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Presenting: CN2i-Advancing a Sustainable Inclusive Space Future

I am the Founder of CN2i, a collaborative network established with astronaut Naoko Yamazaki and global partners to advance inclusive innovation for critical operations, including outer space, deep sea, and polar exploration. Bringing SHAPE and STEM experts together, CN2i seeks to design and implement inclusive thinking for the next stage of exploration activities, with the goal to strengthen diversity and inclusion in these critical domains.

The extremely risk-averse nature of these industries means that only the most tried and tested technologies could be used. Technological advances in these sectors could be heavily path-dependent, developing in a way that becomes more exclusive rather than inclusive.

As a result, these critical industries have long suffered from some of the worst ratios in terms of representation. CN2i is working closely across knowledge frontiers to pursue an inclusive space future, with a focus on developing research to support European Space Agency's parastronaut programme.