For the past decade, David, together with his colleagues at the Technology and Entrepreneurship Center at Harvard University, has taught the next generation of Bill Gates and Mark Zuckerberg how to create disruptive innovations. His keynotes share those insights and, through entertaining real world examples, he helps leaders and frontline innovators understand how to develop disruptive innovation in their organizations. His innovations have been featured in ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX News as well as ESPN, and Smithsonian Innovation and Popular Science. He has held appointments at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Harvard University, Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) and North Carolina State University. His work has been recognized in numerous scientific journals and popular science outlets.

Shea Welsh is a guitarist, songwriter and producer. His ability to move freely through any genre has made him share the stage with musicians from The Edge, U2, The Red Hot Chili Peppers, The Police, Heatwave, Peaches & Herb, John Taylor, and Duran Duran. Among many productions Shea recorded his first Blujazz project "Arrival" in 2017, but has also produced for The Hipnotics', Michelle Coltrane, The Jane Carrey Band and emerging artists My Serenity and Chris Monaghan. He has performed at several festivals, including three times at the Panama Jazz Festival and The Miami Beach Jazz Festival with Michelle Coltrane, to whom he is a co-writer, studio musician and musical director for her touring band. As an educator, Shea runs The Shea Welsh Institute of Jazz at The Conservatory of Performing Arts and he is a USC Thornton School of Music Studio/Jazz Guitar faculty member. Shea is a concerned environmentalist and Educational background: PhD from Harvard University Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

Kike’s programmatic involvement is focused on GIS mapping and community involvement. Kike is a Guna elder from the autonomous indigenous Gunayala territory (“comarca”). He served as the Secretary General of the Guna General Congress, and is one of the original cartographers of the Mamoni Valley and therefore spent many years trekking and mapping the jungles at the Continental Divide between Mamoní and Gunayala. He is also an invaluable part of our pool of local guides.

Educational background: Cartographer at the Inter-American Geodetic Survey (IAGS).

Iniqui was the founding president of the Guna Youth Congress, and is currently staff with Panama’s Ministry of the Environment specializing in Indigenous Affairs, Environmental Impact Assessment studies and protected areas. Following his studies in Europe in 2007, he has been active at supporting the Guna General Congress and has represented the Guna people and the Guna Youth Congress in numerous international fora.

Educational background: Tourism Management at Cesar Ritz Colleges, Switzerland.

Raisa is the former Vice Mayor of Panama City (2014-2019). She has devoted many years of life to environmental protection and advocates strongly for the social economic development of Panama, making sure that the capital remains compatible with ecological sustainability. She was the Executive Director of CIAM (Center for Environmental Impact) from 2007 to 2010 and is currently the President of Sustainable Panama (PASOS), an organization that she founded in 2010 to promote alternative development solutions. She was a co-founder of Alianza Pro-Ciudad (2010), Pro-Defense Committee of Camino de Cruces National Park and other community organizations, and Coordinator and Producer of the television program Nuestro Planeta (2010). She founded the architecture and design firm RGB S.A. (1994-2007).

Educational background: Architect from the University of Panama (1993).
Roger is Colombian and a co-founder of Geoversity Design. He is specialized in design and constructions in guadua bamboo, but has wide experience with the use of any natural material. He has designed experimental structures, houses, bridges, as well as ecotourism, research stations, and waste management projects in several Latin American countries. Many of these projects have been in collaboration with Jörg Stamm. Roger is always involved in Geoversity's training and product development workshops, as well as in the building projects requested by individuals, companies, state institutions, international development corporations, and our own initiatives.

Educational background: Landscaping Architect with a specialization in the use of bamboo and wood.

Jörg Stamm
Bamboo Design and Construction

Jörg is widely considered to be one of the most accomplished and skilled master builders in bamboo in the world. Following a career as a furniture maker and structural carpenter in his home country of Germany, he moved to Colombia in 1994. Since then, he has been working with several of the great designers and projects in bamboo, including the Colombian architect Simon Velez, the of the Green School in Bali, Indonesia and the designer Linda Garland, the founder of the Environmental Bamboo Foundation. He specializes in blending European contemporary design and traditional bamboo carpentry. Among Stamm’s most well-known accomplishments are: the design and building of roofed bridges with a span of 30 meters in Colombia and Bali; the iconic Simon Velez designed pavilion for Colombia in the 2000 World Expo in Hanover, Germany; and the Orchid Pavilion at the McKee Botanical Garden in Vero Beach, Florida, the first officially recognized bamboo pavilion in USA. Stamm has founded and helped start several bamboo-related companies and organized numerous introductory and advanced training programs in bamboo construction across Asia, Latin America, and Africa.

Educational background: Carpenter.

Roger Martínez
Architecture and Construction