Marie-Françoise Bechtel (France)

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- Magistrate (French Council of State, public law)
- Former Director of the National School of Public Administration (ENA)
- And former Member of Parliament

Principal professional functions and activities

- 2012–2017: Deputy in the French National Assembly, Vice-Chair of the Legislation Committee
- 2003–2012: Member of the Conseil d'Etat (which is legal adviser to the Government and France's supreme administrative court)

Member of the Council of State's Interior Section

- legal adviser to the government on administration
- statuses of civil servants and public employees, local government authorities
- justice, home affairs and immigration
- culture and communication, education and universities

Member of the Council of State's Litigation Section

 - court of last resort judge for litigation related to local government authorities (structures, financing, personnel management), environmental issues, local and European elections

• 2000–2003: Director of ENA (National School of Public Administration)

- management of the public institution (finances, personnel, policymaking, definition of national projects and international cooperation projects)
- organization of the recruitment and training of students, who will serve as administrators in all French civil service areas
- conduct of missions for international cooperation in the training of administrators, notably in Western and Eastern Europe, Lebanon, Syria and China

• 1999–2000: Legal Adviser to the Minister of the Interior

- 1993–1999: "Maître des Requêtes" and later "Conseiller d'Etat" at the French Council of State
 - assessor at the Council of State's Litigation Section (litigation on urban planning, all issues relating to overseas territories, and the State civil service)

• 1992–1993: Adviser to the Minister of Justice

- on constitutional issues and statuses of personnel under public law (prison officers, specialist educators, non-magistrate staff in tribunals and courts)

• 1986–1992: "Maître des Requêtes" at the French Council of State

legal adviser to the government (issues referred to the Interior Section) and litigation judge (in the taxation field)

• 1984–1986: Adviser to the Minister for Education and Higher Education

on all issues relating to private teaching establishments (financing, teacher status, control).

• 1980–1986: "Auditeur" and later "Maître des Requêtes" at the French Council of State

Other public activities

• 2010 to date: Member of the UN International Civil Service Commission (ICSC)

- participation in annual sessions
- participation in working groups:
 - 2010 Lisbon: pensions/margin adjustment
 - 2012 Moscow: pension reforms (benchmarking)
 - 2014 Geneva: performance remuneration systems
 - 2018 Madrid: pensions

• March 2012: Participated in the mission to UNAMA in Kabul (human resources management, issue of rest and recuperation (R&R) travel, allowances and benefits)

• 2002–2009: Member of the United Nations Committee of Experts in Public Administration (CEPA)

- spoke at CEPA annual meetings on issues of governance, including a presentation in 2009 on "The Management of Human Resources: Global Challenges and Recommendations (Gestion des ressources humaines: enjeux globaux et recommandations) in the form of a comparative study;
- participated in the 5th Global Forum on Re-inventing Government held in Mexico City in November 2003.

• 2004–2012: Chamber President at the National Court of Asylum (CNDA) of France

• 1990-2003:

- Member of the Tribunal des conflits (Court of Arbitration) from 1997 to 1999;
- Member and general rapporteur of the Advisory Committee for the revision of the French Constitution (Comité consultatif pour la révision de la Constitution) from 1992 to 1993;
- 1983–1990: Senior Lecturer at the Paris Institute of Political Studies (IEP — Science Po Paris)
- From 2006: Vice-chair of Fondation Res publica (organization of symposyums and publications on broad review of society and geopolitics)
- From 2017: Member of the board of Ifri (Institut français des relations internationales, French institute for foreign affairs)