

## INTRODUCTION

### **Arnaud Breuillac, Senior Advisor to the Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of TotalEnergies**

I am very honored to chair this workshop on energy, climate, sustainable development and food security, a lot of important subjects. Let me first thank the organizers, Thierry de Montbrial and Ifri, and our host, the United Arab Emirates. Where else could such a nice conference be organized?

We are very privileged to have a distinguished panel with us today, starting with Her Excellency Mariam Al Mheiri, who has recently been appointed Minister of Climate Change and Environment of the UAE. I understand that you had a former portfolio in relation with food security. Peter Handley is Head of the Energy-Intensive Industries and Raw Material Unit in the EU Commission at the Directorate-General for Growth. Dr. Isabelle Tsakok is an economist, consultant on agriculture and rural development and Senior Fellow at the Policy Center for the New South. Olivier Appert is Chairman of France Brevets, Scientific Advisor of the Energy Center of Ifri and the former President of the French Energy Council and L'Institut français du Pétrole, IFP Energies nouvelles. Last but not least, Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazzega is the Director of the Center for Energy and Climate at Ifri.

We are going to have a workshop in four parts. The first part will be a sort of introductory presentation by me setting the scene on energies and the climate challenge. Then we will have a quick Q&A session on this topic. This will be followed by Her Excellency Mariam Al Mheiri on sustainable food systems. Then again, we will have a Q&A session after this presentation. We will then address two issues related to urgencies, one on the food security challenge with Dr. Isabelle Tsakok and one on the electricity supply security challenge by Olivier Appert, and then we will open the floor again for questions. The fourth session will be on how to boost nuclear, renewable, and other low-carbon technologies, the challenges, and perspectives on that, and for this session Peter Handley and Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazzega will give us some information so that we can open the floor for discussion. That is the agenda I propose, and I am sure there will be a lot of questions after the various presentations.