



Denelle Dixon, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director at the Stellar Development Foundation (SDF)



Denelle Dixon is the CEO and Executive Director of the SDF, a non-profit organization using blockchain to unlock the world's economic potential by making money more fluid, markets more open and people more empowered. She leads the teams that help maintain Stellar's codebase, support the communities around Stellar and advocate on behalf of the network with international stakeholders — work that makes Stellar's mission of promoting financial inclusion possible.

Before joining Stellar, Dixon served as COO of Mozilla, one of the most successful mission-driven, open-source organizations. During her tenure at Mozilla, she led the organization's business, revenue and policy teams including the ongoing fight for net neutrality and the global effort to ensure that people can control their personal data.

She also pushed Mozilla to understand how to partner with commercial entities while staying true to its core mission of openness, innovation and opportunity on the web. A lawyer by trade, Dixon previously served as a general counsel and legal advisor in private equity and technology.

Throughout her career, Dixon has been a vocal advocate for net neutrality, encryption, the disclosure of vulnerabilities by governments, and greater user choice and control.

Born and raised in Gilroy, California, Dixon holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from University of California, Davis and a Juris Doctor from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. She currently sits on boards for Airtm, a blockchain and bank-connected digital wallet and peer-to-peer exchange platform, Tala, a financial services platform serving the world's underbanked, and Trust and Safety Professional Association, a nonprofit that supports professionals who develop and enforce principles and policies that define acceptable behavior and content online.