

Bernard BIGOT

Administrator-General of the French Atomic and Alternative Energies Authority (CEA) and ITER Organization Director-General nominee

A physicist and chemist who attended the prestigious *École normale supérieure*, Bernard Bigot, 64, presently the Administrator-General of the French Atomic and Alternative Energies Authority, has held several cabinet positions in the French administration.

He was the Director-General for research and technology (1996-1997) and the Deputy-Director for Research (1998-2000) at the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research.

In 2000, he was appointed Director of *École normale supérieure*, Lyon (2000-2003).

Bernard Bigot was Vice-Minister Claudie Haigneré's Chief of Staff at the Ministry of Research and New Technologies, and Minister Luc Ferry's Deputy Chief of Staff at the Ministry of Youth, National Education and Research (2002-2003).



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In 2003, he was appointed High Commissioner for Atomic Energy (the High Commissioner is an independent scientific authority whose mission is to advise the French President and the French government on nuclear policy.)

Six years later, Bernard Bigot took the helm of the French Atomic and Alternative Energies Authority (*Commissariat à l'énergie atomique et aux énergies alternatives, CEA*). In 2011, his three-year mandate was renewed.

His involvement in ITER goes back a long way. In his cabinets posts in the early 2000 he was a driving force in promoting France's candidature to host the project.

In 2006, he was appointed "High Commissioner for the implementation of the ITER Project in France," overseeing the interaction between France as the "host country" and the international ITER Project.