
Innovative financing mechanisms and business models for inclusive digital connectivity

SPEAKER BIOS

KEYNOTE ADDRESS 1:

Speaker: Karen E. Wilson, Founder, GV Partners



Karen E. Wilson is the Founder of GV Partners, a research and consulting firm focused on innovation, entrepreneurship and finance. Among other mandates, Karen has been working with the OECD since 2009 focused on venture capital, impact investment and the role of private finance for sustainable development. She is also an Associate Fellow at Said Business School at Oxford University and a Visiting Lecturer at the Stockholm School of Economics in Riga.

In addition to other boards and advisory positions, she serves an advisory board member of the G7 Business for Inclusive Growth (B4IG) Financing Forum, a board member of the European Venture Philanthropy Association (EVPA), an advisor to the Impact Investment and Blended Finance Initiative at University of Zurich and on the Harvard Business School Impact Investment Alumni Steering Committee.

She was a Senior Fellow at Bruegel, an international economics think tank based in Brussels from 2012-2017 and a Senior Fellow at the Kauffman Foundation from 2008-2012. Earlier, Karen worked with international venture capital firm, Index Ventures, and before that was part of the senior management team at the World Economic Forum in Geneva, Switzerland. Previously, she served as the Executive Director of the Global Initiative at Harvard Business School. Her earlier experience includes investment banking and consulting.

She received, with honors, a Bachelors of Science in Mathematics and Management from Carnegie Mellon University and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS 2:

Speaker: Florian Kemmerich, Managing Partner of Bamboo Capital Partners



Florian is Managing Partner of Bamboo Capital Partners, Founder of Ryan-Kay and Board Member of numerous organisations. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration, Master of Science in Marketing and different diploma on business and personal development.

Florian leverages his extensive background on start-ups, fundraising and transactions in healthcare and life science to invest in, build and (re-)position organisations in the competitive global marketplace.

In particular his passion is around impact investment and effective personal development methodologies to create high-performance teams, whereby many members have become successful executives and entrepreneurs themselves. In addition, Florian founded a medical education foundation in Mexico while supporting many NGOs, patient advocacy groups and extramural surgery programs in Central-America's most remote locations. As an active Member of the Young Presidents' Organization he is on the Executive Committee of the Social Entrepreneur Network.

With over 25 years in life sciences Florian held senior executive positions at B. Braun Medical, Olympus Biotech, Small Bone Innovations (now Stryker), Parter Capital and numerous hands on investments in early & commercial stage life science companies. Fluent in German, English, Spanish, French, Italian.

Speaker: Enrique Alvarado Hablutzel, Fund manager at Bamboo Capital Partners



An early enthusiast of Blockchain technologies and Crypto asset management, Enrique Alvarado Hablutzel is a fund manager at Bamboo Capital Partners.

Passionate about impact entrepreneurship and innovation, Enrique worked as Strategy and Business Development manager at Impact hub Geneva and Lausanne. His main focus was the financial development of the Accelerate2030 – a multi-stakeholder program co-initiated by Impact Hub Geneva and UNDP in 2016 which aims at identifying ventures with tested and scale-ready solutions in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Today, Accelerate2030 is implemented in 19 developing and emerging economies, including Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Eastern Europe. It involves over 1 million people and more than 500 entrepreneurs worldwide.

His strong interest in entrepreneurship also led him to work at SeedStars – a Swiss-based group with the mission to impact people’s lives in emerging markets through technology and entrepreneurship. In his role of regional manager for Latin America, he initiated the “Seedstars Connect program”, a soft landing program for entrepreneurs of Latin America, supported by the INADEM and Startup Mexico.

Prior to that, he was part of Virgin Group’s strategic management and corporate development team, working on the business analysis, M&A and financial modeling in different industries across the Americas, Europe, and Asia.

Enrique holds a Master Degree in Management and Corporate strategy (HEC Lausanne, University of Lausanne) with a specialization in Innovation and Technology (EPFL, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne). He also holds a Bachelor degree in International Business, Trade, and Commerce (Tecnologico de Monterrey, Mexico). He is fluent in English, Spanish and French.