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I was born and then grew up in Mauritius. Growing up on a tiny island inspired me to discover cultures everywhere. So I spent my whole life traveling widely - including adventures half-way around the globe at Yale and Lauder. In 2023, I launched the Southern Sustainability Symposium to encourage thought leadership from the Global South, especially in ESG/DEI. This "Lauderesque" initiative aspires to complement WEF/Davos with diverse perspectives. My obsession remains to promote innovation and collaboration wherever I go.

In many ways, Lauder helped shape who I am, offering lifelong friends across graduation years. Today I would love to give back or rather pay forward... While I enjoy LGAW, participate in webinars, or drop by to visit Marcy in Philly as often as I can, I still believe that we can do more to extend our global reach beyond the current US-centricity: e.g. with more focus, attention, and resources devoted to events in Morocco, Timbuktu, or elsewhere. An internationally active LIAA will foster even more engagement and belonging, as well as accelerate genuine global outlooks and mindsets, beneficial for all of us.

What I hope to bring is a voice from afar and a different perspective altogether, yet ultimately enriching because we share the same values. I wish to support the Board by contributing hands-on to organizing events outside of the US, hence leverage on our existing strengths to enhance our footprint worldwide. In brief, I would help in any capacity to build a more vibrant global LIAA community.

Many thanks for reading!

With Lauder Love,

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