# Adrien Abecassis: A Comprehensive Biography

## Early Life and Education

Adrien Abecassis was born on December 24, 1981[[1]](https://www.archivesportaleurope.net/advanced-search/search-in-names/results-(names)/?repositoryCode=FR-FRAN&recordId=FRAN_NP_052478#:~:text=Date%20of%20birth%3A)[[2]](https://www.archivesportaleurope.net/advanced-search/search-in-names/results-(names)/?repositoryCode=FR-FRAN&recordId=FRAN_NP_052478#:~:text=N%C3%A9%20le%2024%20d%C3%A9cembre%201981). He pursued an extensive education in law and political studies in France. Abecassis earned a **Maîtrise (master’s degree) in Public Law** from **Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne**, followed by a specialized postgraduate DESS (Diplôme d’études supérieures spécialisées) in **Human Rights and Humanitarian Law** at **Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas**[[3]](https://www.archivesportaleurope.net/advanced-search/search-in-names/results-(names)/?repositoryCode=FR-FRAN&recordId=FRAN_NP_052478#:~:text=Dipl%C3%B4mes). Complementing his legal education, he graduated from the prestigious **Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po)**[[4]](https://www.archivesportaleurope.net/advanced-search/search-in-names/results-(names)/?repositoryCode=FR-FRAN&recordId=FRAN_NP_052478#:~:text=Ma%C3%AEtrise%20de%20droit%20public%2C%20universit%C3%A9,Sorbonne), where he later returned as a lecturer in international relations[[5]](https://legal-planet.org/2020/11/16/new-fellows-join-the-ucla-emmett-institute/#:~:text=A%20career%20French%20diplomat%2C%20Abecassis,for%20Science%20and%20International%20Affairs). Early in his career, Abecassis also passed the competitive civil service entrance exam for attachés d’administration (state administration attachés), training at the Regional Institute of Administration in Metz[[6]](https://www.archivesportaleurope.net/advanced-search/search-in-names/results-(names)/?repositoryCode=FR-FRAN&recordId=FRAN_NP_052478#:~:text=Dipl%C3%B4m%C3%A9%20de%20l%E2%80%99Institut%20d%E2%80%99%C3%A9tudes%20politiques,de%20Paris). This blend of legal, political, and administrative education provided a strong foundation for his future roles in diplomacy and policy.

## Entry into Diplomatic Service and Think Tank Work

In 2007, after completing his studies, Abecassis embarked on a career in the French diplomatic service. He was appointed **Secrétaire des affaires étrangères (Secretary of Foreign Affairs)** at the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, initially serving in the ministry’s Financial Affairs Directorate from 2007 to 2010[[7]](https://www.archivesportaleurope.net/advanced-search/search-in-names/results-(names)/?repositoryCode=FR-FRAN&recordId=FRAN_NP_052478#:~:text=Carri%C3%A8re). This role marked the start of what would become a 15-year career in international policy.

During the early 2010s, Abecassis also engaged with policy research and political thought leadership. From 2010 to 2012 he worked at the **Fondation Jean-Jaurès**, a prominent Paris-based think tank, as *chargé de mission* (project manager) for European and international events and publications[[8]](https://www.archivesportaleurope.net/advanced-search/search-in-names/results-(names)/?repositoryCode=FR-FRAN&recordId=FRAN_NP_052478#:~:text=Secr%C3%A9taire%20des%20affaires%20%C3%A9trang%C3%A8res%20affect%C3%A9,2010). In this capacity he organized policy forums and contributed to research on European affairs. Notably, even before joining the Elysée (the French presidential office), he co-authored high-profile analytical works. He collaborated with former Foreign Minister Hubert Védrine on the book *Continuer l’Histoire* (“Continue History”), published in 2007, which examined global affairs in a historical context[[9]](https://www.institutdiderot.fr/author/hubert-vedrine/#:~:text=%28Fondation%20Jean,Fayard%2C%202019). The following year, he co-authored *Atlas du monde global* (“Atlas of the Global World”) with international relations expert Pascal Boniface, a comprehensive collection of maps and analysis illustrating global trends[[9]](https://www.institutdiderot.fr/author/hubert-vedrine/#:~:text=%28Fondation%20Jean,Fayard%2C%202019). These early publications signaled Abecassis’s engagement with international and strategic issues and established him as a young voice in foreign policy debates.

