



Seeing our planet from space puts humanity's common challenges into perspective. **Ron Garan** is a retired NASA astronaut who has traveled 71,075,867 miles in 2,842 orbits of our planet during more than 178 days in space and 27 hours and 3 minutes of EVA during four spacewalks.

Ron is also a highly decorated fighter pilot, test pilot, explorer, entrepreneur and humanitarian who believes that appropriately designed and targeted social enterprise can solve many of the problems facing our world.

Ron flew on both the US Space Shuttle and the Russian Soyuz spacecraft. He is also an aquanaut and participated in the joint NASA-NOAA, NEEMO-9 mission - an exploration research mission held in Aquarius, the world's only undersea research laboratory. During this mission, he and the crew spent 18 continuous days living and working on the ocean floor.

Ron Garan's last NASA assignment was with the administration's Open Innovation Initiative to increase transparency, collaboration and innovation within government. In this capacity, Ron has been involved in many global mass collaboration and citizen science programs. Prior to retiring from the US government, Ron was on assignment with the US Agency for International Development (USAID). At USAID he led an effort called Unity Node to develop a universal, open source, collaborative platform to enable humanitarian organizations around the world to work together toward common goals and assisted USAID to establish an Applied Research for Development Program. Ron Garan has a sizeable social media following (3.5 million) and is included on Google Plus' "Top 25 Followed" and Kred's "Top 1% Influencer" lists. Ron has been effectively using these platforms to tell the success story of the US and Int...

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Speech Topics

- Social Media
- Marketing
- Leadership
- Innovation
- Entrepreneur
- Change



Testimonials

“Ron is an extremely compelling speaker who masterfully blends his diverse professional experience and experience as an ambassador for the social business movement into a message that has left a profound positive impact on countless individuals and organizations. Using stunning imagery and compelling dialog, Ron puts the issues and challenges facing all organizations into a whole new perspective - an orbital perspective. We recommend Ron as an inspirational speaker at all our conferences and to our corporate clients.”

- Founder/Managing Director, Grameen Creative Lab.

“Ron is a tremendous inspiration to our global health students and faculty at Duke. His global perspective and message that “nothing is impossible” resonates with audiences young and old.”

- Director, Duke Global Health Institute .