Meet the Notable Leaders in Sustainability for 2023

Our latest Notable Leaders in Sustainability work in organizations of all sizes, from multibillion-dollar multinationals to local nonprofits, in sectors involving construction and deconstruction; agriculture and composting; energy, landscaping; finance and more — all with the aim to help make our world greener.

METHODOLOGY: The individuals featured did not pay to be included. Their profiles were written from the nomination materials submitted. This list is not comprehensive. It includes only individuals for whom nominations were submitted and accepted after a review by editors. To qualify for the list, nominees must serve in a senior leadership role or lead sustainability initiatives at an organization and make a measurable impact on the environment through their efforts. They must live and work in the Chicago area and demonstrate leadership through involvement in professional organizations and civic and community initiatives. Crain’s Chicago Business’ Notables feature is handled by Assistant Managing Editor Ann K. Weiler. For questions, please email ChicagoRecognitions@crain.com.

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Mauricio Rincon
Managing director of capital solutions Opportunity International

Scope of work: As managing director of capital solutions, Mauricio Rincon leads Opportunity International’s impact investing and capital solutions efforts, helping to shift the nonprofit’s focus and investment toward adaptive, regenerative practices that help combat and increase resilience to climate change.

Biggest professional win: Rincon led and developed a proprietary intervention called The Climate Collateral Alliance, an investment vehicle that will introduce a novel approach to resilient, adaptive agriculture for smallholder farmers, offering credit support to financial institutions originating loans to farmers practicing regenerative agriculture.

Other contributions: Rincon co-founded the Fundación Nueva Vida Para Todos, a nonprofit organization providing education and development opportunities to children in a socially vulnerable borough of Bogota.