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Until February 2012, Dr. Sauvant was the Founding Executive Director of the Vale Columbia Center on Sustainable International Investment (VCC), the predecessor of CCSI. There, he sought to make the VCC a leading forum for discussions by scholars, policymakers, development advocates, students, and other stakeholders of issues related to foreign direct investment (FDI) in the global economy and the regulatory framework governing it, focussing in particular on the contribution of FDI to sustainable development. Toward that objective, he launched the *Yearbook on International Investment Law and Policy*, the *Columbia FDI Perspectives*, the *Columbia FDI Profiles*, the annual International Investment Conference, the Investment Law and Policy Speaker Series, and the Emerging Markets Global Players project. He teaches a seminar on FDI and public policy and has published widely in the international investment area. Until October 2011, he was also the Co-Director of the Millennium Cities Initiative at the Earth Institute, responsible for helping African cities attract investment.

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