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Professor Heuer is an experimental particle physicist and has been CERN Director-General from January 2009 to December 2015. His mandate is characterised by the start of the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) 2009 as well as its energy increase 2015, the discovery of the H-Boson and the geographical enlargement of CERN Membership. From 2004 to 2008, Professor Heuer was research director for particle and astroparticle physics at the DESY laboratory, Germany where he has initiated restructuring and focusing of German high energy physics at the energy frontier with particular emphasis on LHC. From April 2016 until April 2018, he was the President of the German Physical Society (DPG). For five years he was member of the European Commission's Group of Chief Scientific Advisors which provides independent scientific advice to the College of European Commissioners. Since 2017 he is President of the Council of SESAME (Synchrotron-Light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East). Professor Heuer has published over 500 scientific papers and holds many Honorary Degrees from universities in Europe, Asia, Australia and Canada.