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*Advancing Economic Mobility and Innovation*

**RECAP REPORT**

# OVERVIEW

The Milken Institute's Future of Finance 2026 convened leading innovators, investors, implementers, and policymakers from across the public and private sectors to accelerate the delivery of solutions that expand economic mobility. The gathering showcased expertise across our programmatic workstreams and highlighted partners who are building best practices and inspiring outcomes-based investments in the United States and globally.

Through the theme *Advancing Economic Mobility and Innovation*, the event explored critical topics shaping the future of finance, including financial technology and innovation. In addition to thought-provoking discussions, the forum provided a unique platform for cross-sector networking, peer-to-peer collaboration, and government innovation.



# SPEAKERS

The forum gathered 124 leading voices to confront today's most consequential policy challenges—from access to capital to geo-economic trends to lifetime financial security.

Forty-eight percent of speakers were women, and 40 percent were new to the Milken Institute stage, reflecting our ongoing commitment to championing fresh perspectives and transformative ideas in financial policy.



# GLOBAL GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT

The Future of Finance program featured a prominent range of government speakers, incorporating perspectives from Congress and the administration. Government officials shared insights on key topic areas, including modernization of market regulation, US economic statecraft, the next era of digital assets, the global economic outlook, advancing economic mobility, and investing in the American Dream.

The event featured high-level conversations with Angela Alsobrooks, US senator, Maryland; Paul Atkins, chairman, US Securities and Exchange Commission; Ben Black, CEO, US International Development Finance Corporation; Kevin Hassett, director, National Economic Council of the United States; French Hill, US representative, Arkansas, and chairman, US House Financial Services Committee; John Jovanovic, president and chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States; Dan Katz, first deputy managing director, International Monetary Fund; Michael Selig, chairman, US Commodities Futures Trading Commission; Bryan Steil, US representative, Wisconsin, and chairman, US House Financial Services, Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology, and Artificial Intelligence; and Scott Turner, secretary, US Department of Housing and Urban Development.



# PANEL AND SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Future of Finance featured a comprehensive program with 20 public panels and 14 private sessions, creating opportunities for attendees to explore challenges facing financial policy and forward-thinking solutions. From financial technology and climate risk to access to capital, the discussions provided valuable insights and actionable strategies to navigate an evolving economic landscape.

This year's forum convened impactful government leaders from across the United States, fostering critical discussions on the policies shaping the economy. With a focus on outcomes-based solutions, the event provided a platform for high-level dialogue on financial innovation and government innovation.

Topics of discussion at this year's Future of Finance included "Navigating the Next Era of Digital Assets: A Conversation with US House Financial Services Subcommittee on Digital Assets Chairman Bryan Steil"; "Financing Resilience in a Changing Climate: New Conversations for a New Reality"; "Modernizing Market Regulation: A Conversation with SEC Chairman Paul Atkins and CFTC Chairman Michael Selig"; and "Achieving Lifetime Financial Security: The Future of Retirement Planning: Pioneering the Path to Peak Financial Outcomes."



# AUDIENCE

The forum attracted 619 in-person attendees for substantive dialogue and sharp perspectives on the evolving financial landscape. Innovators, investors, and policy leaders gathered to exchange bold ideas—building relationships and advancing solutions through a compelling lineup of panels and private gatherings. Attendees spanned a broad cross-section of the country, representing key financial and policy hubs including Washington, DC, New York, California, Virginia, and Maryland, reflecting the forum’s national impact and reach.

The Milken Institute prioritizes accessibility to the event by streaming all public sessions via our website ([milkeninstitute.org](https://milkeninstitute.org)) and Vimeo, garnering 3,700 views.

