# Environmental Xperience

## At EarthX

**April 20th - 22th 2026, Dallas Texas, USA**

## Xperience At A Glance



# 2026

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# A Message of Gratitude

## To Every Speaker, Innovator and Changemaker

When we first dreamed of creating the Environmental Xperience, we imagined a space where voices from around the world could come together, not simply to talk about the future, but to begin building it. EarthX became the perfect platform for that vision: a place expansive enough to unite science and storytelling, policy and innovation, activism and enterprise, all under one roof and guided by one shared belief, that the future is still ours to shape. Just as importantly, EarthX has created a rare space that transcends political divides, bringing together people who may not agree on everything, but who share a common commitment to protecting our planet and creating a better future.

And together, you made that dream real. Participants from more than 100 countries submitted projects to share. Attendees traveled from oceans and forests, from conflict zones and classrooms, from boardrooms and community halls. They came as scientists, artists, farmers, athletes, diplomats, Rotarians, students, entrepreneurs, and Nobel laureates. They came as mothers and fathers who believe the world their children inherit can be better than the one we received. They did not participate because it was easy. They participated because they believe a better outcome is possible,and because they are willing to be the people who help make it happen. I want to personally thank every participant, partner, mentor, volunteer, and supporter for your hard work, your belief in this mission, and your willingness to lead with hope and action. What we are building together matters, and its impact will continue far beyond this moment.



**Steve Bender**

Founder, The Environmental Xperience
Chairman, United States Green Chamber of Commerce
Director, Western North America, Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group
President, Rotary Club of Newport Beach

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# About The Event

Environmental Xperience at EarthX is a bold new global sustainability event launched alongside the 15th anniversary of EarthX, one of the world's leading sustainability conferences. Designed and led by Steve Bender, CEO of Sea 2 Sky Solutions and The 7 Seas Foundation, and Global Head of Strategic Partnerships & Revenue Growth at EarthX, the event introduced a 73,000 sq ft immersive format at the Hilton Anatole, Dallas, Texas, focused on real-world, practical solutions.

3 days across 8 stages, bringing together businesses, innovators, nonprofits, educators, Rotary International members, youth leaders, filmmakers, government representatives, and the global public from more than 100 countries.

This post-event booklet is a permanent record of the speakers, sessions, and solutions that defined Environmental Xperience 2026 and a declaration of intent for what we will build together in 2027.

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# Highlights

**Attendees**
1,700+

**Speakers**
150+

**Countries**
100+

**Live Streaming**
14+ hours

**Digital Reach**
100k+

**Rotary Clubs**
40+

**On site Projects**
50+

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# Special Keynotes

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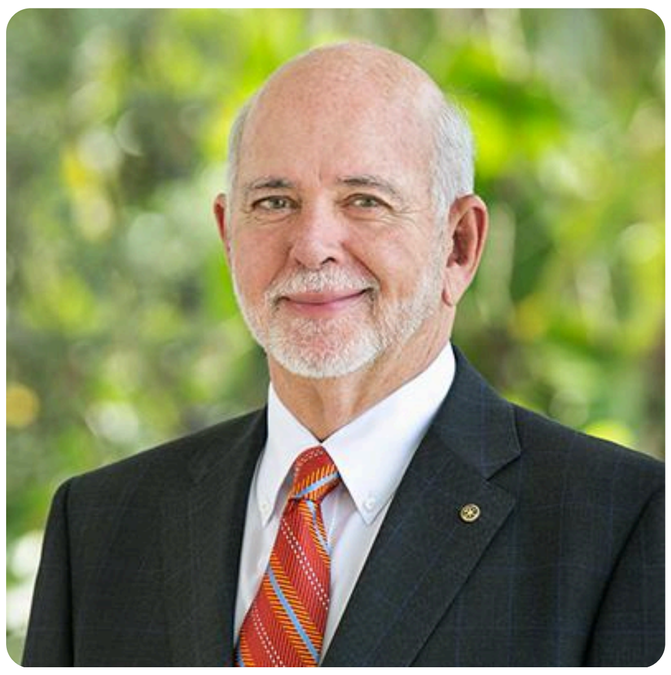

## Barry Rassin

Former Rotary International President Barry Rassin contributed to Environmental Xperience 2026 through keynote discussions focused on global collaboration, humanitarian leadership, and sustainable international partnerships supporting long-term community impact.



## Wade Nomura

International humanitarian leader, Rotary strategist, and Mayor of Carpinteria, California, Wade Nomura contributed to Environmental Xperience 2026 through discussions focused on environmental leadership, water access, youth engagement, and global sustainability partnerships supporting community-driven impact initiatives.



## His Excellency Kithsiri Athulathmudali

Former Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Qatar, His Excellency contributed to Environmental Xperience 2026 through discussions focused on clean water initiatives, humanitarian collaboration, and global environmental partnerships.



## Princess Sarah Culberson

Princess Sarah Culberson, humanitarian, author, filmmaker, and Co-Founder of Sierra Leone Rising, contributed to Environmental Xperience 2026 through conversations centered on leadership, global advocacy, community empowerment, and humanitarian impact.

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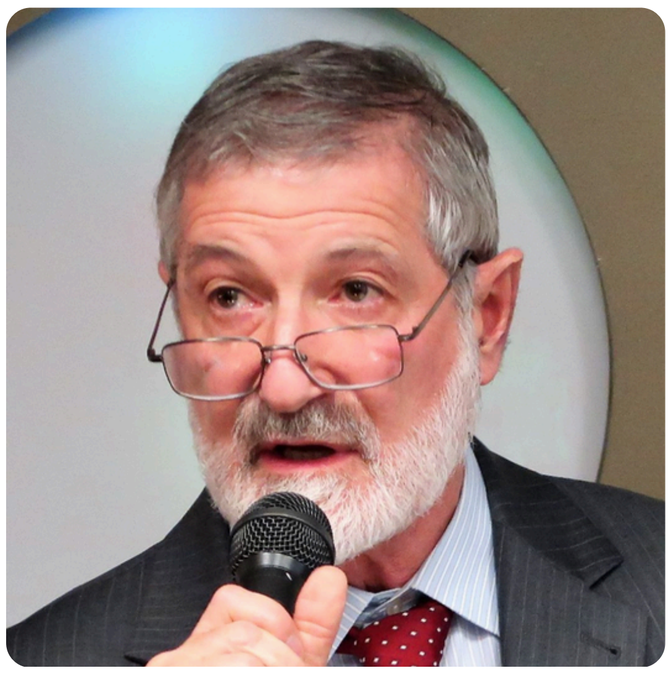
## Nathan Johnson

Texas State Senator and attorney Nathan Johnson contributed to Environmental Xperience 2026 through bipartisan conversations focused on governance, public policy, environmental leadership, and long-term sustainability collaboration.



## Charlie Sellars

Author of What We Can Do: A Climate Optimist's Guide to Sustainable Living, Charlie Sellars contributed to Environmental Xperience 2026 through discussions on climate optimism, behavior change, and practical sustainability solutions for everyday impact.



## Ira Helfand

Physician and Nobel Peace Prize-recognized advocate through ICAN, contributed to Environmental Xperience 2026 through discussions focused on nuclear risk, public health, peace, and the global consequences of environmental instability.



## Bricia Elawar

Rotary environmental leader and binational sustainability advocate, contributed to Environmental Xperience 2026 through initiatives focused on river restoration, environmental education, and community-driven sustainability efforts across Mexico and the United States.

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## Maury Giles

Entrepreneur and sustainability-focused business leader, contributed to Environmental Xperience 2026 through discussions centered on environmental innovation, strategic partnerships, and scalable sustainability initiatives supporting global collaboration and systems-level impact.



## Shab Elawar

Environmental advocate and cross-border sustainability leader, contributed to Environmental Xperience 2026 through initiatives focused on river restoration, environmental education, and community-driven environmental action across Mexico and the United States.



## Leia Lowery

Communications strategist and community engagement leader, contributed to Environmental Xperience 2026 through conversations focused on leadership, sustainability advocacy, and collaborative solutions supporting long-term environmental and community resilience.



## Tsion Amare

Tsion Amare, Environmental Defense Fund Texas policy and advocacy leader, contributed to Environmental Xperience 2026 through conversations focused on environmental policy, stakeholder collaboration, and sustainability advocacy supporting long-term environmental impact and systems-level change.

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# Run Of Show

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# Day 1

## Stage 1

**1:00 PM**

Opening Remarks
Barry Rassin

**1:30 PM**

Asian Chamber of Texas / BlueBonnet HUB Mohammed Farshori

**2:00 PM**

MOU: Asian Chamber and USGCC Michelle Thatcher

**2:30 PM**

Amplify Your Impact by Driving Strategic AI Adoption
Kathleen D'Angelo

**3:00 PM**

The 4-7-8-17 Program: A Framework for Sustainable Performance and Well-being, Sophia D'Angelo

**3:30 PM**

Nepal Medics
Patrick Bancke

**4:00 PM**

Rotary VIP Presentations

**4:30 PM**

One Million Drops, East Meets West: A Rotary Partnership
His Excellency Kithsiri Athulathmudali, Steve Bender, Water for West Africa, Give Water, WASHRAG

**5:30 PM**

Coming Days Preview / Overview, Wade Nomura

**6:00 PM**

Barry Rassin Keynote

## Stage 2

**Rotary 5 Minute Project Pitches**

**1:30 PM**

**Our Story**

- Tom Bray, Green Pest Management
- Reef Rescue with high school students in the Bahamas, Deborah
- Mobi Waste Inc., Stacy Richardson
- Turtle Island, Shannon DiRuzzo, Peter Praschag
- Juho, Saarvo, Nord Garden: The Future of Sustainable Soil

**2:30 PM**

- Xiye Bastida, climate activist and member of the Indigenous Otomi community
- Thai Nguyen and Silvie Tussaint, Interact Club

**3:00 PM**

- Shelby Thomas, Coastal Resilience Solutions
- Rekik, Atsedewoin, PTAA, Jianna Mcdonnald, PTAA,
- Ashleigh Ross, Mote Inc.

## Stage 3

**15 Minute Presentations + 5 Minute Q&A**

**1:30 PM**

The Positive Environmental Impact of Plant-Based Foods
Mike S.

**2:00 PM**

Will Fraizer, OceanBit Energy

**2:30 PM**

Ricardo Nascimento, Dock 6 Films

**3:00 PM**

Juliana Garaizar, Sarah Tamilarasan, Eri, Mr Hacking Greenbackers

**3:30 PM**

Samar Khan, Founder TripAI Technologies / Former Sustainability Lead UTD

**5:30 PM**

Shab Elawar, Impact of Environmental Changes on World Peace

## Stage 4

**10:30 AM**

Oceans Documentary by David Attenborough

**1:30 PM**

Climate Optimism and Behaviour Change
Charlie Sellars

**2:30 PM**

PESTEL Panel for Interdisciplinary Action
Charlie, Annie, Maia, Gary, Angela
Moderated by Caroline

**3:30 PM**

Misinformation-Disinformation: Getting the Facts in an Age of Fiction, Asher Jay

**4:30 PM**

The Conditions of Creation: Building AI Infrastructure That Regenerates, Katie Hilborn

**5:30 PM – 7:00 PM**

Braver Angels Community Debate
Resolved: Climate solutions must come from communities, not governments
Don Bender, Sam Rechek

## Event Speakers

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## Stage 5

**2:00 PM**

Food for the Future: Agriculture for All Center for Independent Living, Angel Kids PEDs, Shelly Steele

**3:30 PM**

Buzz Smith Q&A Inside the EV area

**4:30 PM**

Water Security, Watersheds, and Clean Water Access. Bricia ElAwar, Fay Crevoshay, Dr. Jacob Atem, Jeremy, Scarlet Koon Si Qi, Shab Elawar

## Stage 6

**9:00 AM**

Where Capital Is Missing: Underfunded Climate Sectors with Near-Term Demand
Amy Henry, Thomas Tougaard, Rick Davis, Springna Zhao

**10:00 AM**

From Idea to Investable: What Incubators Look for in Successful Startups
Thomas Henry, Adam Schlenger, Karen Jensen

**11:00 AM**

The Great Wealth Transition
Jackie Moe and/or Kelci Zile, Galith Levy

**1:30 PM – 3:30 PM**

Raise the Round Startup Showcase
Judges: Vanessa Scott, Robert Allen, Alissa Peterson, Anthony Del Porto, Jonathan Azoff
Startups: David Gory, Richard Phamdo, Saif Bhatti, Nathan King, Sam Teicher, Clément Cid, Rory Brogan, Jeffery DiMaio

**4:30 PM**

Financial Advisory Professionals Workshop, Rick Davis

## Stage 7

**2:15 PM**

Opening Remarks and Introduction, Taavi Havre

**2:30 PM**

Opening Keynote: From Olympic Games to Climate Action: Why Execution Matters Most, Joona Puhakka OLY

**3:00 PM**

Expansion of Voluntary and Regulated Carbon Markets Globally: Lessons Learned from the Montreal Protocol
Jeff Cohen

**3:30 PM**

Carbon Project Financing Workshop. Rick Davis, Akshay Sriprasad, Margaret Morales

**4:00 PM**

Chemical Solutions to Climate Change: The Pharmaceutical Case
Prof. Karl Anker Jørgensen

**5:00 PM**

Climate Action Credibility: Are All Projects Created Equal?
Dr. Ricardo Alvarado, Dr. Jim Blackburn, Katariina Koivula, Richard Garza

**5:30 PM**

How Fossil Fuels, Renewables, and Other Solutions Can Collaborate on the Future of Energy
Dan Romito

## Stage 8

15 Minute Presentations + 5 Minute Q&A

**2:00 PM**

Taylor Flores, Choice Architecture on the Plate: The Psychology of Low-Carbon Menus

**2:30 PM**

Monarch Without Borders Mexico. Joan Manuel Sarmiento

**3:00 PM**

Leia Lowery, Climate Initiative: Climate Education is Good for Business

**3:30 PM**

Mark Viehman, Sparsha Reddy, ThermaFuels Carbon Intensity Across a Variety of Pathways for Low-Carbon Fuels

**4:30 PM**

Jeff Sarget, Native Prairies Association of Texas: Saving the Heritage of Texas

**5:30 PM**

Can’t Go Green on Empty: The Link Between Financial Security and a Sustainable Future
Emily Trant

## Event Speakers

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# Day 2

## Stage 1

**1:00 PM**

Reforestation Guatemala. Wade Nomura

**1:30 PM**

The Blue Carbon Gold Mine: Why Mangroves Are the Most Efficient Carbon Capture Technology on Earth Serge Dedina

**2:00 PM**

Tijuana River Project. Jenny Parker, Fay Crevoshay, Marko Kärkkäinen, Serge Dedina

**3:00 PM**

India
His Excellency Kithsiri Athulathmudali

**3:30 PM**

Mexico River Projects. Bricia ElAwar

**4:00 PM**

Rotary Reef
Steve Bender, Sophia D'Angelo, Shelby Thomas

**4:30 PM**

Water for Children Africa

**5:00 PM**

Don Bender
Why Youth Leadership Matters Now. Youth at the Frontlines: Civic Education and Engagement in Action.

