

20 FINANCE 25 FORUM

Building Resilient Communities

Finance Forum 2025 brings together the leading innovators, investors, and policymakers across the \$4 trillion public-finance sector, who fund, finance, and deliver essential community infrastructure projects and economic development initiatives. This year's event will feature programming focused on addressing domestic US deployment and capacity challenges, as well as exploring emerging opportunities and critical trends in international public finance. The Forum also serves as a unique networking platform for cross-sectoral partnerships, hosting a variety of aligned, peer-to-peer events, including the Investors Roundtable on Infrastructure, the Bond Investor Risk Alliance, and strategy sessions focused on small business and entrepreneurship growth.

The Forum is organized by the Milken Institute and highlights the work of its 10,000 Communities Initiative and the Geo-Economics Program, in collaboration with other Milken Institute experts, as well as programming partners who are building best practices and inspiring outcomes-based community investments across the United States and abroad.



- A curated group of 250+ attendees, including high-level public, private, and cross-sectoral leaders focused on financial innovation, equity, and impact
- 50+ speakers discussing key challenges and solutions to accelerate climate resilience, risk and insurance reforms, smart federalism and outcome-based budgeting, small business creation, regional innovation, bottom-up growth, and lessons learned from blended finance leaders abroad
- Global reach, featuring live-streamed public sessions with coverage across major news outlets and social media networks
- Multiple opportunities for small group, off-the-record conversations, and private strategy sessions on our most critical deployment challenges with peer-level participants



RECENT MILKEN INSTITUTE SPEAKERS

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US Representative, California; Chair, US House Democratic Caucus

Christopher Ailman

Chief Investment Officer, Investments, California State Teacher's Retirement System

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Chief Investment Officer, Teacher Retirement System of Texas

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Co-Global Head, Managing Partner of Sustainable Growth Equity Investments, JP Morgan Chase & Co.

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Resilience Director, Enterprise Community Partners

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Managing Partner, Semai Ventures; Senior Advisor, Three Cairns Group

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CEO of Financial Advisory, Lazard

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Maxine Waters

US Representative, California; Ranking Member, US House Committee on Financial Services

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Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia

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Gretchen Whitmer

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US Senator, New Jersey

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US Senator, Tennessee

Nicholas Kristof

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Linda Eling-Lee

Founding Director and Head, MSCI Sustainability Institute

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CEO, The Nature Conservancy

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Director, Loan Programs Office, US Department of Energy