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Joris Totté is the Chief Executive Officer of the Belgian Investment Company for Developing Countries (BIO), where he leads Belgium's development finance efforts to stimulate sustainable private-sector growth in emerging markets. With a career spanning more than 20 years, he brings deep expertise in international affairs, responsible business conduct, and impact-driven investment.

Totté's professional journey began at Oxfam Wereldwinkels and continued in diplomacy, with postings in the United States and the Middle East. From 2009 to 2013, he served as Communications and Policy Advisor at the Belgian Embassy in Washington, D.C., followed by five years in Amman, Jordan, where he was Deputy Head of Mission. During this period, he played an active role in regional humanitarian coordination and served on the advisory boards of the UN OCHA Pooled Funds for Jordan and Syria.

Returning to Brussels, he continued shaping Belgium's global engagement as Advisor on Economic Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2019–2021), where he oversaw due diligence policy and represented Belgium in the Kimberley Process on conflict diamonds. His commitment to sustainability and innovation led him to co-found Airborn in 2022, an investment cooperative supporting climate-positive start-ups.

Before joining BIO, Totté served as Senior Policy Advisor to the Belgian Minister of Development Cooperation, Caroline Gennez. In this role, he was responsible for budgetary oversight and the development of policies strengthening the role of the private sector in international development.

Totté holds an International MBA, a Master's degree in Political Sciences, and a Bachelor's degree in Communications. Throughout his career, he has been recognized for his strategic leadership, diplomatic acumen, and dedication to fostering positive social and environmental impact through economic development.