- Moderator: Shivi Kumar Panelists: Shreya Kumar, Sophia D'Angelo, Maia Cook
- AI & Sustainable Nanotechnology: Designing the Future Responsibly, Shivi Kumar
- Sustaining People by Sustaining Systems, Shreya Kumar

## Stage 2

**Rotary 5 Minute Project Pitches**

**1:00 PM**

Sait Sosa, Club Rotarac Culiacan Oriente, Jesse Lyman, Dizolv

**1:30 PM**

Olivia Thompson, Sustainability Literacy

**2:00 PM**

- Carlos Torres, Camilo Cogua, Brianda Herrera, Creando Raíces
- KC Kang, QKI Emulsion Inc.
- Panashe Siachitema, Appliwasre

**4:00 PM**

100 Countries, 100 Project

## Stage 3

**1:00 PM**

Carbon Revenue Opportunities for Private Landowners Pete Compton

**1:30 PM**

Stefan Boehmer, EACC Texas

**2:00 PM**

Kristen Sissener, Berkeley Earth

**2:30 PM**

Art Collection & Nature Conservation. Jesus Alberto Flores, Gregor Kisters, Lucca Colombelli

**3:00 PM**

Raghada, Khoury, Rotary Rose Parade Float

**3:30 PM**

Ocean Innovation Investing
Vanessa Scott, Alissa Peterson, Rodrigo Prudencio, Jeffrey Lamb

**4:30 PM**

Sustainable, Wildlife Conservation Developments. Sean Rodrigues

## Stage 4

**11:30 AM**

Oceans Documentary

**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

Braver Angels Community Debate Resolved: Increased nuclear power is required to mitigate climate change Sam Rechek

**3:00 PM**

Documentaries, Films, and Drawdown Videos Turtle Island, Shannon DiRuzzo, Peter Praschag

**4:30 PM**

Future of Markets Depends on Who Gets to Speak Asher Jay

**5:00 PM**

Ira Helfand, Nobel Peace Prize
The Growing Danger of Nuclear War: What We Must Do to Prevent It

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# Day 2

## Stage 5

**1:00 PM**

UN SDG Fashion. Sarah Teresinki, Redeux Style

**1:30 PM**

Renewable Energy. Katie Mehnert, Dawn Wolfe, T. Paresh Patel, Dr. Sherilyn Williams-Stroud, Doug Hudson

**2:00 PM**

Democracy on the Line. Don Bender, Gary Lucks Packaging Extended Producer Responsibility Regulatory Update Andrea Sumits

**2:30 PM**

Ocean Health.Tim Kearns, Felicia Cook, Vanessa Scott, Alissa Peterson, Adam Schlenger, Cheru A Ross, Rodrigo Prudencio

**3:00 PM**

EVs Are Good for the Texas Grid. Buzz Smith

**4:00 PM**

Biodiversity Loss and Habitat Restoration. Faith Mussa, Geeta Menon, Karen Kendricks-Hands, Dr. Sailesh Rao

**4:30 PM**

Circular Economy: Reducing Waste and Reusing Resources. Ajay Vonkarey, Lindsey Hearst, Taylor Flores, Shyam, Andrew Blair, Takanao Todo

**5:30 PM**

African Diaspora Panel Princess of Sierra Leone, Faith Mussa, Dr. Jacob Atem, Jeremy

## Stage 6

**Women of Impact : Tracy Stayton**

**1:20 PM – 2:20 PM**

Speaker Block 1

Kathleen D'Angelo, Future Proof Your Career / Business with AI. Dr. Marsha Jackson, Journey from Environmental Harm to Community Healing Beth Rudden, Women Leading the Future of AI

**2:20 PM – 2:55 PM**

Women's Roundtable: IRL Panel on AI. Kathleen D'Angelo, Asher Jay, Beth Rudden

**2:55 PM – 3:55 PM**

Speaker Block 2

Kristine Stoddard, Personal Sustainability: Healing from Within. Asher Jay, Artificial Intelligence Without Accountability and Insight. Tracy Stayton, Communication Pollution = No Real Solution!

**3:55 PM – 4:55 PM**

Speaker Block 3

Patti Abrecht, No Shade, No Future: Rethinking Outdoor Spaces for a Warming World. Asher Jay, From Extraction to Regeneration: Redesigning the Economy for a Living World. Leia Lowery, From Knowledge to Action: Youth Leading the Way to Resilient Communities

**5:00 PM**

From Ambition to Execution: How Sustainability Actually Gets Done Inside Large Organizations. Lindsey Hearst

**5:30 PM**

Closing Remarks. Tracy Stayton

## Stage 7

**1:00 PM**

Driving Sustainably Through the Mexican Chef Task Force. Federico Lopez, Taller Gourmet, Alex Branch, NAO, Mayela Cardenas, Mercedes à la Mar, Pesca con Futuro

**2:30 PM**

Sustainable Land Management and Carbon Sequestration in Tropical Forest Economies. Dr. Marciano Dasai

**3:00 PM**

The Carboreal Experience: Addressing Climate Change in Boreal Regions, Actions and Opportunities Salomo Vilén, Taavi Havre

**3:30 PM**

Why Nature-Based Solutions Matter for Texas and the World: Act Now and Implement Earth Rules for the Future. Dr. Jim Blackburn

**4:00 PM**

Carbon Capture Solutions: Technologies and Nature-Based Approaches, Present, Future, and Challenges Dr. Rodolfo Lacy

**4:30 PM**

Peatlands, Climate Change and an Inverted Carbon Market in the USA. Dr. Curtis J. Richardson

**5:00 PM**

Fireside Chat: Afforestation in Central America. Marko Kärkkäinen

## Stage 8

**1:30 PM**

Manufactured Tiny Houses. Anabella Mainetti

**2:30 PM**

Dehumidification and Climate Impact: Helix Earth Technology and Addressing Emissions from HVAC. Andrew Blair

**3:30 PM**

Masood Khan, Global Supply Chain and Logistics Leader, Author: "Sustainability Rewired: Pioneering the Future"

**4:00 PM**

Why the Next 100 Years of Industrial Energy Look Nothing Like the Last
Doug Hudson

**4:30 PM**

Sustainable Technology for Water Tanks, Latrines and Handwash Stations
Richard Makau

## Event Speakers

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# Day 3

## Stage 1

**1:00 PM**

Across the Aisle: Governing in a Defining Decade
Nathan Johnson, Moderator: Tsion Amare

**2:00 PM**

Fireside Chat - Shared Goals and Strengthened Partnerships
Barry Rassin, Rotary
Maury Giles, Braver Angels

**2:30 PM**

Clean Air, Clean Water, Clean Elections: Two Money in Politics Solutions. Maia Cook, Matt Howerton

**3:00 PM**

Ukraine Delegation

**3:30 PM**

Rotary Xperience Awards

**4:00 PM**

Misinformation, Media and the Environment: Fact-Based Decision Making for a Sustainable Future. Anahita Dalmia

**4:30 PM**

EdisonXFC: Building a Sustainable Next Generation EV Charging Station Network - Victor Lee

Turning Commercial Real Estate into Climate Readiness ArchiMAT - Danny Ho

Living in Tomorrowland
Nathan Dunaville - Zenith Home System

**5:00 PM**

Closing Remarks. Barry Rassin, Wade Nomura, Steve Bender

## Stage 2

**2:00 PM**

Rotary 5 Minute Project Pitches

- Daniel Cano, WAS Company
- Clovis and Nevada, HidroNova

**2:30 PM**

15 Minute Presentation + 5 Minute Q&A

Svitlana Krakovska, The War on Ukraine

**3:00 PM**

Rotary 5 Minute Project Pitches

Wubit, Hailemichael, HAPPY PADS

Jenny Parkers, Water Security SMRT

**4:00 PM**

**15 Minute Presentation + 5 Minute Q&A**

Vikram Jayaram, Neuralix Inc.

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**15 Minute Presentation + 5 Minute Q&A**

**2:00 PM**

Regina Edwards, Recycled Books to Mexico

**3:00 PM**

Aneesha Dalmia, Restoring Water Access to Build Sustainable Farming Communities in India: Rotary Program of Scale

**4:30 PM**

Allen McReynolds, E-Waste Recycling

## Stage 4

**11:00 AM**

Oceans Documentary

**2:00 PM**

Documentaries, Films, and Drawdown Videos
Turtle Island, Shannon DiRuzzo, Peter Praschag

**3:00 PM**

JC Santini, From the Diamond to the Dump: What Pro Baseball Taught Me About Building a Waste Movement in Ghana

4**:00 PM**

Anysa Santini, Lessons from Starting Re|Root Collaborative in Ghana

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# Day 3

## Stage 5

**1:30 PM**

Soil Health and Food Security
Adam Cohen, Shelly Steele, Faith Mussa, Helen Zimba

**2:00 PM**

Lunch Out of Landfills, Joe Richardson

**2:30 PM**

Gamifying Sustainability: Building Green Teams to Solve the Food Waste Culture Gap. Danny Sudman

**3:00 PM**

Regenerative Agriculture. Joan Marie Gagnon, Taylor Flores, Adam Cohen, Citlali Gomez, Joan Manuel Sarmiento

**4:00 PM**

High-Impact Community Partnerships. Luis Bourrillon, Princess Sarah Culberson, Dr. MP Varsha

**4:30 PM**

Reflection Roundtable: What Is Our Greatest Environmental Opportunity?

Community calling, all community leaders consensus debate

## Stage 6

**15 Minute Presentations + 5 Minute Q&A**

**2:30 PM**

Geeta Menon, President, One Earth One Chance

**3:00 PM**

Ellis Spiezia, Ellysium Racing

## Stage 7

**2:00 PM**

Blue Carbon for Climate Action: Synergies and Investment Opportunities in Texas and Beyond. Joe Ryan

**2:30 PM**

Panel Discussion: Lessons Learned from Global Climate Projects Marko Kärkkäinen

**3:00 PM**

The Fight Against Climate Change in Guatemala: Lessons Learned and Future Outlook. Ángel Lavarreda

**3:30 PM**

Using the Earth for Storage of Captured Carbon: Assessment of Geological Storage for a Comprehensive

Approach to Greenhouse Gas Mitigation. Dr. Sherilyn Williams-Stroud

**4:00 PM**

Fireside Chat: Protecting Coral Reefs Marko Kärkkäinen

## Stage 8

**15 Minute Presentations + 5 Minute Q&A**

**2:00 PM**

- Proyectos de Impacto Rotarac Carlos Torres, Camilo Cogua, Rotarac Bogotá Capital
- Joshua Cespedes, Rotaract Environmental Projects in Central America
- Brianda Herrera, Seeds of Purpose

**4:00 PM**

Kateryna Shvanova, Service Woman Chornobye40

## Event Speakers

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# The Xperience Journey




## Rotary Xperience



## Ocean Xperience



## Energy Xperience




## Carbon Xperience



## Food Xperience




## Fashion Xperience



## Build Xperience



## Investor Xperience



## Resilience Xperience



## Women in Sustainability



## AI & Technology



## Global Citizenship

# RotaryXperience




**Rotary International was not a partner of Environmental Xperience 2026. It was a co-architect. From the opening day to the closing ceremony, Rotary's values of service above self, its global network of more than 1.4 million members across 200 countries, and its extraordinary track record of community-led project delivery were woven into the DNA of everything we built.**




The Rotary 5-Minute Project Pitches were a defining feature of all three days, a format that forced clarity, demanded impact, and gave projects from the Bahamas, Mexico, Finland, India, Central America, Ghana, and across the USA equal time and equal dignity on the Environmental Xperience stage. The Rotary Reef Project, founded by Steve Bender and presented alongside Sophia D'Angelo and Shelby Thomas, demonstrated what happens when Rotary's global reach meets focused ocean restoration science.

The Rotaract sessions on Day 3 were a window into the future of the movement, young people in Colombia, Costa Rica, and Guatemala proving that environmental action does not wait for a career or a title. The 100 Countries, 100 Project showcase was perhaps the single most geographically expansive session of the entire event. And the Rotary Xperience Awards on Day 3 recognised the projects and individuals who demonstrated that service and sustainability are not separate missions, they are one.

# Speakers & Sessions



**Coastal Resilience Solutions**

by Shelby Thomas



**Reef Rescue with high school students in the Bahamas!**

by Deborah

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**Mobi Waste Inc.**

by Stacy Richardson



**Rotary Rose Parade Float**

by Raghada Khoury

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**Dizolv**

by Jesse Lyman



**Water Security SMRT**

by Jenny Parkers

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**WAS Company**

by Daniel Cano



**Mote Inc.**

by Ashleigh Ross

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**Green Pest Management**

by Tom Bray



**Climate Activist & Indigenous Otomi Community**

by Xiye Bastida

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**Happy Pads**

by Wubit Hailemichael



**PTAA**

by Rekik Atsedewoin &
Gianna Mcdonnald

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**HidroNova**



**Rotaract Environmental Projects in Central America**

by Joshua Cespedes

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**Seeds of Purpose**

by Brianda Herrera



**Club Rotarac Culiacan Oriente**

by Sait Sosa

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# Speakers & Sessions



**The 4-7-8-17 Program: A Framework for Sustainable Performance and Wellbeing**

by Sophia D'Angelo



**Amplify Your Impact by Driving Strategic AI Adoption**

by Kathleen D'Angelo

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**Interact Club**

by Thi Nguyen &
Silvie Toussaint



**Fireside Chat**

by Barry Rassin & Maury Giles

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**Rotarac Bogota Capital**

by Carlos Torres &
Camilo Cogua



**Rotary Reef Project**

by Steve Bender,
Sophia D'Angelo &
Shelby Thomas

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Vision & Growth

# In 2027, Rotary's presence at Environmental Xperience will grow from a track to a full Rotary Sustainability Xperience, a dedicated pavilion, a three-day programme, and a global Rotary Climate Action Summit running in parallel.

## 01

Host the first Environmental Xperience–Rotary Global Grants Showcase, presenting 50 Rotary environmental grants from around the world and connecting them with additional private sector funding

## 02

Launch the Rotary Reef Project in 10 new countries, announced at the 2027 event with live video from active reef restoration sites

## 03

Expand the 5-Minute Project Pitch programme to include 100 Rotary clubs from 50 countries

## 04

Create the Environmental Xperience Rotary Youth Award, recognising 10 Rotaractors under 30 whose environmental projects have created measurable community impact

## 05

Partner with ESRAG (Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group) to publish the annual Rotary Environmental Impact Report, presented at the event

## 06

Launch the Environmental Xperience Rotary Mentorship Programme, pairing experienced Rotarian environmental leaders with early-career sustainability professionals globally

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**Rotary does not just talk about a better world. It builds one, club by club, project by project. In 2027, we will show the world what that looks like at scale.**

# OceanXperience





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Ocean innovation investors gathered on Stage 3 to connect capital with ocean-positive projects at scale. The message across every session was unified: the ocean is not just a backdrop to the climate crisis, it is both a victim and one of the most powerful solutions we have.