## Adviser to the President of France (2012–2017)

Abecassis’s most prominent government service came with the presidency of **François Hollande**. Shortly after Hollande took office in May 2012, Abecassis joined the President’s staff at the Elysée Palace. He initially served as **Chargé de mission for European affairs and speeches** in Hollande’s cabinet (May 2012 – July 2014)[[10]](https://www.archivesportaleurope.net/advanced-search/search-in-names/results-(names)/?repositoryCode=FR-FRAN&recordId=FRAN_NP_052478#:~:text=international%20%C2%BB%20%C3%A0%20la%20Fondation,2012). In this role, he was responsible for crafting presidential speeches and advising on European policy matters. Abecassis proved to be a key aide in shaping France’s European agenda, drawing on his background in EU affairs.

In July 2014, Abecassis was promoted to **Conseiller (advisor) for European bilateral affairs** to the President[[11]](https://www.archivesportaleurope.net/advanced-search/search-in-names/results-(names)/?repositoryCode=FR-FRAN&recordId=FRAN_NP_052478#:~:text=Charg%C3%A9%20de%20mission%20pour%20les,juillet%202014). This higher advisory role meant he oversaw France’s relations with individual European countries, providing strategic counsel to Hollande on managing bilateral ties within the EU[[12]](https://fas.org/expert/adrien-abecassis/#:~:text=Adrien%20Abecassis). He coordinated policies across government ministries to ensure coherence in France’s European diplomacy[[12]](https://fas.org/expert/adrien-abecassis/#:~:text=Adrien%20Abecassis). Colleagues have noted that Abecassis was instrumental in formulating France’s positions on EU matters during a turbulent period marked by the Eurozone crisis and rising populism in Europe[[5]](https://legal-planet.org/2020/11/16/new-fellows-join-the-ucla-emmett-institute/#:~:text=A%20career%20French%20diplomat%2C%20Abecassis,for%20Science%20and%20International%20Affairs).

In March 2016, Hollande appointed Abecassis as **Conseiller pour les études (Advisor for studies)** in the presidential cabinet[[13]](https://www.archivesportaleurope.net/advanced-search/search-in-names/results-(names)/?repositoryCode=FR-FRAN&recordId=FRAN_NP_052478#:~:text=Conseiller%20pour%20les%20affaires%20bilat%C3%A9rales,). In this capacity, he provided daily briefs and in-depth analysis to the President, focusing on public opinion research and long-term policy planning[[14]](https://be.linkedin.com/in/adrien-abecassis#:~:text=...%20be.linkedin.com%20%20,conducting%20public%20opinion%20surveys). Essentially acting as a senior political advisor, Abecassis assessed political trends, coordinated opinion polling, and helped craft strategic responses[[14]](https://be.linkedin.com/in/adrien-abecassis#:~:text=...%20be.linkedin.com%20%20,conducting%20public%20opinion%20surveys). According to media reports at the time, President Hollande would rely on advisors like Abecassis – who was in charge of monitoring public opinion – to gauge the national mood and adjust policies accordingly[[15]](https://www.lemonde.fr/politique/article/2016/03/29/hollande-un-president-deconnecte_4891462_823448.html#:~:text=Hollande%2C%20un%20pr%C3%A9sident%20d%C3%A9connect%C3%A9%20par,il%20demande%20des%20synth%C3%A8ses). Abecassis continued to serve in this senior advisory role until the end of Hollande’s term in May 2017[[16]](https://www.archivesportaleurope.net/advanced-search/search-in-names/results-(names)/?repositoryCode=FR-FRAN&recordId=FRAN_NP_052478#:~:text=Conseiller%20pour%20les%20%C3%A9tudes%20au,arr%C3%AAt%C3%A9%20du%201er%20mars%202016).

