



Litul Baruah

Litul works as a Senior Program Manager at Laudes Foundation- leading the foundation's global programme on Regenerative Agriculture Production Landscapes globally. His work also focuses on convening stakeholders at a global level to influence businesses and investors to address climate change and inequality by investing and sourcing from regenerative agriculture landscapes. Litul serves as a member in the Field Impact and Innovation Committee of the Better Cotton Growth and Innovation Fund. Previously, Litul has worked at KPMG in their Development Sector Consulting practice, Kantar Public and IRADE- a thinktank working on energy, agriculture and climate change policy issues. Litul holds a Master's degree in Economics from Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics and an Undergraduate degree in Economics from Ramjas College, University of Delhi.



Tim Crosby

Tim Crosby is Principal of the Thread Fund, a family office working on systems transformation at the nexus of food, finance and philanthropy. Thread Fund focuses on developing systemic investing pathways that use multiple forms of capital to generate social and environmental returns alongside financial returns. Additionally Tim is a Steering Committee Member of the Global Alliance for the Future of Food, Chair Transformational Investing in Food Systems (TIFS) Initiative, Member Agroecology Fund, Member Seattle Impact Investing Group, and Board Member of the Carolyn Foundation and Center for Inclusive Entrepreneurship. Tim's previous work includes Co-Chair Sustainable Agriculture and Food System Funders, Manager Cascadia Foodshed Financing Project, Director Slow Money Northwest, and fifteen years as a professional photographer and graphic designer. Tim holds an

MBA in Sustainable Business from Presidio University and a BA in Anthropology from Kenyon College.



Saurin Nanavati

Saurin has built his career working with farming communities in tropical agriculture supply chains (coffee, cocoa, cotton, banana). He spent 20 years working in rural areas, learning about the crops, cultures and land use, in order to develop projects that improve farmer access to markets, finance and information. Through this work he founded Ethos Agriculture (www.ethosag.com), a team dedicated to co-designing sustainability initiatives with coffee sector stakeholders (finance, trade, research, cooperatives and NGOs).

Saurin is also conducting his doctoral research in the school of Transition Design at Carnegie Mellon University (Pittsburg, Pennsylvania USA). His research interests include:

- Promoting agency of rural communities in the design of initiatives and supply chains to ensure the protection of their environments, people and values;
- Examining the relevant conditions needed to transform agriculture cooperatives into centers of innovation;
- Exploring the intersection of agroforestry, carbon-credits and sustainable coffee sourcing; and
- Understanding the importance of biocultural identity and traditional ecological knowledge in the design of sustainability programs.



Jean-Louis Robadey

Jean-Louis is the co-founder of the Regenerative Development Group, a firm that supports the development of programs, enterprises, and investments that conserve nature, restore landscapes, and develop equitable nature-based economies. Jean-Louis has a 30-year career as a sustainable development professional. He has held executive positions in non-profit, for-profit, and philanthropic organizations and consulted across sectors to build high-impact programs and social investments. Jean-Louis lives in the Seattle area where he enjoys the Evergreen State with his wife, three children, two cats and one dog.



Dr. Sara Scherr

Dr. Sara J. Scherr, an agricultural and resource economist, is a prominent voice globally in promoting the restoration of degraded lands. She founded the nonprofit EcoAgriculture Partners in 2002 to promote locally-led agricultural landscape transformation for food security, rural livelihoods and ecosystem services.

A leading innovator in agricultural landscape analysis, planning, policy and finance, she has supported landscape partnerships in Africa, Latin America, Asia and the U.S. and advised landscape programs worldwide. In 2011, she co-founded the global network “Landscapes for People, Food and Nature,” and in 2019 launched and now chairs the global collaborative

“1000 Landscapes for 1 Billion People” to accelerate landscape regeneration worldwide. Sara serves on the Boards of Bioversity International-USA and Solutions from the Land and is a Fellow of the Evergreening Alliance. She also serves on numerous editorial and advisory boards, including those of Commonland and Food Tank, and is a member of the UN Food Systems Summit Action Track on Nature-Positive Production and co-lead for its Governance Action Area. Her research is widely published in scientific and policy literature.



Seth Shames

In Seth’s role as Managing Director of EcoAgriculture Partners he oversees the work plan, organizational development and staff management.

He also directs EcoAgriculture’s work promoting finance for integrated landscape management as well as its policy advocacy. He leads the finance solutions design team of the 1000 Landscapes for 1 Billion People initiative.

Seth has been a leading innovator in the fields of landscape finance and policy. He is the lead author of publications including *Scaling Up Investment Finance for Integrated Landscape Management*, *Public Policy Guidelines for*

Integrated Landscape Management, and *Models of Landscape Finance Mechanisms*. He also has worked extensively on the topic of climate-smart landscapes. He has co-developed a variety of

impactful tools including the Landscape Investment and Finance Tool (LIFT), Landscape Assessment of Financial Flows (LAFF), the Landscape Governance Assessment and the Spatial Modeling of Participatory Landscape Scenarios. Seth is also an experienced presenter, trainer, curriculum developer and workshop facilitator.



Dr. Daniel Zimmer

Dr. Daniel Zimmer is the Sustainable Land Use Lead of EIT Climate-KIC. He developed and supervised the implementation of systemic innovation projects, including several landscape-related ones, aiming to accelerate the transition to a low carbon and climate-resilient economy and society. He has a global experience on climate and water-related issues spanning from engineering to geopolitics. He was for 8 years the Executive Director of the World Water Council, an international umbrella organisation of the water sector.