# Speakers & Sessions



**Oceans Documentary**

by David Attenborough



**OceanBit Energy**

by William Fraizer

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**Dock 6 Films**

by Ricardo Nascimento



**Blue Carbon for Climate Action: Synergies and Investment Opportunities in Texas and Beyond**

by Joe Ryan

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**TripAI Technologies / Former Sustainability Lead UTD**

by Samar Khan



**Fireside Chat: Protecting Coral Reefs**

by Marko Kärkkäinen

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**Impact of Environmental Changes on World Peace**

by Shab Elawar



**The Blue Carbon Gold Mine: Why Mangroves Are the Most Efficient Carbon Capture Technology on Earth**

by Serge Dedina

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**Turtle Island**

by Shannon DiRuzzo, Peter Praschag



**Sustainable Technology for Water Tanks, Latrines and Handwash Stations**

by Richard Makau

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**Ocean Innovation Investing**

by Vanessa Scott, Alissa Peterson, Rodrigo Prudencio, Jeffrey Lamb

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**Ocean Health Panel**

by Tim Kearns, Felicia Cook, Vanessa Scott, Alissa Peterson, Adam Schlenger, Cheru A Ross, Rodrigo Prudencio

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**Water Security, Watersheds and Clean Water Access**

by Bricia ElAwar, Fay Crevoshay, Dr. Jacob Atem, Jeremy, Scarlet Koon Si Qi, Shab Elawar

# Land and Nature



**The Land & Nature track rooted the entire event in the living systems that sustain all life on Earth. From the mangrove coasts of Mexico to the agricultural highlands of Guatemala, from the peatlands of the American South to the tropical forests of Central America, speakers demonstrated that protecting and restoring land is not just an environmental act, it is a profound act of civilisational self-preservation.**




Regenerative agriculture sessions on Day 3 drew some of the largest audiences of the entire event, as farmers, scientists, and entrepreneurs showed how the way we grow food can become a carbon solution rather than a carbon problem. The Tijuana River Project highlighted what happens when biodiversity collapse meets political borders. The Rotary Programme of Scale on water access in India showed how land and water stewardship are inseparable.

A powerful thread throughout this track: nature is not a resource to be managed. It is a living partner in the work of sustainability.

# Speakers & Sessions



**Reforestation Guatemala**
by Wade Nomura



**Coastal Resilience Solutions**
by Shelby Thomas

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**Restoring Water Access to Build Sustainable Farming Communities in India (Rotary Program of Scale)**
by Aneesha Dalmia



**Why Nature-Based Solutions Matter for Texas and the World: Act Now and Implement Earth Rules for the Future**
by Dr. Jim Blackburn

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**Sustainable Wildlife Conservation Developments**
by Sean Rodrigues



**Panel Discussion: Lessons Learned from Global Climate Projects**
by Marko Kärkkäinen

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**The Fight Against Climate Change in Guatemala: Lessons Learned and Future Outlook**
by Ángel Lavarreda



**Sustainable Land Management and Carbon Sequestration in Tropical Forest Economies**
by Dr. Marciano Dasai

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**Peatlands, Climate Change and an Inverted Carbon Market in the USA**
by Dr. Curtis J. Richardson



**Using the Earth for Storage of Captured Carbon: Geological Assessment for GHG Mitigation**
by Dr. Sherilyn Williams-Stroud

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**Nord Garden:**
**The Future of Sustainable Soil**
by Juho, Saarvo



**From the Diamond to the Dump: Building a Waste Movement in Ghana**
by JC Santini

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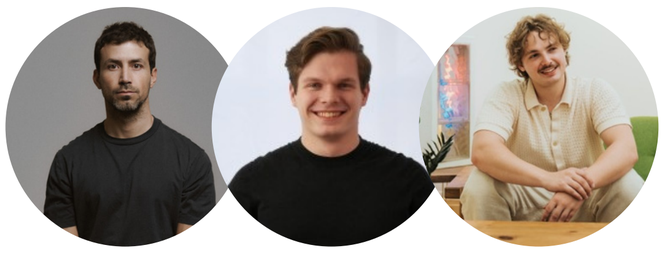

**Art Collection & Nature Conservation**
by Jesus Alberto Flores, Gregor Kisters, Lucca Colombelli

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# Speakers & Sessions



**Tijuana River Project**

by Jenny Parker, Fay Crevoshay, Marko Kärkkäinen, Serge Dedina

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**Native Prairies Association of Texas: Saving the Heritage of Texas**

by Jeff Sargent

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**Biodiversity Loss and Habitat Restoration**

by Faith Mussa, Geeta Menon, Karen Kendricks-Hands, Dr. Sailesh Rao

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**Regenerative Agriculture**

Taylor Flores, Adam Cohen, Citlali Gomez, Joan Sarmiento

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# EnergyXperience





Joona Puhakka OLY opened Day 2 Stage 7 with a keynote that used the precision of elite athletic performance as a lens for climate action: the difference between a gold medal and fourth place is execution, not intention. That message reverberated across every session that followed. Jeff Cohen's deep dive into the Montreal Protocol offered historical proof that global markets can be restructured at speed when the political will aligns with the economic incentive.

**The Climate & Energy track was the intellectual backbone of Environmental Xperience 2026, covering the full spectrum from molecular chemistry to market design, from Olympic-level execution discipline to the hard mathematics of carbon credibility**

The energy debate sessions were notable for their intellectual honesty, speakers did not shy away from the complexity of how fossil fuels, renewables, and emerging solutions must collaborate, not simply compete, to deliver energy security alongside decarbonisation. The Chemical Solutions session from Prof. Karl Anker Jørgensen was one of the most surprising and stimulating of the entire event, presenting pharmaceutical-grade precision as a model for designing climate solutions.

# Speakers & Sessions



**Opening Keynote: From Olympic Games to Climate Action — Why Execution Matters Most**

by Joona Puhakka OLY



**Expansion of Voluntary and Regulated Carbon Markets Globally: Lessons from the Montreal Protocol**

by Jeff Cohen

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**Dehumidification and Climate Impact: Helix Earth Technology — Addressing Emissions from HVAC**

by Andrew Blair



**Chemical Solutions to Climate Change: The Pharmaceutical Case**

by Prof. Karl Anker Jørgensen

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**The War on Ukraine**

by Svitlana Krakovska



**How Fossil Fuels, Renewables, and Other Solutions Can Collaborate on the Future of Energy**

by Dan Romito

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**Climate Optimism and Behaviour Change**

by Charlie Sellars



**Carbon Capture Solutions: Technologies and Nature-Based Approaches. Present, Future, and Challenges.**

by Dr. Rodolfo Lacy

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**Why the Next 100 Years of Industrial Energy Look Nothing Like the Last**

by Doug Hudson



**ThermaFuels: Carbon Intensity Across a Variety of Pathways for Low-Carbon Fuels**

by Mark Viehman, Sparsha Reddy

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**Clean Air, Clean Water, Clean Elections: Two Money in Politics Solutions**

by Maia Cook, Matt Howerton



**EVs Are Good for the Texas Grid**

by Buzz Smith

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**The Carboreal Experience: Addressing Climate Change in Boreal Regions. Actions and Opportunities.**

by Taavi Havre, Salomo Vilén

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**Carbon Project Financing Workshop**

by Rick Davis, Akshay Sriprasad, Margaret Morales

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# Speakers & Sessions



**Climate Action Credibility: Are All Projects Created Equal?**

by Dr. Ricardo Alvarado, Dr. Jim Blackburn,
Katariina Koivula, Richard Garza

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**Where Capital Is Missing:**
**Underfunded Climate Sectors with Near-Term Demand**

by Amy Henry, Thomas Tougaard, Rick Davis, Springna Zhao

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**PESTEL Panel for Interdisciplinary Action**

by Charlie Sellars, Annie Wang, Maia Cook, Gary Lucks,
Angela Tenbroeck (mod. Caroline)

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# FoodXperience



**The Food track tackled one of the most fundamental and overlooked dimensions of sustainability: what we eat, how it is grown, and whether the systems that feed us are capable of feeding the next generation without destroying the planet in the process.**

Sessions ranged from the science of plant-based foods and their environmental impact to the psychology of how menu design nudges people toward low-carbon choices without removing freedom. The Mexican Chef Task Force brought extraordinary cultural richness, chefs, fisheries experts, and food innovators from across Mexico demonstrating that culinary tradition and ecological responsibility are not in conflict; they are natural allies.




The Food Waste sessions were among the most practically actionable of the entire event. Danny Sudman's 'Gamifying Sustainability' approach, turning food waste reduction into a team sport within organisations, generated intense discussion and follow-up from business leaders in the audience. The Centre for Independent Living's food access work highlighted that sustainable food systems must be equitable food systems.

# Speakers & Sessions



**The Positive Environmental Impact of Plant-Based Foods**

by Mike S.



**Gamifying Sustainability: Building Green Teams to Solve the Food Waste Culture Gap**

by Danny Sudman

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**Choice Architecture on the Plate: The Psychology of Low-Carbon Menus**

by Taylor Flores



**Lunch Out of Landfills**

by Joe Richardson

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**Sustainable Food Innovation**

by KC Kang



**Sustainable Food Technology**

by Panashe Siachitema

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**Center for Independent Living**

by Shelly Steele, Angel Kids PEDs

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**Reef Rescue and Food Systems with High School Students in the Bahamas**

by Rekik Atsedewoin, Gianna Mcdonnald, Ashleigh Ross

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**Driving Sustainably Through the Mexican Chef Task Force**

by Federico Lopez, Alex Branch, Mayela Cardenas

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**Soil Health and Food Security**

by Adam Cohen, Shelly Steele, Faith Mussa, Helen Zimba

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# FashionXperience





**Fashion is one of the most visible and most polluting, industries on Earth. Yet it is also one of the most powerful vehicles for cultural change. The Fashion & Circular Economy track brought together designers, sustainability advocates, and circular economy pioneers who are refusing to accept that style must come at a planetary cost.**

Sarah Teresinki of Redeux Style opened the track with a session that reframed fashion through the lens of the UN Sustainable Development Goals showing how each garment is a choice about water, labour, carbon, and waste. The Circular Economy session with Ajay Vonkarey, Lindsey Hearst, Taylor Flores, and others dove deep into the policy and business models that can shift fashion from a linear take-make-waste model to a circular one where nothing of value is discarded.

Patti Abrecht's 'No Shade, No Future' challenged the group to think about the built environment around fashion outdoor spaces, retail environments, and urban design as climate infrastructure in their own right. Joan Manuel Sarmiento's Monarch Without Borders Mexico work showed how fashion and ecological storytelling can be woven together into a movement.

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# Speakers & Sessions



**UN SDG Fashion**

by Sarah Teresinki



**No Shade, No Future: Rethinking Outdoor Spaces for a Warming World**

by Patti Abrecht



**Monarch Without Borders Mexico — Sustainable Design & Nature**

by Joan Manuel Sarmiento



**Lessons from Starting Re|Root Collaborative in Ghana**

by Anysa Santini



**Circular Economy: Reducing Waste and Reusing Resources**

by Ajay Vonkarey, Lindsey Hearst, Taylor Flores, Shyam, Andrew Blair, Takanao Todo

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# BuildXperience



MAINEFACTURED HOMES

## Tiny Home Award Mainefactured Homes

An innovative housing company advancing prefabricated construction with a focus on efficiency, design, and sustainability.




ArchiMAT NewportHomes Powered by ArchiMAT

## ArchiMAT & Newport Homes

Advancing climate-ready housing through sustainable materials, resilient design, and environmentally responsible development.




EDISON Redefining EV Charging

## EdisonXFC

A technology company developing ultra-fast EV charging infrastructure to support the future of electric mobility.



TEXAS EV ALLIANCE

## Texas EV Alliance

An environmental leader focused on advancing sustainability through strategic collaboration and community engagement.

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# Speakers & Sessions



**EdisonXFC: Building a Sustainable Next Generation EV Charging Station Network**

by Victor Lee



**Turning Commercial Real Estate into Climate Readiness**

by Danny Ho, ArchiMAT



**Manufactured Tiny Houses**

by Anabella Mainetti



**Living in Tomorrowland**

by Nathan Dunaville

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# CarbonXperience






**Money moves the world. And in 2026, more money than ever before is beginning to move toward sustainability but not fast enough, not efficiently enough, and not yet reaching the projects and communities that need it most. The Carbon & Investment track existed to close that gap.**




The Carbon Revenue for Private Landowners session was revelatory for many in the audience demonstrating that rural landowners in Texas and beyond are sitting on carbon assets they do not yet know how to monetise. The workshops on carbon project financing gave practitioners the technical vocabulary and deal structure knowledge to move their projects from concept to capital.

# Speakers & Sessions



**Chemical Solutions to Battle Climate Change: The Pharmaceutical Case**

Prof. Karl Anker Jørgensen



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Dan Romito

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Dr. Marciano Dasai



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Dr. Sherilyn Williams-Stroud

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**Blue Carbon for Climate Action: Synergies and Investment Opportunities in Texas and Beyond**

Joe Ryan



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Salomo Vilén

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**Financing the Road to Net Zero**

Rick Davis



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Marko Kärkkäinen

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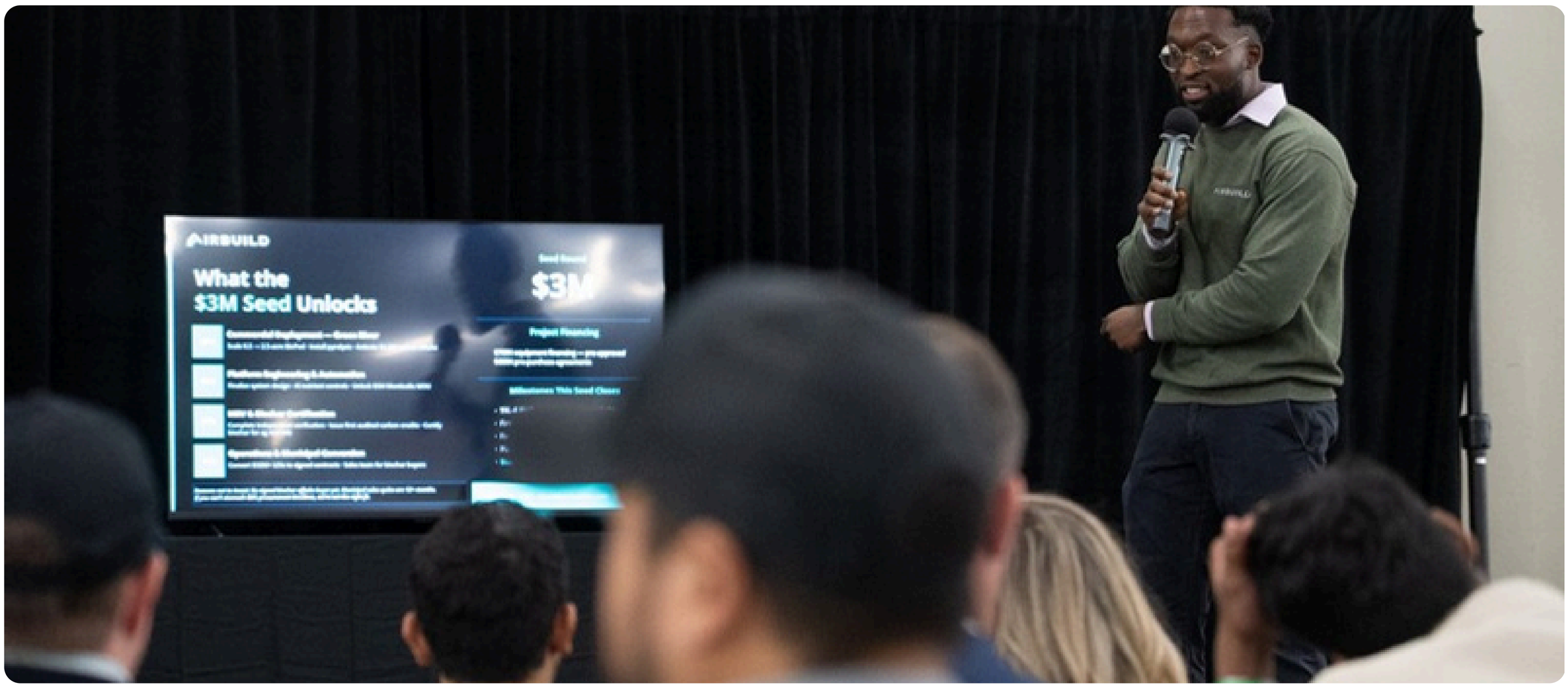
# InvestorXperience







The Raise the Round Startup Showcase on Stage 6 was one of the most electric sessions of the entire event ten startups, five minutes each, making their case to a panel of investors who had real capital to deploy. The Great Wealth Transition session with Jackie Moe and Galith Levy surfaced one of the most significant and underreported stories in sustainability finance: over $84 trillion will transfer between generations over the next two decades, and how that capital is deployed will determine whether we hit 1.5°C or blow past it.