During his tenure at the Elysée, Abecassis also became involved in major international initiatives. Notably, he was part of the French team at the landmark **2015 Paris Climate Conference (COP21)**, where he served as a senior aide to President Hollande[[17]](https://law.ucla.edu/academics/centers/emmett-institute-climate-change-environment/geoengineering-governance#:~:text=%23%202021,Partnership%20with%20Paris%20Peace%20Forum). In that role, Abecassis contributed to the diplomatic and political efforts that led to the Paris Agreement on climate change[[17]](https://law.ucla.edu/academics/centers/emmett-institute-climate-change-environment/geoengineering-governance#:~:text=%23%202021,Partnership%20with%20Paris%20Peace%20Forum). His experience at COP21 reflected his growing engagement with global governance challenges beyond European affairs. By the time he left the Elysée in 2017, Abecassis had amassed high-level experience in diplomacy, European policy, and multilateral negotiations.

## Academic Fellowships and Visiting Scholar Roles (2017–2021)

After the 2012–2017 presidential term, Adrien Abecassis transitioned into academia and policy research, further broadening his international perspective. In 2017, he was selected as a **Visiting Fellow at Harvard University’s Weatherhead Center for International Affairs**, joining the Weatherhead Scholars Program[[18]](https://www.wcfia.harvard.edu/conferences/17-18-weatherhead-forum#:~:text=Weatherhead%20Forum%202017%E2%80%932018%20Adrien%20Abecassis%2C,Schumpeter%20Fellow%2C%20Weatherhead)[[19]](https://legal-planet.org/2020/11/16/new-fellows-join-the-ucla-emmett-institute/#:~:text=European%20policy%20think,for%20Science%20and%20International%20Affairs). At Weatherhead, his research interests included diplomacy, international cooperation, European affairs, governance, public opinion, and the rise of populism[[20]](https://ces.fas.harvard.edu/people/adrien-abecassis#:~:text=Adrien%20Abecassis%20,Ministry%20of%20Foreign%20Affairs)[[21]](https://inequality.wcfia.harvard.edu/people/adrien-abecassis#:~:text=Adrien%20Abecassis%20,Diplomacy%2C%20international%20cooperation%20and). He participated in the Center’s research clusters, such as the comparative study of populism, contributing insights from his firsthand political experience in Europe[[22]](https://www.wcfia.harvard.edu/file_url/6841#:~:text=,%C3%98yvind). During this period, he authored a working paper on voter behavior in French elections, published by Harvard’s Weatherhead Center in October 2017[[23]](https://epicenter.wcfia.harvard.edu/blog/turnout-and-voter-insecurity-french-elections#:~:text=Epicenter%20epicenter,Fellow%20Adrien%20Abecassis%2C%20former). In that analysis, Abecassis explored factors behind voter turnout and insecurity in France’s 2017 election, drawing on his expertise in public opinion and political trends[[23]](https://epicenter.wcfia.harvard.edu/blog/turnout-and-voter-insecurity-french-elections#:~:text=Epicenter%20epicenter,Fellow%20Adrien%20Abecassis%2C%20former).

