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## **Thierry de Montbrial**

During today's last session we are going to talk about Africa. For that we've invited two speakers. To my immediate left is Cheikh Tidiane Gadio, a leading Senegalese political figure, academic and President Wade's foreign affairs Minister for seven to eight years.

## **Cheikh Tidiane GADIO**

Almost 10 years.

## **Thierry de Montbrial**

Almost 10 years. He looks younger now than when I first met him. He has extensive international experience and heads a centre focusing on security issues. I think we will talk with him mainly about security issues in a fairly broad sense. Nathalie Delapalme, whom many of you know, is a leading Africa expert and has been the Mo Ibrahim Foundation's Scientific Director for I do not know how many years. Mo Ibrahim is a very familiar face here. He's already spoken at the WPC several times. Nathalie is also director of publications at the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, especially the governance index, which measures advances or setbacks in matters of governance in Africa, within African countries, from year to year. I will ask each of them to talk a few minutes about their respective fields, knowing of course that they have more to say about these issues than I do. We will start with Tidiane and security issues in Africa.