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In alphabetical order, we have a panel made up of first, Gordon Smith. Gordon has administrative and political experience that will be very interesting for this afternoon's discussion, since amongst other things he has been a sherpa for the Canadian government at previous summits. He also has valuable personal experience to share on questions of global governance, which he has built up as a Distinguished Fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation in Waterloo (Ontario), which is a centre I would like to do a 30-second ad for. The centre is a hub for international debate on problems of governance, with which the IFRI is organising a seminar in Paris, in December, on the French presidency of the G8 and G20 next year. Next we have Pier Carlo Padoan, who is Deputy Secretary-General and Chief Economist at the OECD, as well as a professor of economics and someone who is closely involved in the issues around the conduct of economic policies, macroeconomic regulation policies and structural reform policies.

Lionel Zinsou is also an old colleague whose academic roots are not apparent in this short summary, but who does have an academic background and is now and has been for many years a banker and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Paribas Affaires Internationales. All three, as I said earlier, are going to help us cover three types of question. To begin, we will proceed in the same way as previously, with a short presentation of around ten minutes, allowing to develop a number of ideas in a coherent way. Firstly, about the financial sector seen from the inside. Next, about coordinating economic policies and reforms with Pier Carlo Padoan and finally, about all these issues at the political level of global governance, with Gordon. That's what I suggest we do. Thank you all for being here. Let me hand over to Lionel to begin.