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Bernard Lietaer has been active in the domain of money systems for a period of 25 years in an unusual variety of functions. While at the Central Bank in Belgium he co-designed and implemented the convergence mechanism (ECU) to the single European currency system. During that period, he also served as President of Belgium's Electronic Payment System. His consultant experience in monetary aspects on four continents ranges from multinational corporations to developing countries. He was General Manager, Co-Founder and Chief Currency Trader for the Gaia Hedge Funds, one of the world's largest off-shore trading funds. Its flagship fund Gaia Hedge II was rated as the world's "top performing managed currency fund" and "the top performing off-shore fund" by Micropal Inc. in their survey of 1,800 off-shore funds during the entire period he managed this fund (1987- April 1991). *Business Week* identified him as "the world's top currency trader" in 1990.

He was Visiting Professor of International Finance at the University of Louvain and is currently a Research Fellow at the Center for Sustainable Resources at the University of California at Berkeley (<http://www.cnr.berkeley.edu/csrd>); a member of the Club of Rome, a Fellow at the World Academy of Arts and Sciences; and of the World Business Academy.

His first book (MIT Press 1969) developed new technologies for multinational corporations to manage multiple currency environments. He consulted with corporations and governments on four continents. His most recent books include "*Monnaies Régionales*" (Paris: Fondation Leopold Mayer, December 2008); "*Of Human Wealth: beyond Greed and Scarcity*" and the next Club of Rome Report "*Money and Sustainability: the Missing Link*" (Citerra Publishers, 2009). His book "*The Future of Money*" (London: Random House, 2001 was translated in 18 other languages) and "*The Mystery of Money*" (Munich: Riemann Verlag, 1999 translated in six other languages).

More information about his current proposals for managing the on-going crisis is available on [www.lietaer.com](http://www.lietaer.com)