# Speakers & Sessions



**Financial Advisory Professionals Workshop**

by Rick Davis



**Future of Markets Depends on Who Gets to Speak**

by Asher Jay

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**Carbon Revenue Opportunities for Private Landowners**

by Pete Compton



**Climate Data & Investment**

by Kristen Sissener

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**Neuralix Inc**

by Vikram Jayaram



**Can't Go Green on Empty: The Link Between Financial Security and a Sustainable Future**

by Emily Trant

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**EACC Texas — Carbon Markets**

by Stefan Boehmer



**From Knowledge to Action: Youth Leading the Way to Resilient Communities**

by Leia Lowery

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**The Great Wealth Transition**

by Jackie Moe, Galith Levy



**Global Supply Chain and Logistics — Sustainability Rewired: Pioneering the Future**

by Masood Khan

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**Carbon Project Financing Workshop**

by Rick Davis, Akshay Sriprasad, Margaret Morales

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**From Idea to Investable:**
**What Incubators Look for in Successful Startups**

by Thomas Henry, Adam Schlenger, Karen Jensen

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**Where Capital Is Missing:**
**Underfunded Climate Sectors with Near-Term Demand**

by Amy Henry, Thomas Tougaard, Rick Davis, Springna Zhao

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# Speakers & Sessions



**Raise the Round**

by Vanessa Scott, Robert Allen, Alissa Peterson, Anthony Del Porto, Jonathan Azoff, David Gory, Richard Phamdo, Saif Bhatti, Nathan King, Sam Teicher, Clément Cid, Rory Brogan, Jeffery DiMaio

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# ResilienceXperience





Svitlana Krakovska brought the reality of the Ukraine conflict and its environmental dimensions into the room with unflinching clarity. The Ukraine Delegation session transformed into something far more than a panel: it became a moment of collective witness. Nobel Peace Prize laureate Dr. Ira Helfand's session on nuclear threat reminded the audience that environmental risk and existential risk are not separate conversations.

**The Resilience & Community track carried some of the most important and moving content of the entire event. These were not theoretical discussions. These were accounts of survival, rebuilding, and the extraordinary human determination to create something better from the ruins of something broken.**

The Water for West Africa session featuring Steve Bender alongside His Excellency Kithsiri Athulathmudali and WASHRAG demonstrated the power of partnership across diplomatic, civic, and NGO lines. From the One Million Drops initiative to Kateryna Shvanova's extraordinary account of service in conflict, this track made clear that resilience is not the absence of adversity. It is what communities choose to build in its place.

# Speakers & Sessions



**India — Global Resilience & Diplomatic Engagement**

by His Excellency Kithsiri Athulathmudali



**Mexico River Projects**

by Bricia ElAwar

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**Braver Angels Debate: N uclear Power and Climate Mitigation**

by Sam Rechek



**The War on Ukraine — Environmental Dimensions**

by Svitlana Krakovska

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**Ukraine Delegation Session**



**The Growing Danger of Nuclear War: What We Must Do to Prevent It**

by Dr. Ira Helfand (Nobel Peace Prize)

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**E-Waste Recycling**

by Allen McReynolds



**Impact of Environmental Changes on World Peace**

by Shab Elawar

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**Service Woman Chornobye40**

by Kateryna Shvanova



**Restoring Water Access to Build Sustainable Farming Communities in India**

by Aneesha Dalmia

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**Water Security, Watersheds, and Clean Water Access**

by Fay Crevoshay, Dr. Jacob Atem



**Braver Angels Debate: Climate Solutions — Communities vs. Governments**

by Sam Rechek, Don Bender

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**One Million Drops, East Meets West: A Rotary Partnership — Water for West Africa**

by His Excellency Kithsiri Athulathmudali, Steve Bender

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**High-Impact Community Partnerships**

by Princess Sarah Culberson, Dr. MP Varsha, Luis Bourrillon

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# We Were Minutes Away From Nuclear War

We Were Minutes Away From Nuclear War features Dr. Ira Helfand, a leading global advocate on nuclear disarmament and public health. The program explores how close the world has come to nuclear catastrophe and highlights the urgent importance of diplomacy, global cooperation, and preventing future nuclear conflict through international dialogue and awareness.

# Women in Sustainability



**The Women of Impact track was one of the most fully realised and powerfully curated programmes of Environmental Xperience 2026. Anchored on Stage 6 across the entirety of Day 2, it was designed not as a conversation about women in sustainability but as a demonstration of what women-led sustainability leadership looks and sounds like at its most visionary.**

Tracy Stayton opened with a keynote that set the tone immediately: this was not a space for incremental thinking. Speaker Block 1 wove together career resilience, AI and the future of work, community healing, and communication, all through the lens of women who have built their careers at the hardest intersections. Lindsey Hearst's presentation, "From Ambition to Execution: How Sustainability Actually Gets Done Inside Large Organizations," added a critical operational perspective to the conversation bridging the gap between sustainability vision, internal systems, and real-world implementation inside complex institutions.



**"Women who embrace AI today will earn more and be the leaders of tomorrow. "**

The Women's Roundtable on AI, with Kathleen D'Angelo, Asher Jay, and Beth Rudden, generated some of the most substantive discussion of the entire event about what artificial intelligence means for communities that have historically been left out of technology's benefits. Speaker Block 3 closed the day with Patti Abrecht, Asher Jay, and Leia Lowery, covering outdoor space design, the economy as a living system, and youth-led community resilience. Tracy Stayton's closing remarks became a standing ovation moment: a reminder that the work of sustainability is ultimately the work of love.

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# Speakers & Sessions



**Women of Impact — Opening Keynote**

by Tracy Stayton



**Future Proof Your Career / Business with AI**

by Kathleen D'Angelo

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**Journey from Environmental Harm to Community Healing**

by Dr. Marsha Jackson



**Women Leading the Future of AI**

by Beth Rudden

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**President, One Earth One Chance**

by Geeta Menon



**Personal Sustainability: Healing from Within**

by Kristine Stoddard

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**Artificial Intelligence Without Accountability and Insight**

by Asher Jay



**Communication Pollution = No Real Solution!**

by Tracy Stayton

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**No Shade, No Future: Rethinking Outdoor Spaces for a Warming World**

by Patti Abrecht



**From Extraction to Regeneration: Redesigning the Economy for a Living World**

by Asher Jay

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**From Knowledge to Action: Youth Leading the Way to Resilient Communities**

by Leia Lowery



**From Ambition to Execution: How Sustainability Actually Gets Done Inside Large Organizations**

by Lindsey Hearst

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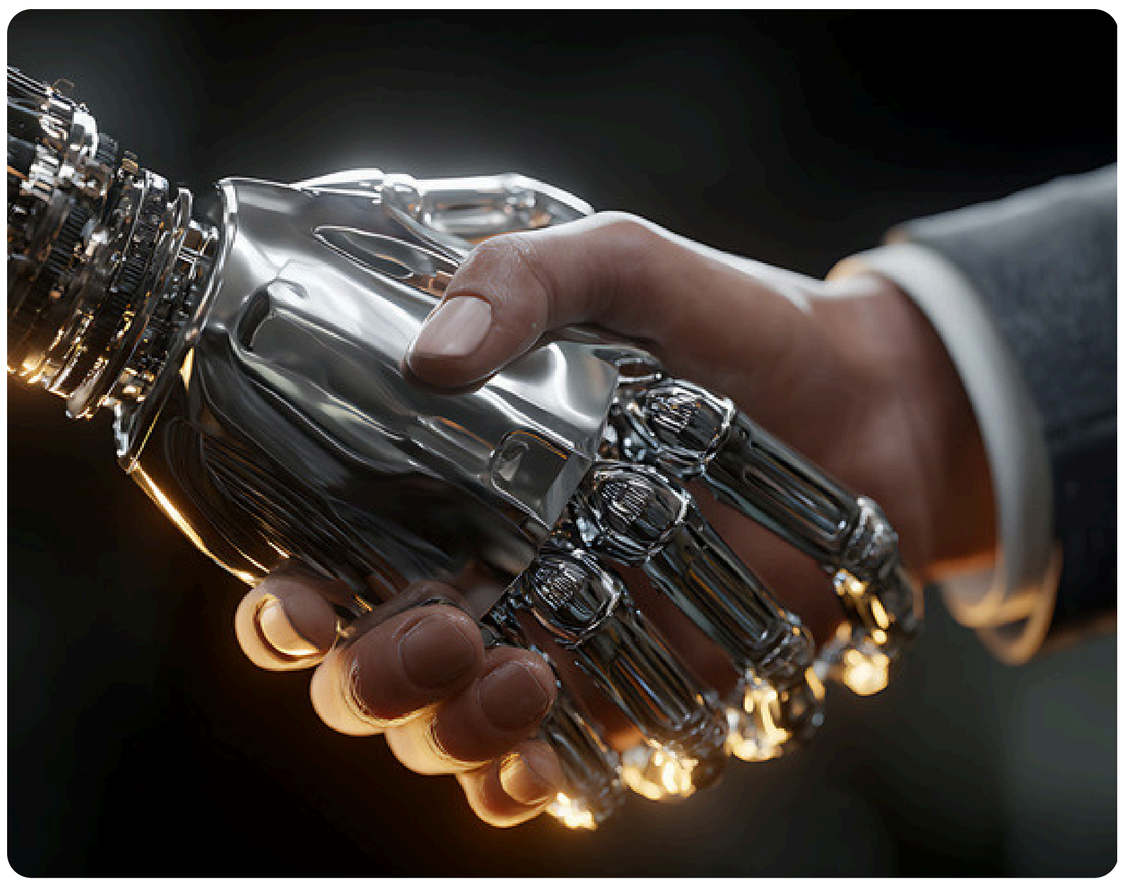
# AI & Technology



**The AI & Technology track held one of the most important and most urgent conversations of Environmental Xperience 2026. As artificial intelligence reshapes every sector of the global economy, the question is no longer whether AI will affect the environment. The question is whether we will design it to help or harm.**

Kathleen D'Angelo's session on Day 1 "Amplify Your Impact by Driving Strategic AI Adoption," examined why 95% of AI investments fail and emphasized the pitfalls of treating AI as a standalone tool rather than a solution to well-defined problems. She introduced a practical, problem-first framework that enables organizations to unlock AI's capacity-creating power and expand their environmental and social impact.

Asher Jay's sessions on misinformation spanning both Stage 4 and Stage 6 were among the most attended and discussed of the entire event. In a world where climate denial and greenwashing are spreading faster than the solutions designed to counter them, understanding how false information travels and how to interrupt it is not just a media problem. It is a survival skill. Shivi Kumar's Sustainable Nanotechnology session and the Neuralix presentation pointed to a future where technology operates at the molecular level in service of environmental restoration.



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**Amplify Your Impact by Driving Strategic AI Adoption**

by Kathleen D'Angelo



**The Conditions of Creation: Building AI Infrastructure That Regenerates**

by Shivi Kumar

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**AI & Sustainable Nanotechnology: Designing the Future Responsibly**

by Shivi Kumar



**Ellysium Racing — Sustainable Technology**

by Ellis Spiezia

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**Misinformation–Disinformation: Getting the Facts in an Age of Fiction**

by Asher Jay



**Artificial Intelligence Without Accountability and Insight**

by Asher Jay

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**Women Leading the Future of AI**

by Beth Rudden



**TripAI Technologies / Former Sustainability Lead UTD**

by Samar Khan

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**Sustainable Innovation Presentation**

by Vikram Jayaram



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by Juliana Garaizar, Sarah Tamilarasan

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**IRL Panel on AI**

by Kathleen D'Angelo, Asher Jay, Beth Rudden

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# Global Citizenship





**Global Citizenship was not a track at Environmental Xperience 2026 in the way the other eleven were. It was the connective tissue that held everything together. It was present in every opening remark, every debate, every youth session, every diplomatic encounter, and every moment when a speaker from one part of the world looked across the stage at someone from another and recognised that their struggles, though different in form, were the same in origin.**

Barry Rassin opened and closed the event with the grace and authority of a leader who has spent a lifetime proving that ordinary people, organised with purpose, can do extraordinary things. The Braver Angels debates, structured, rigorous, and genuinely surprising, modelled what it looks like to disagree productively about climate and community without losing respect for the other side. The youth sessions with Shivi, Don Bender, and others reminded the full room that leadership has no minimum age.

The diplomatic engagements, with His Excellency Kithsiri Athulathmudali representing India, the African Diaspora Panel featuring Princess Sarah Culberson of Sierra Leone, and delegations from Ukraine, Mexico, Panama, and beyond, transformed Environmental Xperience from a conference into a genuinely international gathering. The world was in the room. And the world was listening.

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# Speakers & Sessions



**Opening Remarks (Day 1);**
**Keynote (Day 1);**
**Closing Remarks (Day 3)**

by Barry Rassin



**Coming Days Preview / Overview; Closing Remarks**

by Wade Nomura

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**Closing Remarks (with Barry Rassin & Wade Nomura)**

by Steve Bender



**India — Diplomatic Engagement**

by His Excellency Kithsiri Athulathmudali

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**MOU: Asian Chamber and USGCC**

by Michelle Thatcher



**Nepal Medics**

by Patrick Bancke

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**Braver Angels Debate — Nuclear Power & Climate Mitigation**

by Sam Rechek



**Opening: Why Youth Leadership Matters Now**

by Don Bender

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**Sustaining People by Sustaining Systems**

by Shreya Kumar



**Service Woman Chornobye40**

by Kateryna Shvanova

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**One Earth One Chance**

by Geeta Menon



**Asian Chamber of Texas / BlueBonnet HUB**

by Mohammed Farshori

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by Shivi Kumar



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**Braver Angels Debate — Climate: Communities vs. Governments**

by Sam Rechek, Don Bender

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**Across the Aisle: Governing in a Defining Decade**

by Nathan Johnson, (mod. Tsion Amare)

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**African Diaspora Panel**

by Princess of Sierra Leone, Faith Mussa, Dr. Jacob Atem, Jeremy

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**Braver Angels Fireside Chat with Rotary**

by Barry Rassin, Maury Giles

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**Democracy on the Line — Packaging Extended Producer Responsibility**

by Don Bender, Gary Lucks, Andrea Sumits

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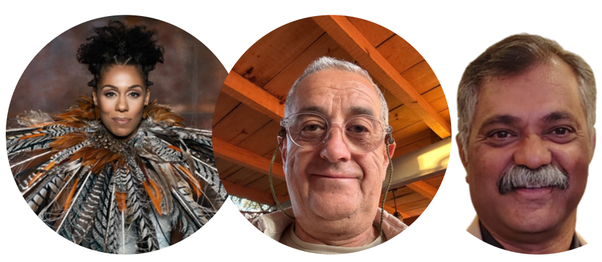

**High-Impact Community Partnerships**

by Princess Sarah Culberson, Luis Bourrillon, Dr. MP Varsha

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**Youth Climate, Health, Technology Panels; Closing Reflection & Call to Action; Why Youth Leadership Matters Now**

by Shivi Kumar - Moderator
Panelists: Shreya Kumar, Sophia D'Angelo, Maia Cook

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The Rotary Xperience

# 100 PROJECTS, 100 COUNTRIES.



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# Signature Initiatives & Legacy Projects

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U.S. Green Chamber Of Commerce

ACT Asian Chamber of Texas

# Advancing Sustainability Through Strategic Partnership

During Environmental Xperience 2026, leaders from the U.S. Green Chamber of Commerce and the Asian Chamber of Texas advanced a strategic collaboration focused on sustainability, responsible business leadership, and global economic development. The partnership aims to strengthen sustainability initiatives across chamber networks through education, resource sharing, collaborative programming, and international engagement.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlines opportunities to expand sustainability-focused business programs, global certification initiatives, and cross-sector collaboration between organizations working to advance climate leadership and sustainable economic practices. This collaboration reflects the growing importance of international partnerships in accelerating environmental innovation and building resilient business communities worldwide.







