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Cristián Samper

Managing Director and Leader for Nature Solutions, Bezos Earth Fund

Dr. Cristián Samper is the managing director and Leader of Nature Solutions at the Bezos Earth Fund, overseeing a global portfolio of grants related to conservation, restoration and the transformation of food systems. He has served as President and CEO of the Wildlife Conservation Society, Director of the Smithsonian National Museum of History and was the Founding Director of the Alexander von Humboldt Institute of Colombia. He is a biologist from the Universidad de Los Andes and holds an MA and PhD from Harvard University.



Carlos Nobre

Climate Scientist, Institute for Advanced Studies at University of Sao Paulo

Carlos A. Nobre was a researcher with Brazil's National Institute for Space Research (INPE) and helped establish a modern weather and climate forecasting research center (CPTEC-INPE), and was its director from 1991-2003. He created INPE's Center for Earth System Science. He was Ministry of Science and Technology's National Secretary (2011-2014) for R&D Policy, where he created the National Center for Monitoring and Alerts of Natural Disasters. He was President of Brazil's Federal Agency for Post-Graduate Education in 2015-2016. He was an architect of the Large-Scale Biosphere-Atmosphere Experiment in Amazonia (LBA) and LBA's Program Scientist from 1996-2002. He is a member of the Joint Steering Committee of the World Climate Research Programme, and the Rockefeller Foundation Economic Council on Planetary Health. He is a member of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences, the World Academy of Sciences and foreign member of the National Academy of Sciences of the USA.



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Kate Logan

Head of Business Development in Hawai'i, Terraformation

Kate Logan leads the Business Development team in Hawai'i for Terraformation. Logan is passionate about accelerating climate action through ecosystem restoration via technology, radical collaboration, organizing events, policy development, and elevating local organizations. Kate studied Tropical Horticulture at the University of Hawai'i and spent over 22 years at Hawai'i Tropical Bioreserve & Garden. She also served as the Executive Assistant to the Mayor of Hawai'i with a focus on sustainable initiatives.



Lilian Pintea

Vice President, Conservation Science, Jane Goodall Institute

Dr. Lilian Pintea brings thirty years of experience in applying satellite imagery and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to the job of conserving chimpanzees and their vanishing habitats in Africa. As Vice President of Conservation Science at the Jane Goodall Institute (JGI), Dr. Pintea and his team oversee science activities and functions at the Institute, supporting all programs and bringing targeted research, analysis, and technological innovation to support JGI's mission. He works closely with local communities, village, national governments, academia, other NGOs and JGI staff in Africa to adopt and build capacity to integrate science and technologies with the local solutions and decision-making processes and tackle some of the hardest challenges in conservation, natural resource management and climate change. Recognized as a pioneer in applying innovative geospatial technologies to conservation, Dr. Pintea has presented invited talks to numerous conferences.



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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, he worked in multiple positions at the Dept. of State.



Dame Jane Goodall DBE (via video)

Founder, Jane Goodall Institute

Equipped with little more than a notebook, binoculars and her fascination with wildlife, Jane Goodall braved a realm of unknowns to give the world a remarkable window into humankind's closest living relatives. Through nearly 60 years of groundbreaking work, Dr. Jane Goodall has not only shown us the urgent need to protect chimpanzees from extinction; she has also redefined species conservation to include the needs of local people and the environment. Today she travels the world, speaking about the threats facing chimpanzees and environmental crises, urging each of us to take action on behalf of all living things and planet we share.

