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Our Board, Advisory Committees, and Secretariat ensure that our work rigorously adheres to our core principles.

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Blythe Masters

Board Member

Blythe Masters is the CEO of Digital Asset Holdings, a financial technology firm developing distributed ledger technology for wholesale financial services. She joined Digital Asset in 2015 after 27 years at J.P.Morgan Chase, where she rose to Managing Director at the age of 28. She was a member of the firm's Executive Committee and the

Investment Bank's Operating Committee and served in numerous senior positions including Head of Global Commodities, CFO of the Investment Bank, and Head of Global Credit Portfolio and Credit Policy and Strategy. She served as the Chair of SIFMA and the GFMA, trade associations promoting public trust and confidence in financial markets.

Blythe is currently on the board of The Breast Cancer Research Foundation and is co-Chair of the Global Fund for Women. She is also Group Senior Advisor on Blockchain for Banco Santander and Chair of Governing Board of Hyperledger at the Linux Foundation.



Dakota Gruener

Executive Director

As ID2020's Executive Director, Dakota leads overall strategy, builds critical partnerships with public and private-sector stakeholders, and continually focuses the organization on an ethics-first approach.

Dakota launched the ID2020 Alliance following her work at Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, where she served as an aide-de-camp to the CEO. Dakota graduated magna cum laude from Brown University in Providence, RI with dual degrees in Biology and Political Science, is a former management consultant with Oliver Wyman, and is a proud Californian.

Technical Advisors

The TAC assesses technologies for suitability with ID2020 technical requirements and actively engages with program design.

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The PDAC assesses technologies for suitability with ID2020 technical requirements and actively engages with program design.

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Ecosystem and Advocacy Advisors

The EAAC drives strategic campaigns to get the word out about our mission and broaden the Alliance's reach.

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Ethics and Risk Advisors

The ERAC works to ensure that ID2020 programs adhere rigorously to our core principles.

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Staff



Cornelius Saunders

Program Manager

Cornelius Saunders is a Program Manager at ID2020. Prior to joining, Cornelius worked on impact evaluations, pilot management and program performance assessments with Innovations for Poverty Action and the World Food Programme. He has earned a Master's of Public Policy from the University of Cambridge, and double majored in Economics and Global Affairs at Yale University, where he was captain of the varsity fencing team.



Aiden Slavin

Chief of Staff

At ID2020, Aiden works on technology policy, strategy, and operations. Prior to joining ID2020, Aiden conducted M&E for IFRC, worked as a journalist for CNN and CNN Arabic, and served as a Technical Consultant for KRCS, the Sovrin Foundation, and the PeaceTech Lab at the US Institute of Peace. He has also served as Humanitarian Innovation Fellow at Fordham University, regularly conducts research on emerging technology in humanitarian application and co-organizes the Humanitarian Blockchain Summit. He holds a BA from Columbia University and an MSc from Oxford University.



Adam Cooper

Chief Architect

Adam is Chief Architect for ID2020. He is an identity standards expert, policy lead, and enterprise architect with over 25 years of experience in IT and digital disciplines. Adam was previously responsible for the overall technical architecture of the UK eID service, GOV.UK Verify, and has provided policy and technical leadership for the UK government with the eIDAS Regulation regarding cross-border eID in the European Union. Adam also advises MOSIP Modular Open Source Identity platform, the World Bank ID4D programme, the EU funded LIGHTest project and the Scottish Online Identity Assurance Programme.



Ethan Veneklasen

Head of Advocacy and Communications

Ethan Veneklasen serves as Head of Advocacy and Communications at ID2020. Prior to joining, he most recently led strategic communications at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency. Over the course of his career, Ethan has also served as Executive Director-West Coast at the American India Foundation, where he oversaw the Digital Equalizer program and Clinton Fellowship for Service in India, and as Director of Development and Communications at Freedom from Hunger (now part of the Grameen Foundation). He Ethan holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Rochester.



Meredith Kravitz

Ecosystem Manager

Meredith Kravitz is the Ecosystem Manager at ID2020. Prior to joining, Meredith worked with financial institutions, international organizations, nonprofits and media companies conducting investigative research and public policy analysis. She has a Master's degree in International Relations from Yale University, and is a PhD candidate in Political Science at the University of Toronto.



Devina Srivastava

Graduate Intern, Program Design and Advocacy

At ID2020, Devina focuses on research, advocacy and engagement. She is currently pursuing a Master of Public Administration - Development Practice student at the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University in the City of New York. Through the program, she aims to study the intersections between innovation, digital identity and humanitarian assistance. Prior to graduate school, Devina worked extensively at the grassroots level in India in areas of urban inclusion and innovation. Devina holds a BSc. (hons) in Economics and Politics from the University of Bath and a Postgraduate Diploma in Human Rights Law from the National Law School of India.

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