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# Building Bridges Through Rotary at EarthX

What began at the 2023 Economist Oceans Summit in Lisbon evolved into an international collaboration focused on river restoration, recycling innovation, and environmental resilience across Mexico and beyond. After connecting through EarthX, partners including Rotary leaders, RiverRecycle, and environmental advocates expanded efforts supporting environmental education, community engagement, and the “Rescue the Colorado River” initiative in Mexicali. Supported through international partnerships and Rotary Global Grants, the initiative continues demonstrating how collaboration, innovation, and community-driven action can create long-term environmental impact.

**“EarthX provided the platform. Rotary built the bridge. RiverRecycle brought the innovation.”**

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# The Panama Projects

In early 2020, as the world entered the COVID-19 pandemic, Steve Bender was preparing another humanitarian mission in Panama through Ayuda International. Leading volunteer dentists and USC dental students, Ayuda provides more than one million dollars in free dental care annually to underserved communities in Southern California and internationally.

During global lockdowns, Steve transformed crisis into opportunity, expanding humanitarian collaboration, environmental initiatives, and global partnerships that later helped shape Environmental Xperience and broader international sustainability efforts. A story of how one Rotarian turned uncertainty into a blueprint for global collaboration and long-term impact.

https://thepanamaproject.org/








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His Excellency Kithsiri Athulathmudali leads initiatives across the East

https://onemilliondrops.org/

# East Meets West – A Rotary Partnership

Launched at The Environmental Xperience at EarthX, One Million Drops brings together His Excellency Kithsiri Athulathmudali, former Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Qatar, and United States Green Chamber Chairman Steve Bender in a global partnership focused on expanding access to clean water.

Combining regional leadership, infrastructure expertise, and international collaboration, the initiative supports sustainable water systems across communities in the Americas, Africa, and Asia.

Through Rotary partnerships and collective action, One Million Drops aims to strengthen resilient communities, improve access to clean water, and create scalable humanitarian impact across the globe.

**The Model**

- His Excellency Kithsiri Athulathmudali leads initiatives across the East
- Steve Bender leads efforts across the Americas and Africa
- Every project is jointly supported, shared, and strengthened

**The Mission** No community should be left behind because of geography. Through this growing partnership, Rotary clubs around the world are joining forces—sharing resources, knowledge, and purpose. Wells are being built. Systems are being sustained. Lives are being changed. Because when East meets West, water flows—and so does hope.



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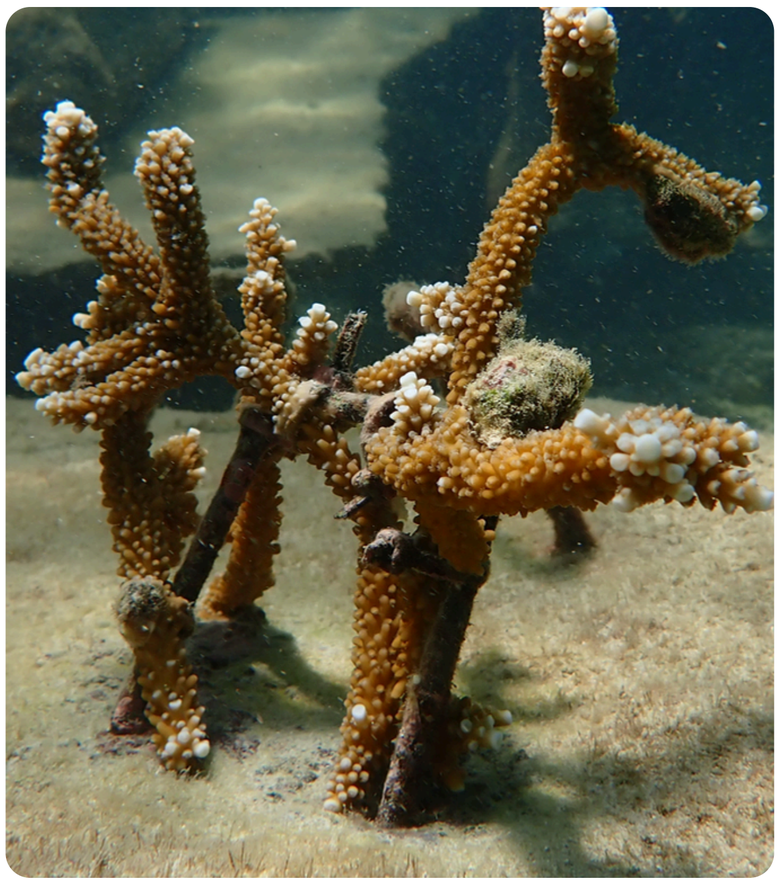
# Rotary Reefs

Rotary Reefs is a global initiative focused on restoring coral reef ecosystems through engineered reef structures that support coral growth, marine biodiversity, and long-term coastal resilience. By combining scientific research, environmental innovation, and community engagement, the initiative creates scalable solutions for ocean restoration worldwide.

Designed as a replicable model, Rotary Reefs has already expanded across regions including Panama and the Philippines through collaborations between local communities, marine scientists, and Rotary's global network. Each reef contributes to both local ecosystem recovery and a broader international restoration movement.







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# Rotary Reefs





## Expansion Vision 2026–2027

The Rotary Reefs initiative will expand into key coastal regions around the world.

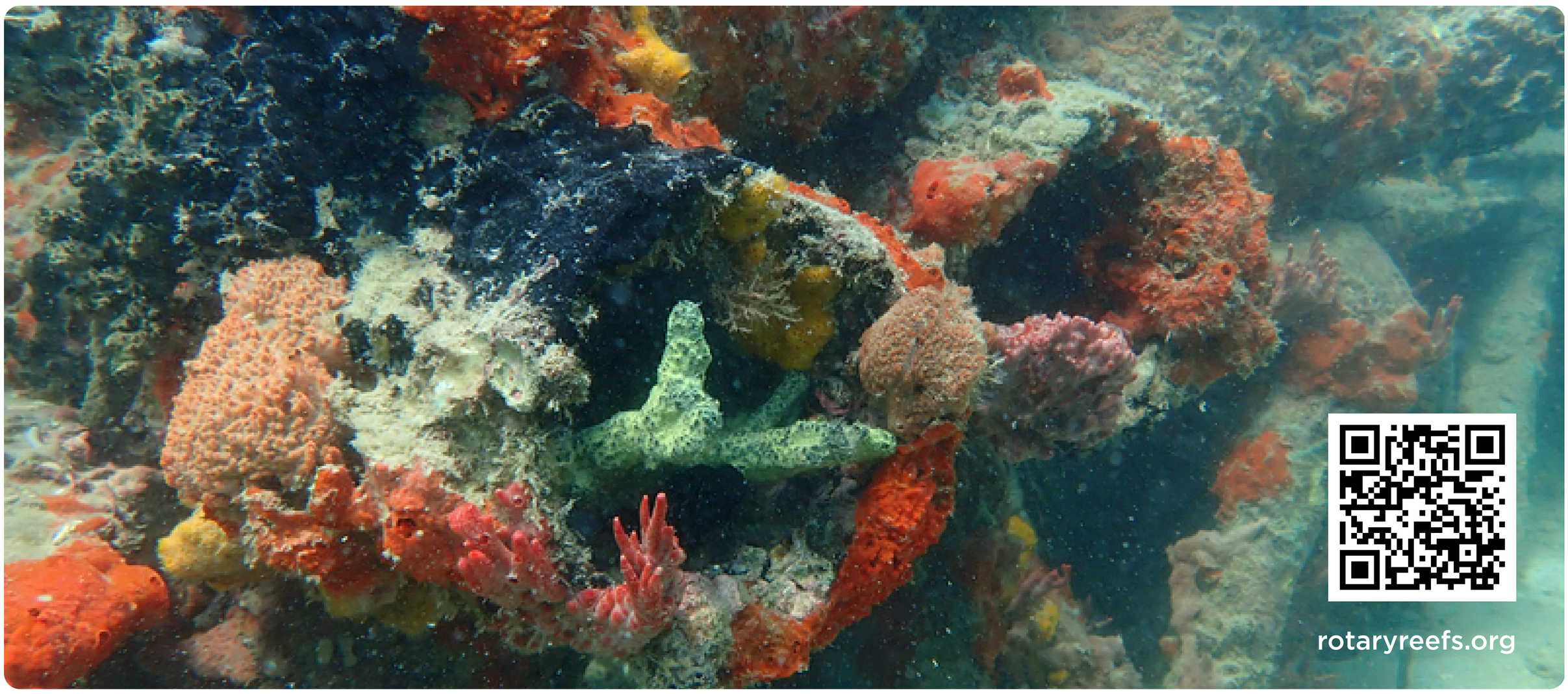
Planned locations include:

- Phuket, Thailand
- Maui, Hawaii
- Tonga
- Mazatlán, Sinaloa (Mexico)
- San Carlos, Sonora (Mexico)
- Galapagos Islands

These sites represent strategic opportunities to implement reef systems that support marine restoration, community engagement, and long-term environmental resilience.

## Legacy & Dedication

As part of this global expansion, selected reef structures and coral systems will be dedicated to Trammell S. Crow, in recognition of his leadership, vision, and commitment to advancing environmental solutions at scale.



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# Tijuana River Project

The Tijuana River Project was presented by the Solana Beach Eco Rotary Club (SBECO Rotary) at EarthX on Earth Day, 2026. This project is a collaboration of SBECO Rotary, represented by Jenny Parker, River Recycle, represented by Marko Karkkainen and WildCoast represented by Fay Crevoshay and Serge Dedina.
During the presentation, Jenny presented the history and many challenges of the Tijuana River Pollution Crisis. Creating a circular economy around the plastic and tire waste found polluting the Tijuana River is one solution to these many challenges. Marko discussed the option of making building materials from the plastics. His company has found great success creating recycled plastic boards in other parts of the world. Fay discussed the extensive challenges created by the dumping of large numbers of tires in and around the river. Fay has first hand knowledge of these challenges as WildCoast has set up trash booms to collect waste from the river for years.
WildCoast has analyzed the makeup and volume of waste and attempted to dispose of the tires and plastic responsibly. There was a short panel discussion after the talks to answer audience questions. Our goal is to find sustainable business solutions to the plastic and tire waste in the Tijuana River. We will create global grants to secure funding the start these projects in the 2026-27 Rotary year.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



Tijuana
River Project

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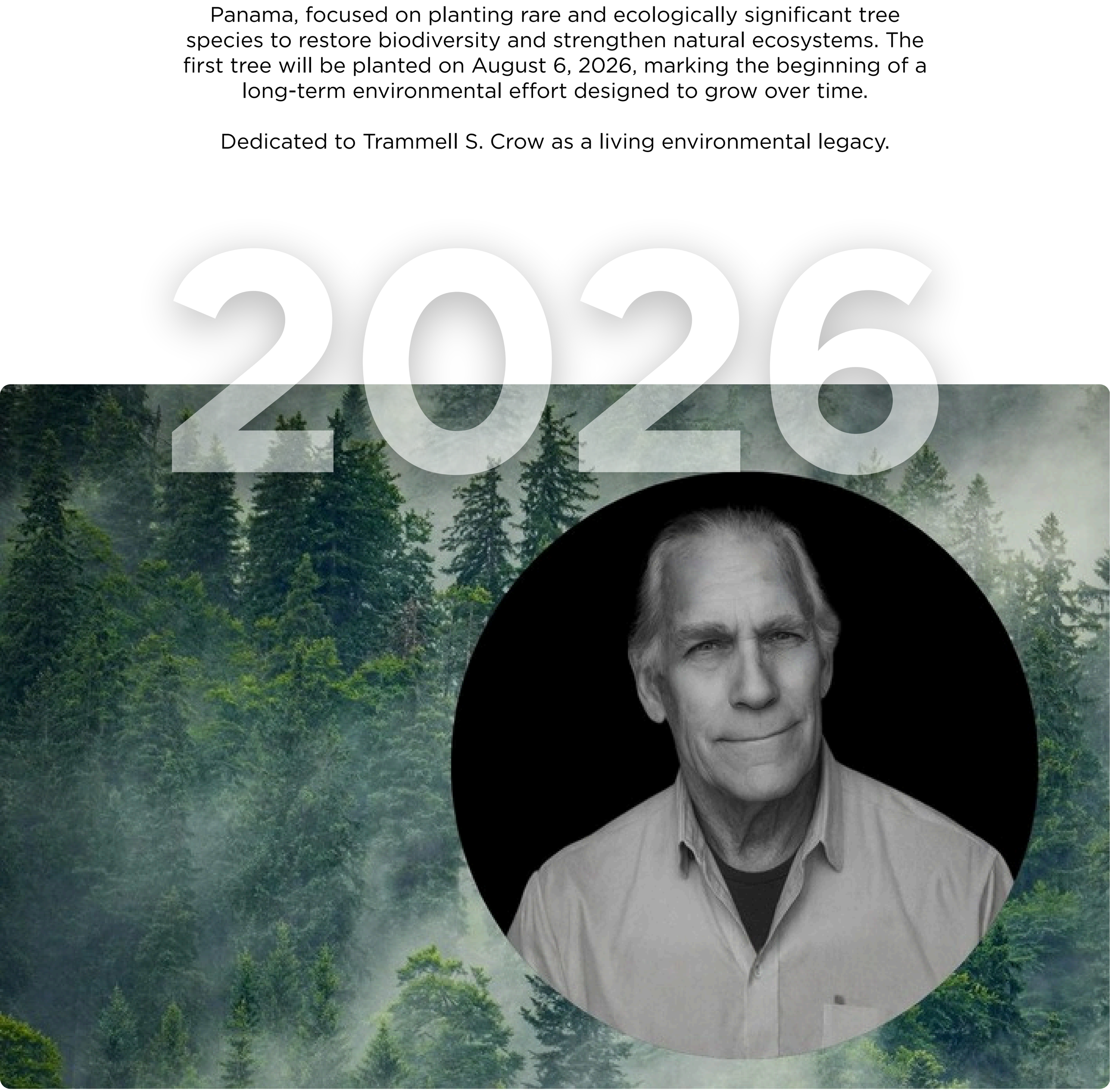
# Trammell S. Crow Forest

## Bocas del Toro, Panama | Launching August 2026

A new forest restoration initiative will be established in Bocas del Toro, Panama, focused on planting rare and ecologically significant tree species to restore biodiversity and strengthen natural ecosystems. The first tree will be planted on August 6, 2026, marking the beginning of a long-term environmental effort designed to grow over time.