Continuing his transatlantic academic engagement, Abecassis was affiliated with **Harvard’s Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs** at the Kennedy School. He served as an **International Affairs Fellow at the Belfer Center in 2020–2021**, where he focused on global governance and emerging policy challenges[[24]](https://cerre.eu/biographies/adrien-abecassis/#:~:text=to%20fostering%20multilateral%20cooperation%20and,21)[[25]](https://fas.org/expert/adrien-abecassis/#:~:text=President%20of%20France%20overseeing%20French,21). At Belfer, Abecassis joined research projects on transatlantic relations and technology policy. For example, in April 2020 he co-authored a Foreign Policy magazine piece calling for a “Digital Bill of Rights” in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic’s impact on privacy[[26]](https://foreignpolicy.com/author/adrien-abecassis/#:~:text=)[[27]](https://foreignpolicy.com/author/adrien-abecassis/#:~:text=spread%20of%20COVID). He also collaborated on a Belfer Center report in May 2020 (with scholar Jolyon Howorth) titled *“Breaking the Ice: How France and the UK Could Reshape a Credible European Defense and Renew the Transatlantic Partnership,”* examining Franco-British defense cooperation post-Brexit[[28]](https://www.belfercenter.org/publication/breaking-ice-how-france-and-uk-could-reshape-credible-european-defense-and-renew#:~:text=Breaking%20the%20Ice%3A%20How%20France,Ithaca%2C%20Cornell%20University%20Press%2C%202014)[[29]](https://www.belfercenter.org/person/adrien-abecassis#:~:text=Your%20search%20did%20not%20return,Please%20try%20another%20search). These works underscored his blend of practical and scholarly approach to policy issues.

At the same time, Abecassis held a visiting fellowship at **UCLA School of Law**. In the academic year 2020–21, he was appointed an **Emmett Fellow in Environmental Law and Policy** at UCLA’s Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment[[30]](https://legal-planet.org/2020/11/16/new-fellows-join-the-ucla-emmett-institute/#:~:text=Adrien%20Abecassis%20joins%20us%20as,21). In this role, he conducted research on the governance of climate engineering (geoengineering) and taught courses in environmental law and policy. His selection for this fellowship was driven by his unique experience at COP21 and diplomatic insight into international climate negotiations[[31]](https://legal-planet.org/2020/11/16/new-fellows-join-the-ucla-emmett-institute/#:~:text=Paris%20Institute%20of%20Political%20Studies,for%20Science%20and%20International%20Affairs). At UCLA, Abecassis focused on how to convene policymakers and experts to address the legal and ethical questions around solar geoengineering[[32]](https://legal-planet.org/2020/11/16/new-fellows-join-the-ucla-emmett-institute/#:~:text=Affairs%20and%20Belfer%20Center%20for,Science%20and%20International%20Affairs). He even served as a co-signatory to a comment letter by UCLA and Harvard faculty on the governance structure of a proposed solar geoengineering experiment[[33]](https://legal-planet.org/2020/11/16/new-fellows-join-the-ucla-emmett-institute/#:~:text=During%20his%20fellowship%2C%20Abecassis%20will,solar%20geoengineering%20research%20at%20Harvard), reflecting his active engagement in cutting-edge climate policy debates. Abecassis’s fellowship at UCLA overlapped with his time at Harvard, demonstrating a multifaceted academic involvement on both U.S. coasts.

During these years, Abecassis also remained connected to policy circles in France and Europe. He was an **associate expert at Fondation Jean-Jaurès** (until 2017) and contributed commentary to French media and think tanks as an independent analyst[[34]](https://www.jean-jaures.org/expert/adrien-abecassis/#:~:text=Adrien%20Abecassis%20,D%C3%A9mocratie). For instance, he penned analyses on French politics and Emmanuel Macron’s presidency for publications like *L’Obs* and the Jean-Jaurès Foundation in 2017[[35]](https://www.jean-jaures.org/expert/adrien-abecassis/#:~:text=Adrien%20Abecassis%20,l%27opinion%20face%20au%20nouveau%20pouvoir). In media appearances and op-eds, Abecassis often provided perspective as a former Elysée insider and a scholar – bridging practical politics and academic analysis.

