industrial Societies in Harmony with that of the Developing Countries. From 1980 to 1984 he was Executive Director of the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development and, in 1984, he was appointed UN Assistant Secretary General. From 1983 to 1987 he was Executive Director of the InterAction Council of former Heads of State and Government. During more than 35 years of cooperation with China, he initiated the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development in 1992.

Between 1990 and 1996 he developed and implemented programmes in the Newly Independent States of the Former Soviet Union as Director General of the International Committee for Economic reform and Cooperation. From 2001 to 2006, he was Rector of the University for Peace of the United Nations and is now Rector Emeritus. From 1995 – 2008 he was Moderator of the International Advisory Board of the Toyota Motor Corporation and, from 2008 to 2010, Secretary General of the Club of Rome.

As Senior Adviser to the President of COP 20 in Lima and moderator of the Gorbachev Task Force on Climate Change, Martin Lees has been engaged for many years on issues of climate, environment, development and economic growth. He is now International Adviser to the University of Koblenz-Landau in Germany for a programme on the advancement of systems thinking which engages the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in Vienna. He is currently Chair of the joint OECD-IIASA Task Force on Systems Thinking, Anticipation and Resilience.

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Martin Lees – CV

Actual 2018	Chair of OECD - IIASA Task Force on Systems Thinking, Anticipation and Resilience
2015 to 2018	Adviser, Systems Thinking Program, University of Koblenz-Landau, Germany
March 2017	Chairman, Rome Symposium on Climate Change and World Development
2011 to 2012	Vice Chairman, Conference on Affordable World Security, Washington, DC
2010 to 2017	Moderator, Gorbachev High Level Task Force on Climate Change
2013 to 2014	Adviser to GTZ and the African Union on the Pan African University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
March 2014 to June 2015	High-level Adviser to the President of COP 20, Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention on Climate Change, Lima, Peru
January 2008 to March 2010	Secretary General of the Club of Rome, Switzerland
2007 to 2009	Senior Adviser to the Chinese Government (NDRC) on climate change and on the Xiao Kang program for a harmonious society
2001 to 2005	Rector of the University for Peace of the United Nations, Costa Rica
1995 to 2008	Moderator, International Advisory Board of the Toyota Motor Corporation
1991 to 1996	Director General of the International Committee for Economic Reform and Cooperation, Bonn Development and implementation of programmes of cooperation among the Newly Independent States of the Former Soviet Union
1997 to 2000	International Co-Chairman of the CCICED/State Development Planning Commission, now NDRC, Program on the Integration of Economic Planning and Environmental Protection for the 10 th Five Year Plan
1992	Initiator and 15 year member of the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED) providing advice directly to the leaders of China
1980 to 2000	Organiser of programmes of cooperation with China including an advisory programme for the leadership, "China and the World in the Nineties" (1988 to 1998)
1984 to 1988	Assistant Secretary General, UN, and Executive Director of the InterAction Council of former Heads of State and Government, Vienna.
1980 to 1984	Executive Director of the UN Financing System for Science and Technology for Development
1978 to 1980	Special Adviser to the Administrator of UNDP, New York
1971 to 1978	OECD: Responsible for programmes on Cooperation in Science and Technology and on Innovation in the Procedures and Structures of Government Initiated the OECD "InterFutures Project": a three year program on "The Future of the Advanced Industrial Societies in Harmony with that of the Developing Countries." (1974)
1970 to 1971	Post-graduate Diploma in European Studies, College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium Editor, "New Techniques in Public Administration."
1965 to 1969	Manager in Industry, General Electric Company, UK
1964	Graduate degree in Mechanical Sciences, Cambridge University, UK

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