Dedicated to Trammell S. Crow as a living environmental legacy.



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# Tree Nursery and Forest In The Name of Trammell S. Crow With The Rotary Club of Zitacuro

2027



Rotary
Club Monarca Zitácuaro

ALIANZA
por la Conservación de Bosque, Suelo y Agua A.C.

monarchs without borders

https://monarchswithoutborders.org

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# Davos to Dallas

The inaugural Davos to Dallas gathering introduced a new platform for global leadership, dialogue, and cross-sector collaboration. Bringing together business leaders, policymakers, and innovators, the initiative focuses on advancing solutions for environmental, economic, and global development challenges.

Following a strong first edition, Davos to Dallas is positioned to expand its global reach, partnerships, and long-term impact. The initiative aims to help position Dallas as a future hub for international business collaboration, sustainability, and innovation-driven growth.



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# From Davos to Dallas Where Global Business Comes to America

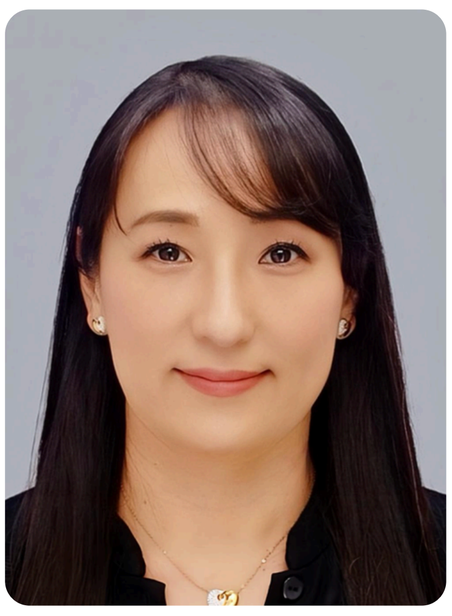
**In January, the world gathered in Davos with questions, concerns, and capital ready to move. In April, the answers come to Dallas. Davos to Dallas Xperience is a three-day global business conference designed to turn international dialogue into U.S.-based investment, manufacturing, and growth.**

Announced from the legendary Palace Schatzalp overlooking Davos, Switzerland, Davos to Dallas is a new global convening designed to move the world's most ambitious climate, energy, and infrastructure leaders from dialogue to deployment.

Announced by Steve Bender, Chairman of the United States Green Chamber of Commerce, this landmark gathering brings international companies, institutional capital, policymakers, and innovators to Dallas, Texas, the fastest, emerging operating center for the future global economy.

Hosted at the Hilton Anatole in conjunction with The Environmental Xperience at EarthX, Davos to Dallas connects global ambition with American execution. Dallas, Fort Worth sits at the intersection of capital markets, energy leadership, advanced manufacturing, logistics, and pro-growth policy making it the premier gateway for international companies seeking to establish, expand, and scale operations in the United States.

This is not another conference. It is a platform for market entry, investment deployment, site selection, partnerships, and project launches at scale. From Davos to Dallas, the future is not debated, it is built.



"I originally planned to attend Earth Day Miami, but after hearing Steve Bender speak in Davos about EarthX, I immediately changed my plans. The Davos to Dallas program is incredibly exclusive and thoughtfully designed to help companies establish and grow their presence in the United States. I've truly enjoyed the event, the high-level networking opportunities, and the collaborative environment focused on strategy, growth, and support in Texas". - KC Kang, Founder at Deep Sea Water

**davostodallas.com/speakers**

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# Projects to Highlight On-site initiatives

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# On-site Initiatives
# (Booths and projects on site)

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| **Biodiversity & Nature** | • Pollinators Initiative<br>• Native Prairies Association of Texas<br>• Marineland: Waves of the Future<br>• Florida Panhandle Marine Institute |
| **Water & Impact** | • Clean Water for Maai Mahiu, Kenya<br>• Million Drops of Water Initiative<br>• Water for Children Africa<br>• Freshwater Project International |
| **Circular Economy & Waste** | • Li-Ion Battery Recycling<br>• Lunch Out of Landfills |
| **Technology & Innovation** | • Electric Vehicles<br>• Robotic Lawn Technology<br>• Aquaponics Systems<br>• Ellysium Racing<br>• KC Global Consulting |
| **Food, Land & Agriculture** | • Nord Garden<br>• Center for Sustainable Agricultural Excellence and Conservation<br>• Rise Yaupon<br>• ESRAG Plant-Rich Diet Task force |
| **Entrepreneurship & Emerging Brands** | • Zenith Home Systems<br>• The Happy Sisters Company<br>• Rise Yaupon<br>• Himalayan Lush Industry<br>• Company ABC |
| **Community & Resilience** | • Disaster Aid USA<br>• Rotary Membership Experience<br>• Rotary Earth Network Club<br>• Center for Independent Living Jacksonville |
| **Global Initiatives** | • Terra Clear Foundation – Laos |

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# ArchiMAT



ArchiMAT is a Climate Intelligent Workspace created to connect people, ideas, projects, and movements together to build a better world.

At the Environmental Xperience, ArchiMAT brings together innovators, designers, businesses, and communities who believe the future of the built environment should be more responsible, collaborative, and climate-ready.

More than technology, ArchiMAT exists to bridge conversations into action helping people learn, collaborate, and activate meaningful impact through shared knowledge, innovation, and purpose.

By connecting ecosystems across industries and countries, ArchiMAT is helping shape a future where better decisions, stronger partnerships, and collective action create lasting environmental change.



## Smile Materials

Turning Plastic Waste into Design Surfaces



## DP Eco Material

Recycling Ceramic Waste into Architectural Surfaces



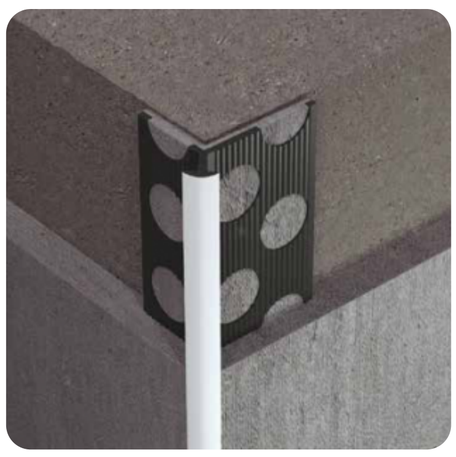
## Gaea

Redefining Materials Through Wood-Plastic Innovation



## Shell Homage

Transforming Shell Waste into Design Materials



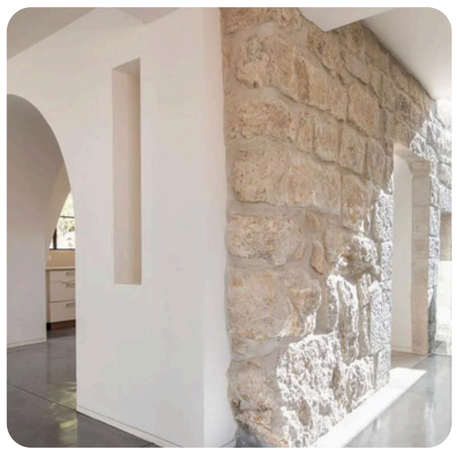
## Seng Liy

Advancing Construction with Recycled Plastic Solutions



## Glass Foam Acoustic Tiles

Turning Recycled Glass into Acoustic Solutions



## Rhinoz

Engineering Durable Surfaces from Recycled Materials



## Ecopeal

Repurposing Carton Waste into Construction Boards



## Loqa

Reworking Construction Waste into New Materials

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# Carboreal Fights Against Climate Change Through Science, Economics, and Concrete Actions.

**Sustainable way to offset carbon emissions. We're growing new carbon sinks in Finland. Rooting hope, one tree at a time.**

Carboreal is a Finnish company that provides Nordic carbon units to offset your emissions. The amount of captured carbon dioxide is scientifically verified. Together, we can create diverse forests and improve biodiversity, ecosystem health, and efficiency, while providing habitat and food for various species.

www.carboreal.fi/en

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Sophia D'Angelo was proud to be named Co-chair of the Rotary Reefs global initiative.

## 4-7-8-17 Project

The 4-7-8-17 Program combines Rotary's Four-Way Test, 7 Areas of Focus, 8 Pillars of Peace, and the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals to help align global service projects with meaningful impact. Powered by the AI-driven 4-7-8-17 Navigator, the program helps organizations evaluate and strengthen projects more efficiently.



47817.org/

## Sophia D'Angelo

Sophia D'Angelo contributed to Environmental Xperience 2026 through youth leadership, sustainability initiatives, and support for Rotary Reefs' global expansion. Representing a new generation of environmental leadership, she focused on civic engagement, ecosystem restoration, and empowering younger generations to drive global environmental collaboration and impact.

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# Loving Hut
# Vegan Cuisine

Loving Hut is one of the largest families of vegan restaurants in the world and is the winner of VegNews 2010 Favorite Vegan Restaurant award. We have more than 100 outlets in major cities all over the world. We are also the fastest growing vegan restaurant in the world with international locations spanning across multiple countries in Asia, Europe, North America, Central America, South America, Australia and New Zealand.

Loving Hut is created with the vision that all beings can live in peace, love and harmony with each other. As a restaurant or café, Loving Hut provides consumers with great tasting, high quality and healthful pure vegan food along with speed, value and convenience. In essence, Loving Hut is to be a Loving House of Heaven, filled with divine light and warmth, where nourishing Loving food for the body, mind, heart & spirit is served.




https://www.lovinghut.com/

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# Mexican Sustainable Seafood by Comepesca

COMEPESCA is a nonprofit organization with more than 20 years of experience promoting collaboration across Mexico's fisheries and aquaculture sector. Through its initiative, Pesca con Futuro, the organization advances responsible seafood consumption while supporting sustainable, traceable, and socially responsible fishing and aquaculture practices. Focused on strengthening Mexico's blue economy, COMEPESCA brings together producers, chefs, scientists, businesses, and environmental leaders to protect marine biodiversity and support the communities that depend on healthy oceans and inland waters. Together, COMEPESCA and Pesca con Futuro are helping build a more sustainable future for seafood production and ocean stewardship in Mexico.

COMEPESCA®

# PESCA CON FUTURO #
PESCA CON FUTURO ®

**Mayela Cárdenas**



**Alex Branch**




**Federico López**



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# Rise Yaupon

Rise Yaupon is a women-owned, veteran-owned, family business from Florida reviving one of America's most overlooked treasures.

All of Rise's teas are built around Yaupon Holly, native to the Southeast United States. With over 8,000 years of documented consumption, twice the age of Chinese tea traditions, yaupon declined sharply in the 1700s as European settlers favored coffee and imported teas. Today there's a growing resurgence driven by its unique flavor, smooth natural caffeine, and rich plant compounds. We're here to lead that revival.




www.riseyaupon.com

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RE|ROOT COLLABORATIVE

# Re|Root

Re|Root exists to turn global waste into local renewal by partnering with local changemakers to collect, repurpose, and recycle materials, reshaping the systems that connect us all.

Root #1 | Upcycle, downcycle, or recycle textile waste, giving it new life. Less textile waste = less burning & dumping.

Root #2 | Repurpose informal dumping grounds into cleaner, healthier spaces where communities can thrive and disease spread is reduced.

Root #3 | Draw awareness to the international waste trade crisis. The most difficult issues to tackle are the ones that are not discussed. Let's start the trash talk!




https://www.rerootcollaborative.org/

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# Mike Weaver

Mike Weaver played a key role in the success of the Rotary Xperience at Environmental Xperience 2026, helping unite Rotary clubs, sustainability exhibitors, and community organizations around initiatives including clean water, circular economy solutions, EVs, food waste reduction, and battery recycling. He also supported a partnership between Junkluggers Dallas and Redwood Materials to advance lithium-ion battery recycling efforts.

## Key Environmental & Community Initiatives

- Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling
- Electric Vehicle Education
- Lunch Out of Landfills
- Clean Water for Maai Mahiu, Kenya
- Terra Clear Foundation Laos
- Disaster Aid USA
- Aquaponics Systems
- Pollinator Initiatives
- Rotary Membership & Community Outreach




## Participating Rotary Clubs Coordinated Through Mike Weaver

- Pilot Knob Rotary Club, Denton
- Colleyville Rotary Club
- Denton Noon Rotary Club
- Lake Cities Rotary Club
- Cross Timbers Rotary Club
- Lewisville Noon Rotary Club
- Arlington Sunrise Rotary Club
- Waco Sunrise Rotary Club
- Rotary Club of West University, Houston
- Southern Frederick Rotary Club, Maryland
- Rotaract Cartago, Costa Rica

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# Nepal Medics

Is an international organization focused on strengthening prehospital emergency medical systems (EMS) across Nepal through sustainable, community-centered, and climate-resilient healthcare solutions. The organization develops emergency response systems, workforce training programs, rural dispatch services, and healthcare infrastructure designed to improve access to lifesaving care in underserved communities. Core initiatives include Community First Responder (CFR) programs, rural medical training, emergency dispatch systems, and climate-resilient emergency care. Nepal Medics also prioritizes gender equity, with women representing more than 70% of Community First Responders and leadership committees. Through local and international partnerships, Nepal Medics continues advancing scalable emergency care systems capable of responding to both everyday emergencies and climate-related disasters.




Patrick Bancke, Founder of Nepal Medics and EMS professional, contributed to Environmental Xperience 2026 through discussions focused on emergency medical systems, rural healthcare access, and climate-resilient community response solutions across underserved regions.

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nepalmedics.org

nepalmedics.org/

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# ESRAG Plant-Rich Diet Task force

Adopting a more plant-rich diet can reduce your carbon footprint by up to 75%! Join the free, online, work-at-your-own-pace ESRAG 15 Day Plant-Rich Challenge! It's packed with helpful guidance to help you learn how and why this delicious and healthy lifestyle change benefits you and the planet.




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# Braver Angels

Bringing Americans together is a civic task, one that must be led by patriotic citizens giving their time and talent. Thousands have Ranswered the call, uniting communities from the bottom up to strengthen our democratic republic.

## Vision and Mission

Braver Angels inspires Americans to practice courageous citizenship across political differences through dialogue, skill-building, and collaborative action. The organization envisions a stronger civic culture built on trust, unity, and constructive engagement across political divides.