## Paris Peace Forum – Leadership in Global Governance Initiatives

In the early 2020s, Adrien Abecassis took on a leadership role at the **Paris Peace Forum**, further solidifying his career at the nexus of diplomacy and global civil society. The Paris Peace Forum is an international initiative launched in 2018 to promote innovative solutions for global governance and multilateral cooperation. Abecassis joined the Forum’s permanent secretariat and currently serves as the **Director of Policy Initiatives** (often referred to as **Chief Policy Officer** or **Executive Director for Policy**) of the Paris Peace Forum[[36]](https://parispeaceforum.org/our-team/#:~:text=Image)[[37]](https://www.overshootcommission.org/secretariat#:~:text=Adrien%20Ab%C3%A9cassis%20is%20a%20career,Affairs%20Fellow%20at%20Harvard%20University). In this capacity, he leads the team responsible for incubating and managing the Forum’s major policy projects aimed at improving the governance of global commons[[37]](https://www.overshootcommission.org/secretariat#:~:text=Adrien%20Ab%C3%A9cassis%20is%20a%20career,Affairs%20Fellow%20at%20Harvard%20University). His portfolio covers a range of international issues – from climate action and sustainable development to digital governance and peace & security – aligning with the Forum’s mission to strengthen multilateral responses to global challenges[[38]](https://parispeaceforum.org/our-team/#:~:text=The%20Paris%20Peace%20Forum%20team)[[37]](https://www.overshootcommission.org/secretariat#:~:text=Adrien%20Ab%C3%A9cassis%20is%20a%20career,Affairs%20Fellow%20at%20Harvard%20University).

Abecassis’s move to the Paris Peace Forum around 2021 marked his return to an operational policy role in Europe, after his academic stints. At the Forum, he has been at the forefront of initiatives like the **Climate Overshoot Commission**, an international commission addressing climate intervention strategies. He serves as **Principal Advisor** to the Commission’s co-chair, leveraging the Paris Peace Forum as the host institution for the Commission’s secretariat[[39]](https://www.overshootcommission.org/secretariat#:~:text=A%20Secretariat%20composed%20of%20academic,committed%20to%20improve%20global%20governance)[[40]](https://www.overshootcommission.org/secretariat#:~:text=Adrien%20Ab%C3%A9cassis). Abecassis’s background as a career diplomat and scholar made him well-suited to navigate this kind of multi-stakeholder global initiative. As the Forum’s Chief Policy Officer, his work involves convening diplomats, experts, NGOs, and industry leaders to devise practical solutions – exemplifying the Forum’s role as a “platform for dialogs on high-stakes global challenges”[[41]](https://law.ucla.edu/academics/centers/emmett-institute-climate-change-environment/geoengineering-governance#:~:text=for%20geoengineering%2C%20involving%20a%20globally,continuing%20through%202021%20and%202022).

One of Abecassis’s notable contributions at the Paris Peace Forum has been in the realm of international development finance. In 2023, French President Emmanuel Macron appointed him as **Deputy Special Envoy to the Summit for a New Global Financing Pact**, a major international summit aimed at reforming development finance and addressing climate change funding gaps[[42]](https://parispeaceforum.org/news/how-the-paris-peace-forum-is-contributing-to-the-summit-for-a-new-global-financing-pact/#:~:text=The%20Paris%20Peace%20Forum%20is,to%20the%20Summit%C2%A0by%20President%20Macron). In this role, Abecassis helped coordinate civil society input and global partnerships in the lead-up to the summit, working closely with international organizations and leaders. The Forum, under Abecassis’s policy direction, partnered with the French government to ensure voices from the Global South were included in the discussions on development and climate financing[[42]](https://parispeaceforum.org/news/how-the-paris-peace-forum-is-contributing-to-the-summit-for-a-new-global-financing-pact/#:~:text=The%20Paris%20Peace%20Forum%20is,to%20the%20Summit%C2%A0by%20President%20Macron)[[43]](https://parispeaceforum.org/news/how-the-paris-peace-forum-is-contributing-to-the-summit-for-a-new-global-financing-pact/#:~:text=Hundreds%20of%20millions%20of%20people%C2%A0are,those%20resulting%20from%20climate%20change). His appointment as Deputy Special Envoy by the head of state underscores the French government’s trust in Abecassis’s expertise and his bridging role between official diplomacy and civil society action.

