

Jacques Attali

Founder and President of PlaNNet Finance Group

Writer, professor of economics at the Ecole Polytechnique, Special Adviser to the President of the Republic from 1981 to 1991, founder and first President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in London from 1991 to 1993, Jacques Attali www.attali.com is currently CEO of A&A, an international consulting firm www.aeta.net specialised in new technologies, based in Paris, and President of PlaNNet Finance.

PlaNNet Finance Group fights poverty by improving access to financial services through the development of microfinance. To achieve this, the group addresses governments, enterprises and other actors in the sector to offer and create products and services that are appropriate for the needs of poor populations. This activity allows microentrepreneurs to balance their revenues, execute their professional projects and insure themselves. PlaNNet Finance Group develops a whole set of activities related to its mission. It counts among the world's leading microfinance organisations and is active in 80 countries.

He founded Action Against Hunger in 1980 and the European programme Eurêka (a major European programme on new technologies that invented, among other things, the MP3). In, 1989, he also launched an international programme of action against the disastrous floods in

Bangladesh. Jacques Attali then advised the Secretary General of the United Nations on the risks of nuclear proliferation. He is at the origin of the higher education reform, known as LMD, to bring all European degrees into line.

Jacques Attali has a doctorate in Economics and is a graduate of the Ecole Polytechnique (first in the class of 1963), the Ecole des Mines, the Institut d'Etudes Politiques and the Ecole Nationale de l'Administration. He taught Economic Theory at the Ecole Polytechnique, the Ecole des Ponts et Chaussées and the University of Paris-Dauphine. He has received several foreign universities and is a member of the Universal Academy of Cultures.

Jacques Attali is a columnist for the magazine L'Express. He has written more than 50 books, translated into more than thirty languages, with over eight million copies sold all over the world, including essays (dealing with a wide variety of subjects ranging from mathematical economics, to music), biographies, novels, children's tales and plays. Dr. Attali has been designated as one of the three most influential intellectuals in France and one of the 100 most influential worldwide.



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