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Leah Lizarondo

Founder, Food Rescue Hero

Leah Lizarondo is the Founder of Food Rescue Hero, a food recovery technology platform used in over 25 cities in North America. She has won numerous awards for her work including Fast Company's World Changing Ideas Award in 2020, the WE Empower UN SDG Award and the Vital Voices' Global Leadership Award. Most recently, she was recognized in the Grist 50, a list of emerging leaders creating impactful solutions to climate change. Her work has been featured in Stanford Social Innovation Review, CNN, NPR, The Washington Post, among others.



Gavin McCormick

Co-Founder, Climate TRACE coalition and Executive Director, WattTime

Gavin McCormick invented Automated Emissions Reduction (AER), a technique to significantly reduce the carbon footprint of electric vehicles, energy storage and IoT devices using only a software update. McCormick also founded WattTime, a nonprofit that helps companies and governments use the technique. Today, over 300 million devices worldwide use AER to reduce their emissions. McCormick is also a cofounder and co-lead of Climate TRACE, a global coalition of nonprofits, tech companies, and universities using satellites and AI to monitor the greenhouse gas emissions coming out of over 70 million of the most polluting facilities worldwide. Climate TRACE was named one of TIME's 100 Best Inventions of 2020, and Fast Company named it the #5 most innovative company in the world in 2022.



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Robbie Schingler

Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer (CSO) of Planet Labs PBC

Robbie Schingler is the co-founder and Chief Strategy Officer (CSO) of Planet Labs PBC. Schingler helped grow Planet to serve 30,000 users and 700 customers in more than 40 countries. As CSO, Schingler was integral to establishing Planet as a publicly traded Public Benefit Corporation in 2021 (\$PPL). He spearheaded Planet's acquisitions of VanderSat in 2021, Boundless in 2019 and BlackBridge in 2015. Schingler manages the Space Systems Division, supporting the development of space technologies and mission operations. He was managing director of Planet Europe from 2016-2017 and currently serves on the Board of both Planet PBC and Planet Federal. Prior to Planet, Schingler spent nine years at NASA, where he helped build the Small Spacecraft Office at NASA Ames and acted as Chief of Staff for the Office of the Chief Technologies at NASA Headquarters.



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. He 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, Dehgan worked in multiple positions at the Dept. of State.



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Andrew Zolli

Chief Impact Officer, Planet

Andrew Zolli is the Chief Impact Officer at Planet, a space and AI-driven organization known for having deployed the largest constellation of Earth-observing satellites in history. These satellites image the entire surface of the Earth. Zolli works to ensure Planet's data and capabilities are ethically used to its highest and best purposes to accelerate climate action, monitor the world's ecosystems, improve humanitarian action and disaster response, protect human rights, transform sustainable development, conserve biodiversity, and advance scientific discovery and artistic expression. Beyond Planet, Zolli works broadly on issues of foresight, innovation, and systemic and social resilience.