**72,910+**

PARTICIPANTS

People who have taken part in our experiences nationwide

**6,690+**

EVENTS

Conversations, workshops, and events held across the country

**15,360+**

MEMBERS

A grroing community comitted to bridging political divides






https://braverangels.org/our-impact/

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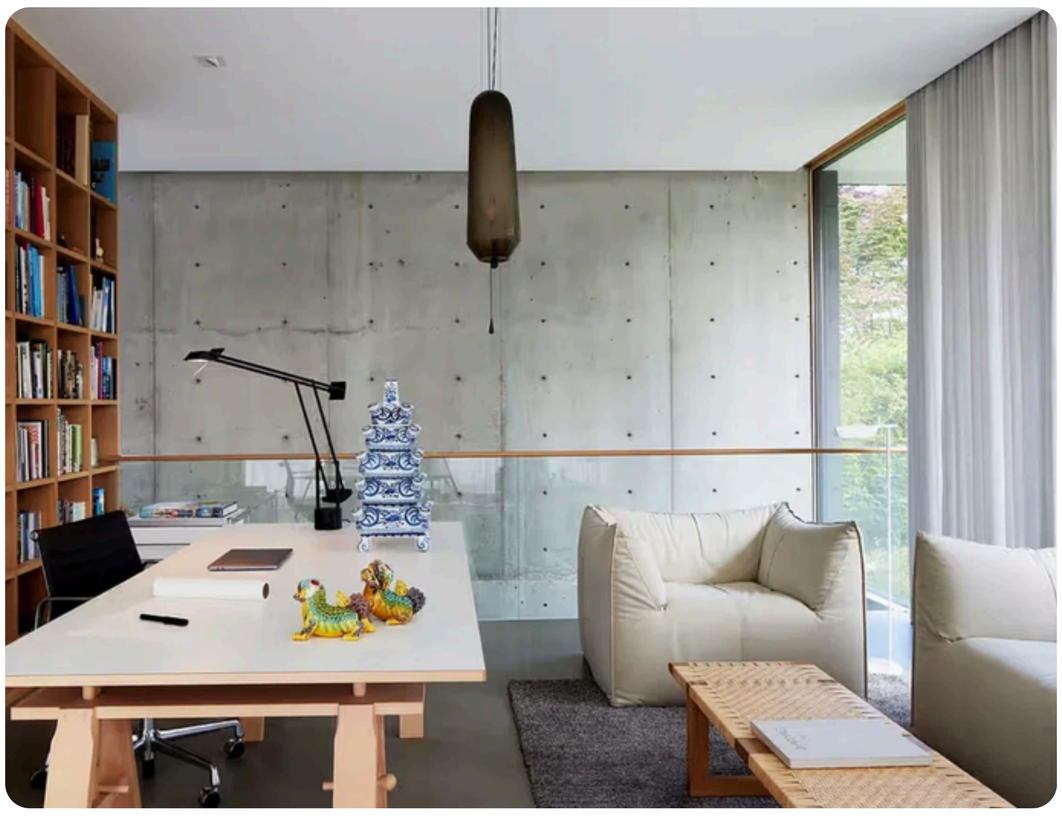






# Zenith Home System

Zenith Home Systems is a construction and design company based in Los Angeles, California, that focuses on building resilient and sustainable homes. This company offers a wide range of services from waste and water management assessments for residences, to designing and analyzing photovoltaic systems for your home. Zenith Home Systems supports clients from the design phase to project competition and facilitates multifaceted information across project teams to deliver sustainable and resilient results.

www.zenithhomesystems.com/

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# Water for West Africa

A program powered by Ghana West Africa Missions (GWAM), Water for West Africa (WFWA), is working with donors and partners to provide sustainable solutions to WASH (Water, Sanitation, and hygiene) programs in West Africa. The transformative power extends beyond health benefits to impact education, equal justice, economic prosperity, community livelihoods, faith-based solutions, and community resilience. Investing in comprehensive WASH initiatives is essential for achieving sustainable development goals and improving the overall quality of life in the region.



waterforwestafrica.org

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# Himalayan Lush

**We are a passionate and innovative company dedicated to producing high-quality, eco-friendly Areca leaf products that contribute to a sustainable future.**

Himalayan Lush Industry is a company based out of Nepal that produces eco-friendly and biodegradable tableware from the Arcea leaf. Himalayan Lush Industry prioritizes customer satisfaction and sustainability through producing high quality products that will last and contribute to a greener future.

himalayanlush.com/

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# Happy Pads

**Our mission is to bring comfort and health benefits to everyone while protecting the earth. We're here to make a positive impact, creating a cleaner world —one gentle, healthy pad at a time**

Happy Pads offers safe, eco-friendly hygiene products made with natural, skin-friendly materials. Our ultra-soft, absorbent pads are free from harsh chemicals, helping to reduce irritation, prevent rashes, and keep you feeling fresh. By choosing Happy Pads, you'rechoosing a healthier option for yourself and a cleaner, greener planet.

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# ORAI - Ocean Rescue Alliance International

The Ocean Rescue Alliance International is a marine conservation and restoration nonprofit organization that implements innovative techniques to restore marine environments. We use artificial structure to enhance marine environments, build marine habitat, conduct restoration, protect coastlines, and connect communities through art. Join us in the fight to save our oceans. Together, we can ensure coral reefs thrive for generations to come.

**www.oceanrescuealliance.org**

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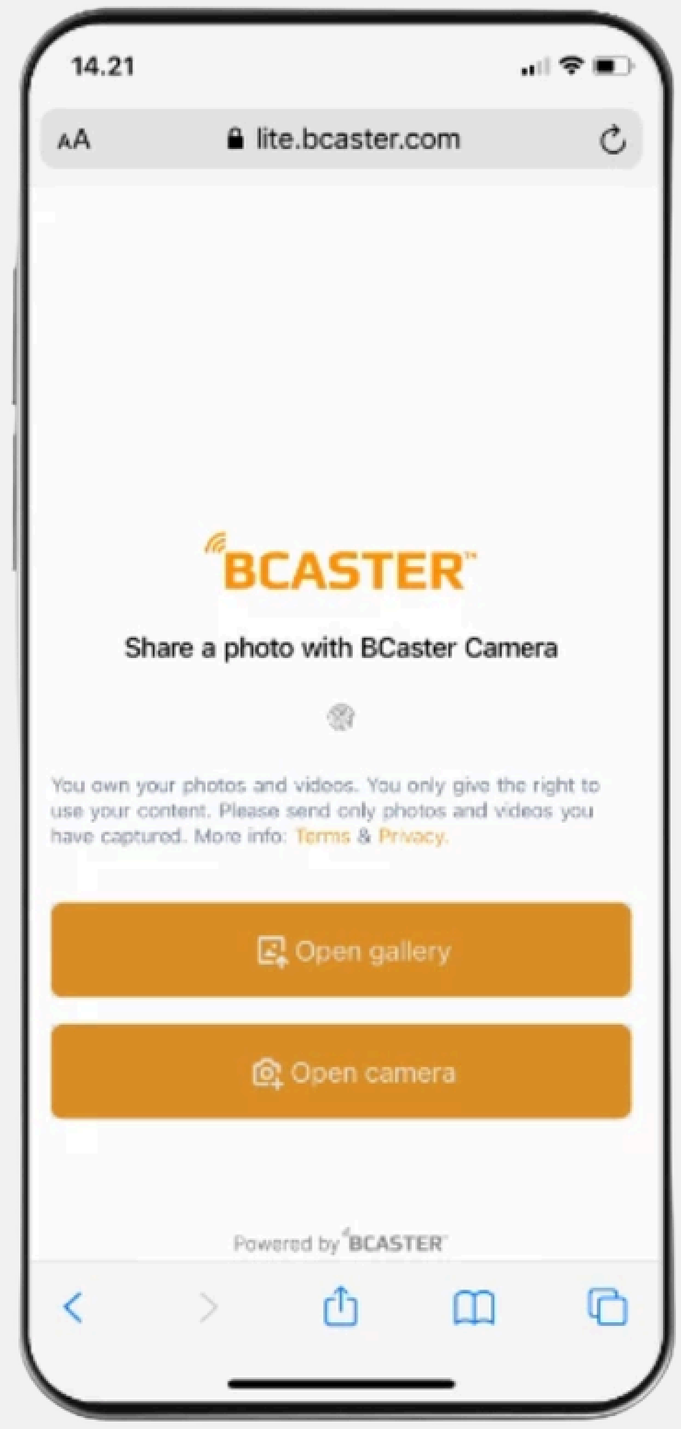
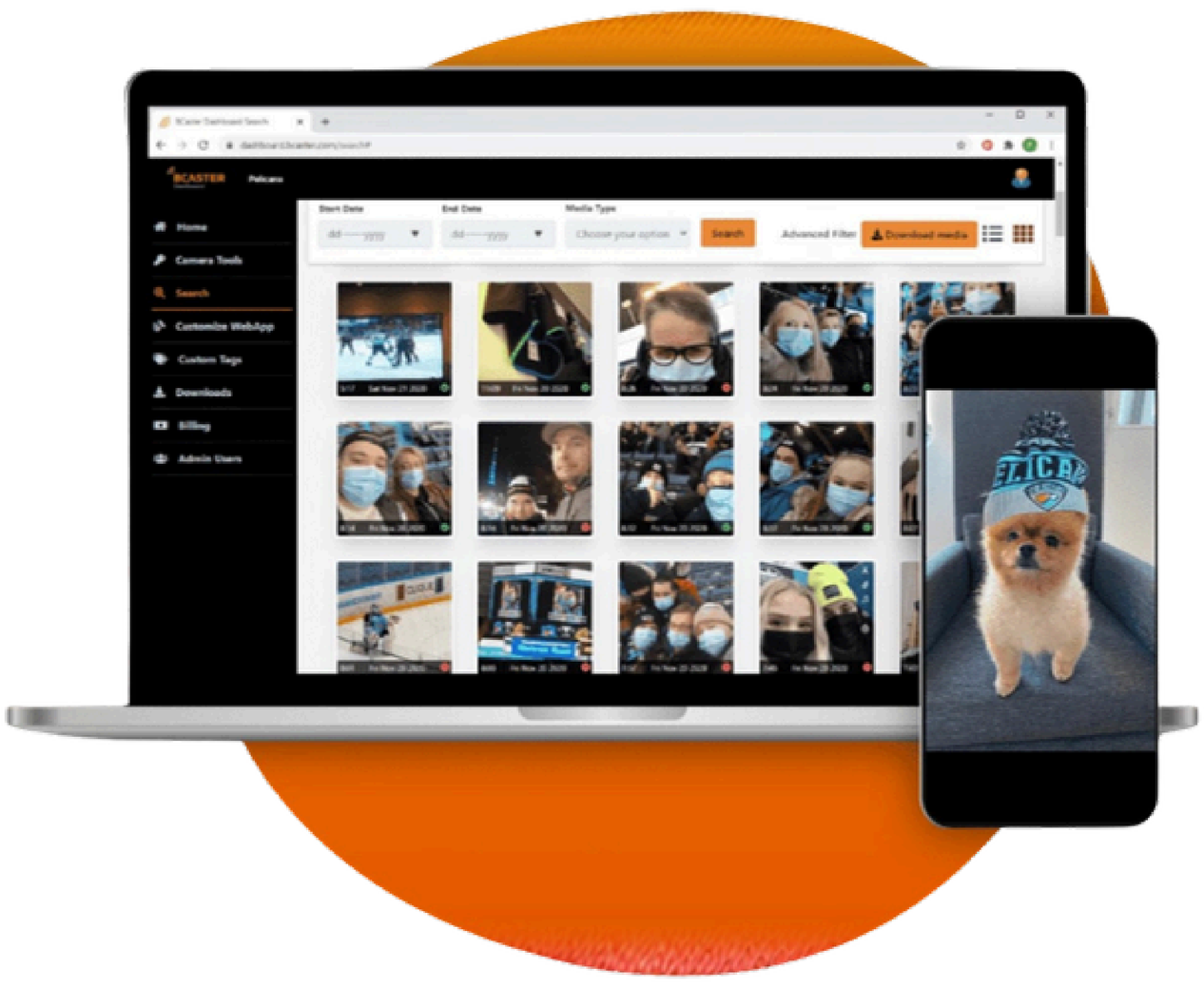



# Boost Your Business With Customer Collected Photos And Videos

was founded in 2016. Our vision is the future where brands can easily, legally, and responsibly use photos and videos to activate, engage, and thrill their audiences. BCaster is an AI powered platform that enables the collection and monetization of user generated videos and photos responsibly.



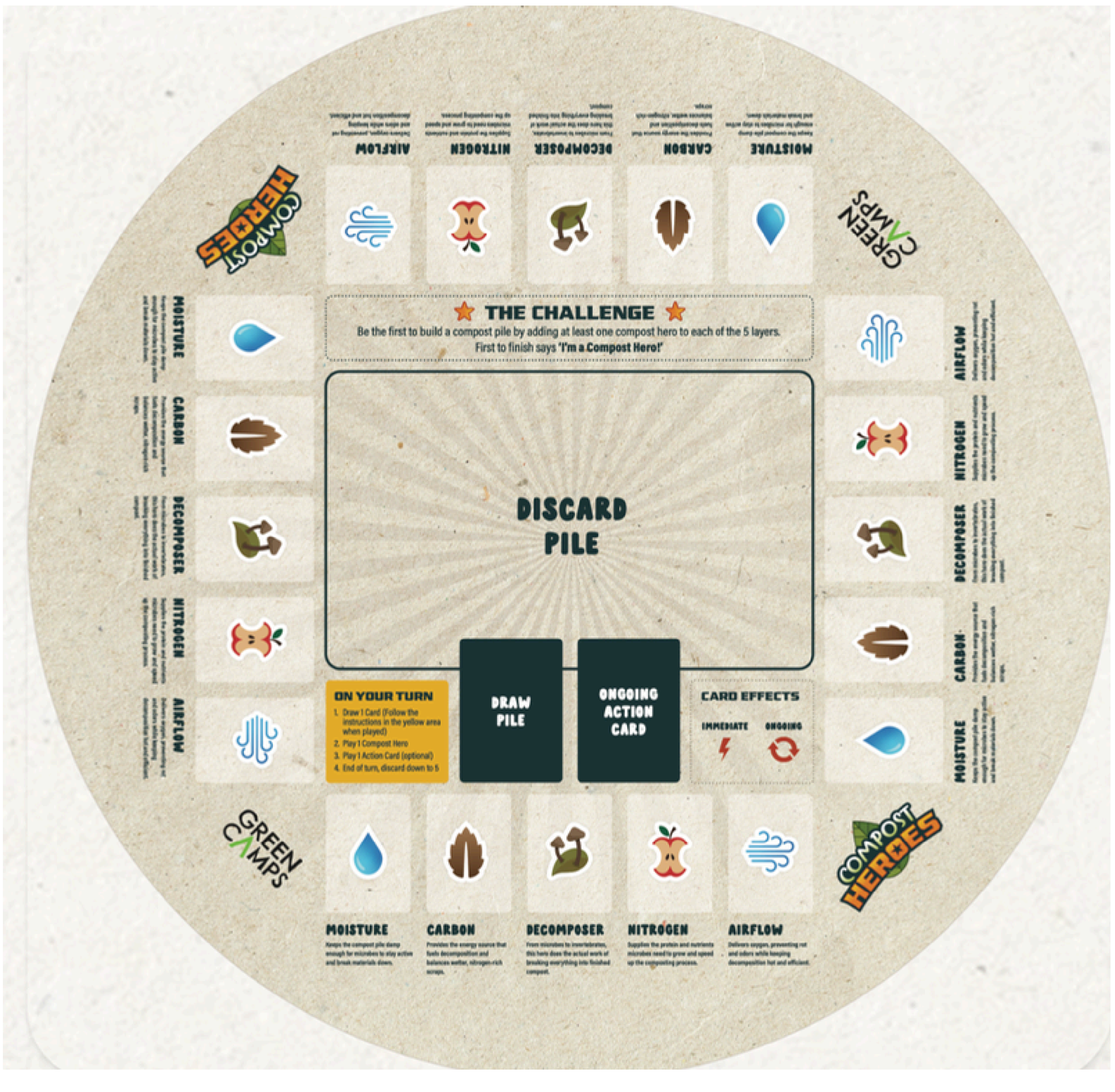
# Photo Competition more than 100 entries

Contest Details-
We will be selecting the Top 10 Photographers at The Environmental Xperience at EarthX 2026. Grand Prize Winners will receive flat screen TVs (various sizes) following the event.