Within the Paris Peace Forum, Abecassis also functions as a **Special Advisor to the Executive Board**[[36]](https://parispeaceforum.org/our-team/#:~:text=Image). This role involves advising the Forum’s leadership (which has included figures like Pascal Lamy and Justin Vaïsse) on strategic directions and institutional partnerships. Abecassis moderates high-level panels at the Forum’s annual conference – for example, sessions on global digital governance and equitable development – showcasing his thought leadership on stage. Under his guidance, the Policy Initiatives team has launched projects such as the **“Reinventing Development” Center** and supported the **Paris Call for AI Regulation**, reflecting the broad scope of issues he oversees[[44]](https://parispeaceforum.org/our-team/#:~:text=Policy%20team)[[45]](https://parispeaceforum.org/our-team/#:~:text=Image). His work at the Forum amplifies many of the themes present throughout his career: fostering multilateral cooperation, integrating expert knowledge into policy, and addressing transnational challenges from climate change to technology governance.

## Publications and Thought Leadership

Adrien Abecassis has an extensive record of publications, essays, and public commentary spanning academic, policy, and media outlets. In addition to the books *Continuer l’Histoire* (2007) and *Atlas du monde global* (2008) noted earlier, he has co-authored policy papers and op-eds in multiple languages. For example, in the realm of European security, he co-wrote **“Breaking the Ice: How France and the UK Could Reshape a Credible European Defense…”** in 2020, advocating for stronger Franco-British military cooperation after Brexit[[28]](https://www.belfercenter.org/publication/breaking-ice-how-france-and-uk-could-reshape-credible-european-defense-and-renew#:~:text=Breaking%20the%20Ice%3A%20How%20France,Ithaca%2C%20Cornell%20University%20Press%2C%202014). In the digital policy domain, he was a co-author of **“Privacy and the Pandemic: Time for a Digital Bill of Rights”**, an April 2020 **Foreign Policy** magazine article examining how to protect personal data and freedoms during global health crises[[26]](https://foreignpolicy.com/author/adrien-abecassis/#:~:text=)[[27]](https://foreignpolicy.com/author/adrien-abecassis/#:~:text=spread%20of%20COVID).

Abecassis has also contributed analysis pieces to leading French newspapers and think tanks. In March 2020, **Le Monde** published his essay on how the COVID-19 crisis was shaking perceptions of democracy and freedom[[46]](https://www.belfercenter.org/person/adrien-abecassis#:~:text=Flickr%2FRawpixel%20Ltd). The same month, **Les Échos** (a major French financial daily) featured his commentary on globalization in the era of President Trump[[47]](https://www.belfercenter.org/person/adrien-abecassis#:~:text=U). As an *expert associé* of Fondation Jean-Jaurès, he penned articles dissecting French public opinion—such as **“Les Français et Emmanuel Macron : premières fissures dans le pacte?”** in 2017, which analyzed the early wavering of public support for President Macron[[35]](https://www.jean-jaures.org/expert/adrien-abecassis/#:~:text=Adrien%20Abecassis%20,l%27opinion%20face%20au%20nouveau%20pouvoir). Additionally, Abecassis has co-authored scholarly pieces like **“La coopération militaire franco-britannique après le Brexit”** with British academic Jolyon Howorth, published in a 2018 volume on European history and strategy[[48]](https://shs.cairn.info/revue-politique-etrangere-2020-4-page-55?lang=fr#:~:text=La%20coop%C3%A9ration%20militaire%20franco,Histoire%20de%20l%27Europe).

His wide-ranging publications reflect a versatility in subject matter: from European Union politics, to transatlantic relations, climate policy, digital rights, and democratic resilience. Importantly, Abecassis often provides context from his direct experience in government. Whether writing in French or English, in academic journals or popular media, he offers a practitioner’s insight into policymaking. This blend of scholarly analysis and real-world perspective has made him a sought-after voice in policy forums. He has been invited to speak at conferences and think-tank panels worldwide, and he frequently moderates discussions at the Paris Peace Forum’s annual gathering of global leaders[[36]](https://parispeaceforum.org/our-team/#:~:text=Image).

