

BIO David Galipeau:

David Galipeau, Founding Partner, SDG^X Group LLC, Director, Yunus Centre Near Future Lab Singapore Business Federation Centre, Singapore

Canadian, 35 years veteran of a hybrid business commercial/development career within the finance, publishing, and digital technology in Canada, Europe and Asia both as a corporate senior manager, dotcom entrepreneur and social business innovator. After two successful start-up exits, joined the United Nations in 2010.

Most recently David founded and was the Chief Impact Officer of UNDP SDG Impact Finance (UNSIF), which brings together venture philanthropists, family trusts, foundations, governments and private sector growth investors creating a 'blended financing' investment platform.

David has left the UN and founded SDG^X, a research, venture building and investment management firm focusing on social investment models for next-gen technologies.

David maintains a firm belief that frontier technology convergence will be one of the most important drivers of both social and economic growth and therefore, can be leveraged to maximize social and financial value of next-gen technology start-ups and SDG achievement.

Research interests continue to focus on the positive impact of next-gen technology such as IoT, Blockchain, Crypto, Neuroscience, Quantum/Cognitive computing, Artificial Intelligence and its variations, Robotics/Bionics and the crossroads of virtual reality and augmented humans.

Bio SDG^X Group:

Founded in July 2019, the month I retired from the United Nations, the SDG^X Group is a Singapore based company with a global mandate to explore, accelerate and invest in exponential technologies that produce a positive impact.

SDG^X includes the following service lines:

- SDG^X Near Future Lab: A non-profit exponential technology research lab in partnership with Prof. Muhammad and the Yunus Social Business Centres to explore the pro-poor applications of next generation technologies;
- SDG^X Accelerate: A Singapore, EU and Silicon Valley based startup accelerator and corporate venture lab;
- SDG^X Ventures: An investment management firm with primary funds and general partner services for UN, corporate and Government sponsored alternative investment funds;
- SDG^X Consulting: A consulting and advisory firm offering bespoke services for VC portfolio companies, corporations, foundations, NGOs, Governments and the UN system of agencies.