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Between development aid, humanitarian aid and impact investments, the world spends close to $600 billion each year to tackle a series of societal challenges such as poverty, climate change and slowing productivity growth. Yet, there is little consensus on how the impact of those investments should be measured. In this talk, Wladimir Nikoluk will propose a definition and framework for impact accounting as well as summarise the key pain points that prevent mission-driven organizations from measuring their impact. Drawing on academic and client examples, he will then explore how innovation in data science and technology can help solve a series of pain points and push the boundaries of what impact indicators are measurable.