## Honors and Professional Affiliations

In recognition of his service and contributions, Adrien Abecassis has received several honors. Notably, he was named an **Honorary Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE)** by Queen Elizabeth II – an honor bestowed for his contributions to international cooperation involving the United Kingdom[[49]](https://be.linkedin.com/in/adrien-abecassis#:~:text=Adrien%20ABECASSIS%20,to%20my%20diplomatic%20work). He has also been decorated by Poland: he received the **Knight’s Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland**, which is awarded to individuals (often foreigners) who have rendered exceptional service to Poland or fostered Polish international relations[[49]](https://be.linkedin.com/in/adrien-abecassis#:~:text=Adrien%20ABECASSIS%20,to%20my%20diplomatic%20work). These foreign honors reflect the impact of Abecassis’s diplomatic work during his time in the French government, particularly his role in European affairs. In addition, as a French public servant, it is customary to be recognized domestically; Abecassis is reported to have been honored in France’s national orders as well, consistent with his status as a former presidential advisor and diplomat.

Abecassis is a member of various professional and strategic networks. During his Harvard fellowship, he was affiliated with research clusters on global populism and comparative inequality[[22]](https://www.wcfia.harvard.edu/file_url/6841#:~:text=,%C3%98yvind), connecting him with an international network of scholars. He has collaborated with institutions like the **Federation of American Scientists (FAS)** – where he is listed as an expert in technology policy and global risk[[12]](https://fas.org/expert/adrien-abecassis/#:~:text=Adrien%20Abecassis) – and he contributed to the **Council on Foreign Relations’** discussions on digital governance through his FP article. In Europe, Abecassis has ties to policy-planning circles and is often cited as part of the alumni network of French presidential advisors. He also served as a **lecturer at Sciences Po Paris**, teaching international relations to the next generation of policymakers[[5]](https://legal-planet.org/2020/11/16/new-fellows-join-the-ucla-emmett-institute/#:~:text=A%20career%20French%20diplomat%2C%20Abecassis,for%20Science%20and%20International%20Affairs). This academic role and his continuing affiliation with academic centers indicate his commitment to mentoring and knowledge-sharing in his field.

Moreover, Abecassis’s work at the Paris Peace Forum places him at the heart of a global network of governance innovators and practitioners. He works closely with former heads of state, NGO leaders, and international organizations through the Forum’s projects and advisory board. For instance, his role in the Climate Overshoot Commission secretariat connects him with climate scientists and diplomats worldwide[[39]](https://www.overshootcommission.org/secretariat#:~:text=A%20Secretariat%20composed%20of%20academic,committed%20to%20improve%20global%20governance)[[40]](https://www.overshootcommission.org/secretariat#:~:text=Adrien%20Ab%C3%A9cassis). He is also involved in the **European Leadership Network** and other strategic groups in an informal capacity, given his background – though not always publicly listed, former high-level advisors like him are often engaged in behind-the-scenes policy dialogues.

In sum, Adrien Abecassis’s biography spans the corridors of power in Paris, the halls of academia at Harvard and UCLA, and the convening spaces of global governance in Brussels and beyond. **As a career diplomat, policy advisor, and public intellectual, he has over 15 years of experience advising governments at the highest level and advancing international cooperation**[[49]](https://be.linkedin.com/in/adrien-abecassis#:~:text=Adrien%20ABECASSIS%20,to%20my%20diplomatic%20work). Whether drafting speeches for a president, negotiating climate initiatives, or crafting innovative policy frameworks at a global forum, Abecassis has consistently worked at the intersection of ideas and action. His trajectory – from French ministries to international think tanks – and the honors he has earned along the way, testify to a career dedicated to public service, intellectual rigor, and the pursuit of solutions to complex global challenges.

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