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Lucas Joppa

Chief Sustainability Officer and Senior Managing Director,
Haveli Investments

Dr. Lucas Joppa is a Senior Managing Director and Chief Sustainability Officer at Haveli, a technology focused private equity firm. Previously, Joppa was Microsoft's first Chief Environmental Scientist, and then first Chief Environmental Officer, leading the development and execution of the company's sustainability strategy across its worldwide business including Microsoft's historic carbon negative, water positive, and zero waste sustainability commitments, also the establishment of their AI for Earth initiative and development of their Planetary Computer platform. Joppa is committed to using the power of technology to advance a growing movement to address the world's sustainability needs.



Rodrigo Medellín

Senior Professor, Institute of Ecology, National Autonomous University of Mexico

Dr. Rodrigo Medellín is Senior Professor at the Institute of Ecology, UNAM (National Autonomous University of Mexico), and he focuses on conservation of mammals with emphasis on applied and policy-driven science. He was President of the Society for Conservation Biology (2013-2015) and CoChair of the CITES Animals Committee (2002-2012). Medellín has been advisor to Mexico's federal government on wildlife issues since 2000 and is Co-Chair of the IUCN Bat Specialist Group, Scientific Councilor of the Convention on Migratory Species, Founding Director of the Latin American Network for Bat Conservation, and creator of Global South Bats, a network of bat scientists in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. He has produced over 60 theses and 300 publications. He is a Rolex Award Laureate, 2012 Whitley Gold Award winner, and one of seven Explorer-At-Large of the National Geographic Society.



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Patricia Wright

Distinguished Service Professor and Herrnstein Professor of Conservation Biology, Stony Brook University

Dr. Patricia Wright is a scientist and a distinguished professor in the Department of Anthropology at Stony Brook University, NY. She has received the MacArthur Fellowship (Genius Award) and three medals of honor from the Malagasy government. She is the first woman to win the Indianapolis Prize for Animal Conservation (equivalent to the Nobel Prize in Conservation). Wright is Founder and Executive Director of Stony Brook University Institute for the Conservation of Tropical Environments, and is Founder and Executive Director of the Centre ValBio, a research and training center in Ranomafana, Madagascar. After Wright discovered a new species of lemur in 1986, she helped establish its habitat as a national park and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Wright has published over 200 scientific papers, four books and has given hundreds of lectures.



Alex Dehgan

CEO and Co-Founder, Conservation X Labs

Dr. Alex Dehgan is the CEO and co-founder of Conservation X Labs, an innovation and technology startup focused on conservation. Conservation X Labs both builds new technologies for addressing the underlying drivers of extinction, and harnesses open innovation & mass collaboration to attract new solvers and new solutions. Dehgan is also a Professor of the Practice of Sustainability and the Global Futures Fellow at Arizona State University. He previously served as the Chief Scientist at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), with the rank of Assistant Administrator. Dehgan founded and led the Office of Science and Technology, and created the vision for and helped stand up the Global Development Lab, the Agency's DARPA for Development. Dehgan was also part of the founding team of USAID's Policy Bureau. Prior to USAID, Alex worked in multiple positions at the Dept. of State.

