



Panel Discussion

Neville Gaunt Chairman Your Passport2Grow and CEO of Mind Fit looks at how to create an entrepreneurial mindset in underserved communities

Claudia Akel Co-founder of SDG investors will talk about how to develop ecosystems for supporting entrepreneurs tackling SDGs

Dr Sreevas Sahasranamam Senior Lecturer, Hunter Centre for Entrepreneurship at Strathclyde Business School will discuss the insights from his research on entrepreneurship in underserved communities

Rajesh Nair Founder of Encube Labs, USA looks at the process of nurturing young entrepreneurs in underserved communities

Open roundtable discussion with all participants and Q&A

Breakout Session

Break-out room discussion on creating a Community of Practice for SDG Zero and debrief - facilitated by **Thomas Haselbock** Co-founder of be.modos and Catalyst 2030 volunteer

Speaker bios

Dr Sreevas Sahasranamam is a Senior Lecturer in Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the Hunter Centre for Entrepreneurship, Strathclyde Business School, Glasgow, UK. His research focuses on understanding the strategic and ecosystem enablers of innovations/start-ups tackling UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

He is the co-lead for the doctoral training centre in Socially Progressive Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Strathclyde and is also a part of the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) UK team. He regularly writes for the World Economic Forum (WEF) and his research on innovation ecosystems and social entrepreneurship has been published in leading management journals.

He teaches multidisciplinary courses which involve cross-disciplinary student teams working on the commercialization of technologies and developing the university entrepreneurial ecosystem. These courses are focussed on addressing the SDG challenges.

Rajesh Nair served as the Professor of Practice in Innovation & Entrepreneurship at Asia School of Business and as Visiting Scholar at MIT. He is the Founder of EnCube Labs. He is an engineer, serial entrepreneur, and educator who founded three manufacturing companies in the USA.

Rajesh holds 13 US patents and master's degrees in engineering in System Design & Management (MIT), Manufacturing Engineering (UMass, Amherst), and Electronic Product Design (IISc, Bangalore). He serves on the board and advises several technology startups.

In nine years of his research at MIT and ASB, he conducted more than a hundred workshops to shape the mindset and skillset of children and youth from underserved communities for creating future innovators and entrepreneurs. He developed the Zero2Entrepreneur program to build innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystems in schools and universities worldwide. His mission is to nurture one million youth entrepreneurs in ten years.

Neville Gaunt is the Chairman of Your Passport 2 Grow, changing the paradigm for young people and co-founder of Mind Fit, a UK-based company focused on improving people, leadership, and business performance. He's an international keynote speaker and co-author of books such as:

- Can You Handle The Truth?
- Is your mind fit for golf? The missing link to your success...

As a Finance professional, Neville had a long career in large UK listed companies at both strategic and operational levels. His international corporate and commercial finance background is gained over 30 years in international businesses mainly in the oil and gas industry, dealing with large and small businesses and complex supply chains.

He regularly says "Just do it!" and his favorite motto is by Henry Ford – "If you think you can, or you think you can't, you're right."

Claudia Akel is a dynamic and driven entrepreneur with a history of strategic business development, in the for-profit and non-profit industries focused on the social impact domain. Multi-lingual leader, with experience in building business relationships in collaboration with multicultural business leaders and institutions.

She defines herself as an SDG Ecosystem Builder, working with systems change initiatives for advancing the SDGs, from local to global social enterprises, think tanks, technology, and impact investing.

As a #TeamHuman defender, Claudia has dedicated her life to inspiring people and organizations, creating environments for individuals to dialogue, participate, learn, and practice their changemaker skills. She's the Founder and CEO at Social Impact Movement, Founder of SDG Investors, Founding Member and Co-Chair of the Catalyst 2030 US Chapter, Chief Strategy Consultant for Americas at Earth 51, Board Member at the UNA-USA Miami, and Accountable Impact. Claudia holds a Masters in Science of Education from the University of Miami, and a B.A. in Business Administration.

Thomas Haselböck is a social entrepreneur, networker and community builder. He is passionate about ecosystems, regenerative solutions and bringing together social change innovators to co-create impact and drive systems change. He is co-founder of the international network be.modos and a member of Catalyst2030.

Additionally, he co-founded The Pink House, an NGO focused on wellbeing and education and engages as a partner in various international projects and programs aiming to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