## Categories Include

- Best Speaker Photo
- Best Event Moment
- Best Airship Shot
- Best Tiny Home Shot
- Best Electric Vehicle Shot
- Best Audience Moment
- Best Networking Moment
- Best Behind-the-Scenes Shot
- Best Creative Shot
- Best Sustainability Story

**https://bcaster.com/company**







# Compost Heroes



**Meet the Creator - Danny Sudman**
Danny is passionate about environmental education and making learning fun. He created Compost Heroes to teach players of all ages the science of composting through an engaging, strategic card game. Transforming complex systems into intuitive play. Compost Heroes isn't just a game, it's a gateway to understanding natural systems.

**https://www.compostheroes.org/**

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# Agents of Influence

Agents of Influence builds both digital literacy (how to safely and effectively use technology) and media literacy (how to critically evaluate the information it delivers). Together, these skills prepare students to make informed decisions in today's digital world.

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RiverRecycle

**Clean rivers. Recycle plastics. Protect oceans. We help you make a lasting environmental and economic impact, showcasing your commitment to sustainability.**







“Investing in sustainable solutions is the most effective way to combat ocean plastic pollution. Charitable efforts alone are not enough. We must put capitalism to work for a cleaner and healthier future”. - Founder & CEO Anssi Mikola.

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## River Recycle

RiverRecycle, established in Helsinki in 2019.
Our innovative technology concentrates and removes floating waste from rivers. The collected waste is sorted for reuse, recycling, or proper disposal. Instead of sending low-value plastic waste to landfills where it could potentially harm the environment, we recycle it using either mechanical or chemical methods. This process ensures that the plastic waste is repurposed and does not spill back into the environment. Our unique process stops the plastic pollution of oceans in a self-sustaining loop of good
2,5 million - Kilograms of waste collection capacity from rivers per year.

**https://www.riverrecycle.com/**

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# Xperience Curators

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## Rick Davis

Contributed to Environmental Xperience 2026 through discussions on climate finance, carbon markets, and sustainable investment strategies. Through LOHAS, Rick helps connect philanthropic and private capital with high-impact environmental and social initiatives focused on scalable climate solutions.



## Taavi Havre

Led the Carbon Xperience at Environmental Xperience 2026, driving discussions on carbon markets, climate finance, industrial transformation, and scalable sustainability solutions by connecting global experts, investors, and innovators around practical climate and business strategies.



## Don Bender

Contributed to Environmental Xperience 2026 as a curator and programming leader, helping develop youth-focused sessions centered on leadership, civic engagement, sustainability, and the role of future generations in shaping environmental solutions. Through the Youth Leadership programming track, Don helped bring together students, innovators, educators, and young changemakers to inspire action, collaboration, and long-term community impact.



## Michelle Tatcher

Contributed to Environmental Xperience 2026 through discussions on sustainability leadership, environmental advocacy, and business-driven climate solutions. Through her work with the U.S. Green Chamber of Commerce, Michelle continues supporting collaboration, responsible business practices, and long-term environmental and economic impact.

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## Marko Kärkkäinen

Founder of RiverRecycle and circular economy innovator, contributed to Environmental Xperience 2026 through discussions focused on river restoration, plastic recovery systems, recycling infrastructure, and scalable environmental solutions supporting watershed resilience.



## Ophelia Jen

Led digital strategy, communications, and marketing efforts for Environmental Xperience 2026, supporting branding, online engagement, content development, and digital storytelling throughout the event experience.



## Noah Grossman

Led the Investor Xperience programming track at Environmental Xperience 2026, coordinating panels, startup showcases, investor discussions, and climate innovation conversations connecting entrepreneurs, investors, and sustainability leaders.



## Natalia Naranjo

Served as Operations Manager for Environmental Xperience 2026, supporting programming, logistics, partnerships, and communications. Natalia also supports Rotary Reefs initiatives focused on coral restoration, marine conservation, sustainability, and global environmental collaboration.

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## Laurie Zuckerman

Contributed to Environmental Xperience 2026 through stage coordination, speaker management, and operational support, facilitating live programming, speaker engagement, and collaborative environmental initiatives alongside Rotary Earth Network leaders.



## Annie Wang

Built her career across environmental and social impact, sustainability, technology, and humanitarian initiatives. She now leads impact and sustainability efforts at Stream, advancing people-centered solutions across business, environmental, and community sectors.



## Tracy Stayton

Human Architect and culture consultant, led the Women of Impact programming at Environmental Xperience 2026, facilitating conversations focused on leadership, communication, collaboration, and empowering women driving change across sustainability and mission-driven organizations.



## Janne Neuvonen

BCaster led audiovisual production and livestream operations for Environmental Xperience 2026, supporting technical coordination, stage production, broadcasting, and live streaming across multiple stages and programming sessions throughout the event.

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# Angela TenBroeck

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Stage 5 at Environmental Xperience 2026 brought together global leaders, scientists, and community practitioners to explore climate resilience, ecological restoration, regenerative agriculture, circular economy solutions, and community-driven sustainability strategies. Across panels and discussions, the stage highlighted nature-based solutions, inclusive leadership, and scalable collaboration for long-term environmental and social impact.



# Danny Ho

Entrepreneur and sustainability-focused innovator, contributed to Environmental Xperience 2026 through discussions centered on technology, environmental collaboration, and scalable solutions supporting long-term systems change.

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" You don't just observe the world as it is, you see its potential."



**Laurie Zuckerman**

"A man with big ideas and a bigger heart, someone who makes space for everyone. . "



**Tracy Stayton**

"What I appreciate most is the way he brings people together to solve complex challenges"



**Michelle Thatcher**

"Steve is always excited about the projects he is working on, driven by passion and a desire to improve our world."



**Wade Nomura**

"Steve gave me the space to grow and the opportunity to help build something at scale ..."



**Noah Grossman**

"What you've built is more than an event, it is a reminder that when people come together with a shared purpose, great things happen..."



**Ophelia Jen**

"What you have built is not just a network, but a family that inspires and supports each other."



**Natalia Naranjo**

"You are a force of goodness and an inspirational leader who makes a real impact in the lives of others."



**Kathleen D'Angelo**

"His generosity and belief in us made it possible for us to be here and move our mission forward."



**JC Santini & Anysa Santini**

**About This Moment**
At the closing of Environmental Xperience 2026, attendees, curators, speakers and collaborators came together for a surprise moment of appreciation dedicated to Steve Bender. Leaders from across the event took the stage to share personal reflections, gratitude, and recognition for Steve's vision, leadership, and commitment to bringing people together in support of environmental and humanitarian impact.

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# What's Ahead?

**JUNE**
- Rotary Conventions (Taipei)
- World Oceans Day

**JULY**
- ArchiMAT New Launch

**AUGUST**
- Environmental Xperience - Bocas del Toro

**SEPTEMBER**

**OCTOBER**
- Environmental Xperience - Hotel Polaris Colorado Springs
- Half EarthX 22nd

**NOVEMBER**
- Oceans Xperience - MUNBA Mazatlan

**DECEMBER**

**JANUARY**
- Davos 18-22nd
- Environmental Xperience - Los Altos, CA jan 30th

**FEBRUARY**

**MARCH**

**APRIL**
- Environmental Xperience At EarthX 2027

Steve Bender will work with Trammell S. crow on monthly events that benefit the upcoming EarthX and Environmental Experience at no cost.

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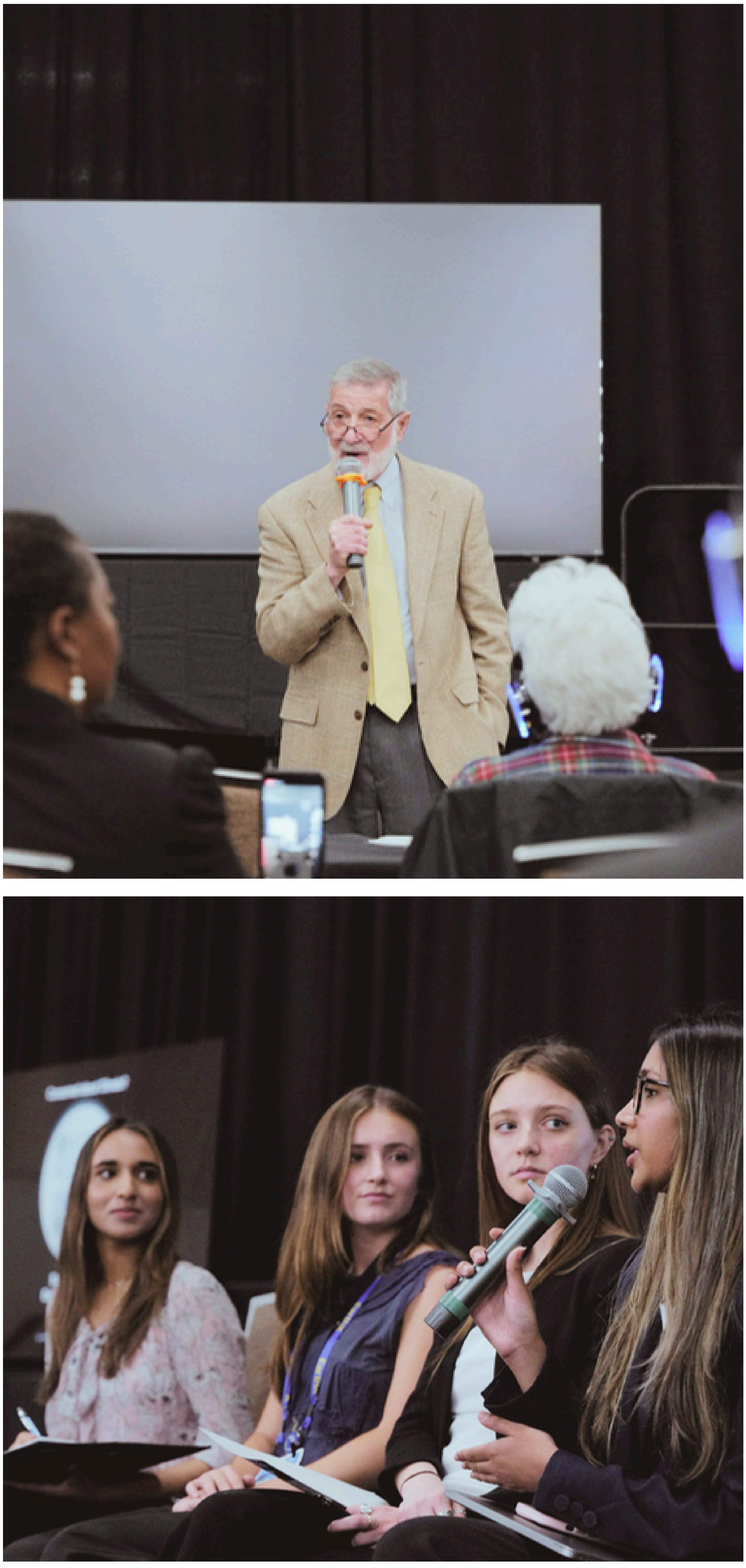









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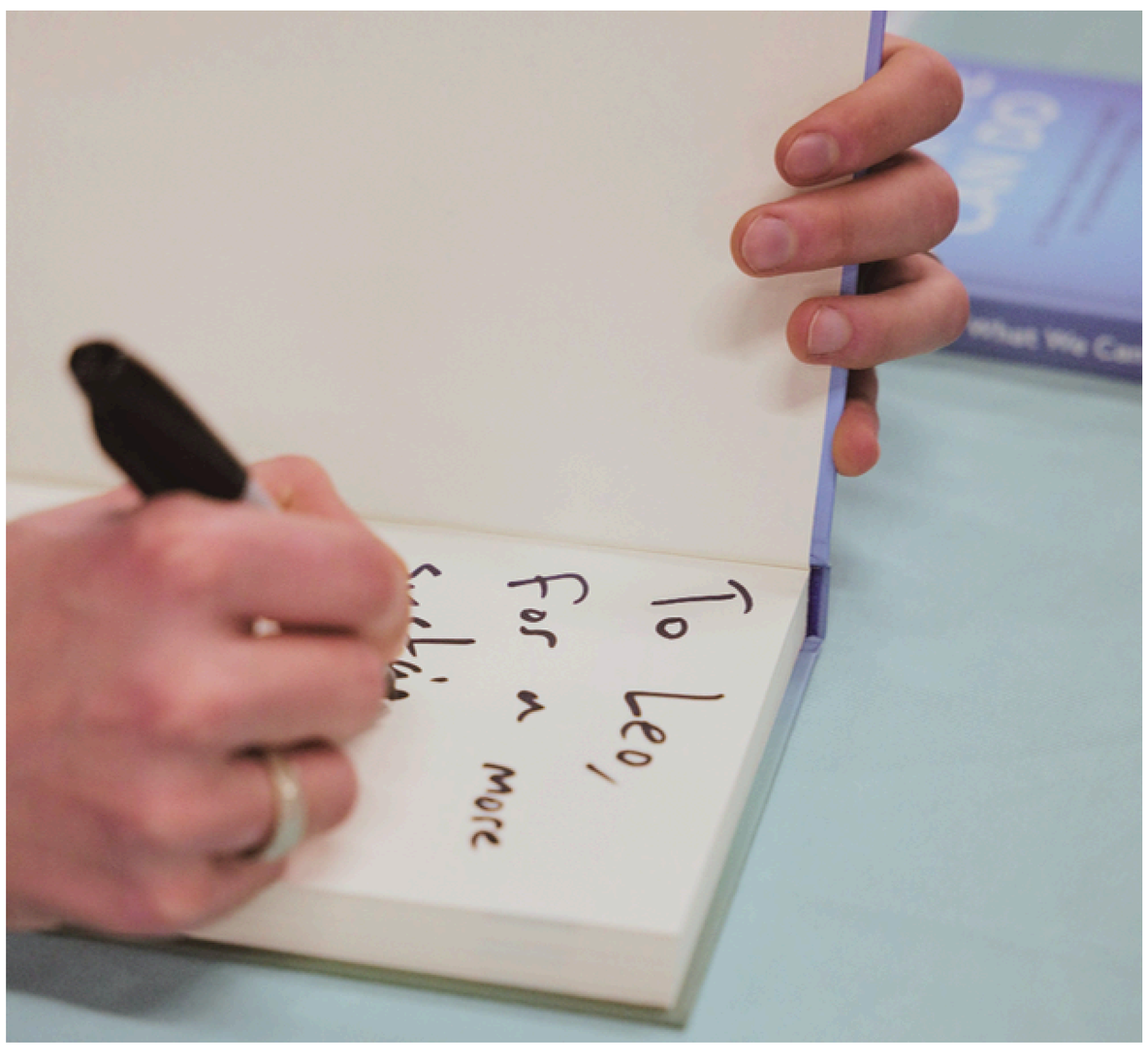



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# 2026 was just the beginning

The conversations have started.
The collaborations are forming.
The projects are already in motion.

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