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Chris is a technology executive who founded and co-leads Giga. Giga is a partnership between UNICEF and ITU that is structuring billions of dollars of financing to deliver affordable connectivity to every school in the world.

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Chris has built, invested in, and mentored technology companies from startup through exit. He launched RapidPro, one of the largest SMS/mobile data collection frameworks in the world, the first public-sector drone/UAV corridors, the first crypto-currency denominated fund in the public sector, the first venture fund in the United Nations, and the Digital Public Goods Alliance with the Government of Norway.

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