



Notes from the opening address by Céline Papin and Ronan Dantec at the event  
“African/European perspectives – Connecting development, climate and conservation  
actors”.

**Report:**

Speaker	Subject
Céline Papin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The City of Bordeaux is committed to two main areas in its international roadmap.</li><li>• Bordeaux has long-standing and rich links with Africa, and it is essential to cross the perspectives between our territory and the African continent.</li><li>• <b>Biodiversity</b> is a key issue, both locally and internationally, particularly in Africa and South America.</li><li>• Concrete actions taken:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Through <b>Climate Chance</b>, exchanges are organised to put into practice actions in favour of the climate and biodiversity.</li></ul></li><li>• The city is focusing on issues such as <b>ecological continuity</b>, the management of <b>green spaces</b>, and the role of the <b>agricultural sector</b> in these transitions. Local and regional authorities have a crucial role to play.</li><li>• Significant concern about the financing of biodiversity-related projects, in particular the prospects offered by <b>biodiversity credits</b>.</li><li>• She welcomes the presence of <b>Cités Unies France (CUF)</b>, demonstrating a collective desire to influence and transform territories in order to preserve the living world.</li></ul>
Ronan Dantec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Acknowledgements to the City of Bordeaux for its support and for hosting this event.</li><li>• <b>Climate Chance</b> firmly believes that <b>local authorities</b> are key to meeting the world's climate commitments.</li><li>• <b>Biodiversity</b> is often less talked about, but these issues are just as crucial as climate change, and they need to be integrated into a common agenda.</li><li>• In the organisation of <b>Climate Chance</b>, it is important not to centralise everything in Paris, as is often the case in the world of conservation. This relocated event demonstrates the commitment of local authorities..</li><li>• This is the first time that the issue of biodiversity has been officially put on the table by local and regional authorities, which makes <b>CUF's</b> presence all the more significant.</li><li>• <b>Cités Unies France (CUF)</b> plays an essential role in facilitating exchanges and the creation of networks to work together on these issues.</li><li>• It is essential to seize the new opportunities offered by <b>biodiversity credits</b>, in addition to carbon credits, in order to ensure the consistency of both quantitative and qualitative objectives across all territories.</li></ul>