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Dame Veronica Anne (“Polly”) Courtice, was born in Johannesburg in 1952. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in African History and Archaeology from the University of Cape Town and a Master of Arts in History from the University of Cambridge.

Dame Polly Courtice began her career in 1974 as a curator at the South African Museum of Natural History. She later embarked on a marketing career in publishing in the United Kingdom before taking up a position at Cambridge University. From 1989, Dame Polly Courtice was Deputy Director – and from 2000 to 2021, Director – of the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL). She is now Emeritus Director and Senior Ambassador for the Institute and is on the Advisory Board for the Aviation Impact Accelerator. In addition, Dame Polly Courtice is Chair of the Faculty Board of Engineering, a Fellow of Churchill College and an Honorary Fellow of Murray Edwards College, Cambridge.

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