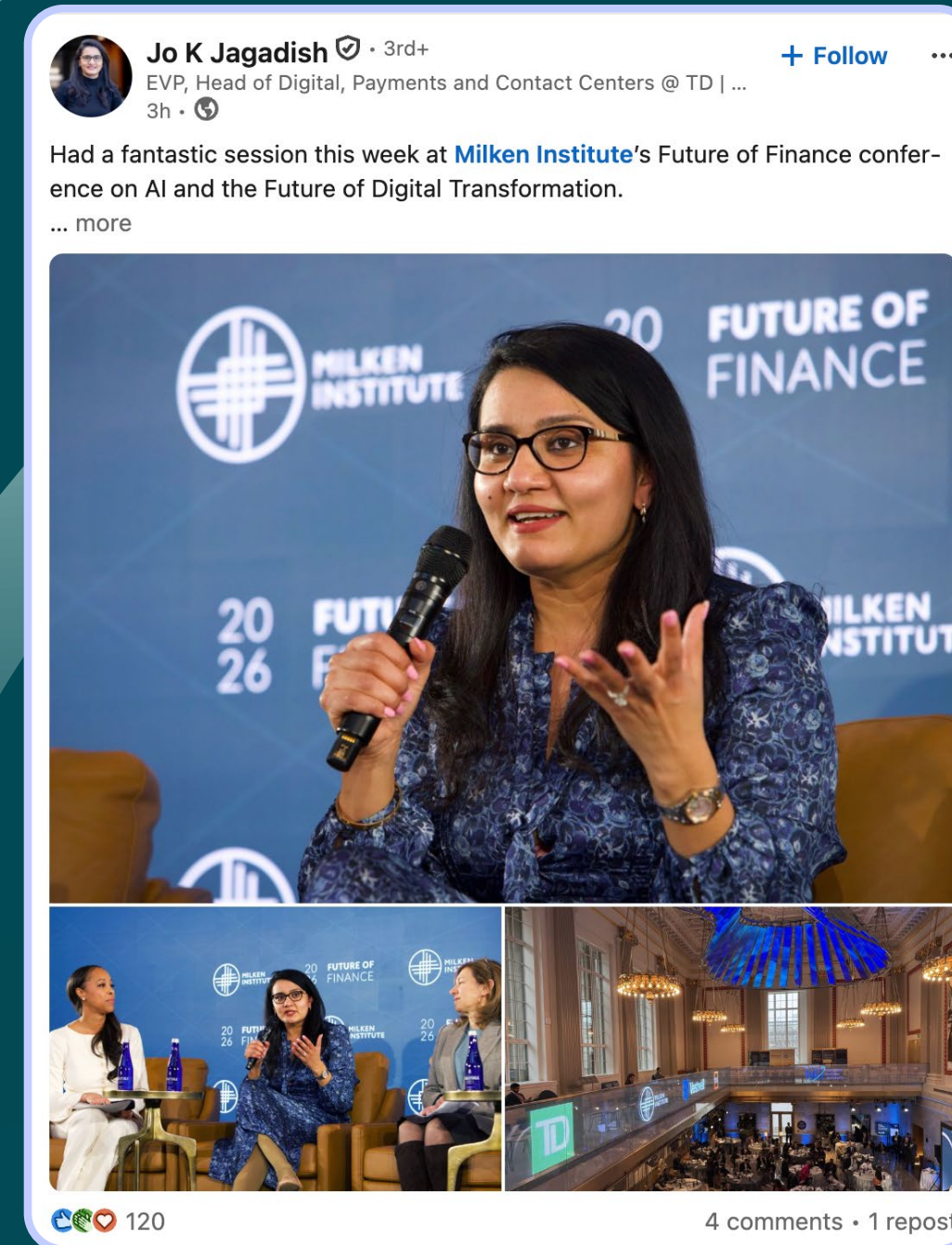
## MOST-VIEWED SESSIONS

- The Next Chapter of US Economic Statecraft: A Conversation with DFC CEO Ben Black and EXIM Bank President John Jovanovic
- Modernizing Market Regulation: A Conversation with SEC Chairman Paul Atkins and CFTC Chairman Michael Selig
- The Genius Effect: Stablecoins Take the Stage
- Global Economic Outlook: A Conversation with IMF First Deputy Managing Director Dan Katz
- AI and the Future of Digital Transformation



# SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

The forum sparked lively discussions both online and in person, as attendees eagerly shared their insights and enthusiasm for the event's dynamic conversations and connections. More than 200 mentions came from 140 unique authors, including Angela Alsobrooks, Clean Energy Buyers Association, Export-Import Bank of the United States, Michael Selig, TD Bank, and others. This resulted in about 5,000 engagements across platforms.





# NEWS MEDIA

The 2026 Future of Finance event generated strong media visibility and positioned the Institute at the center of national conversations on policy, markets, and economic opportunity. Four sessions aired nationally on C-SPAN, extending the event's reach and amplifying key discussions on modernizing market regulation with SEC Chairman Paul Atkins and CFTC Chairman Michael Selig, a fireside chat with National Economic Council Director Kevin Hassett, a conversation on economic prosperity with Senator Angela Alsobrooks of Maryland, and a session on investing in the American Dream with HUD Secretary Scott Turner.

The high-level participation of senior government officials and industry leaders established the Future of Finance as a premier forum for financial policy and market dialogue. Media engagement remained strong throughout, with more than 15 journalists attending and emphasizing the depth, access, and news value of the programming, driving coverage and strengthening relationships with key outlets. Coverage from the forum appeared across major national outlets and trade publications, including *Bloomberg*, *C-SPAN*, *The New York Times*, *Pensions & Investments*, *POLITICO*, *Reuters*, and *The Washington Post*, among many others.

**35** media registrants

**16** news outlets

**104** original articles republished or cited  
in **649** additional publications

# NOTABLE ATTENDING ORGANIZATIONS

## Fortune and Global 500 Attending Organizations

Alphabet

Amazon

Bank of New York Mellon

Block

Carvana

Citigroup

Corning

Exxon Mobil

Fannie Mae

Fifth Third Bancorp

Goldman Sachs

JP Morgan Chase & Co.

KKR

Marsh & McLennan

MassMutual

Mastercard

New York Life Insurance

S&P Global

State Street

Swiss Re

TIAA

Toronto-Dominion Bank

Truist Financial

US Bancorp

Visa

## Other Notable Attending Organizations and Nonprofits

Banyan Infrastructure

British Embassy

Commodity Futures Trading Commission

Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Inter-American Development Bank

International Finance Corporation

International Monetary Fund

The Joyce Foundation

Macquarie

Securities and Exchange Commission

Skoll Foundation

US Department of the Treasury

US House of Representatives

The White House

WK Kellogg Foundation

World Bank Group

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## **ASIA SUMMIT**

Singapore | October 7-9, 2026

## **GLOBAL INVESTORS' SYMPOSIUM**

Mexico City | October 28, 2026

## **FUTURE OF HEALTH SUMMIT**

Washington, DC | November 11-13, 2026

## **MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA SUMMIT**

Abu Dhabi | December 2026

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Los Angeles | May 2-5, 2027

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