



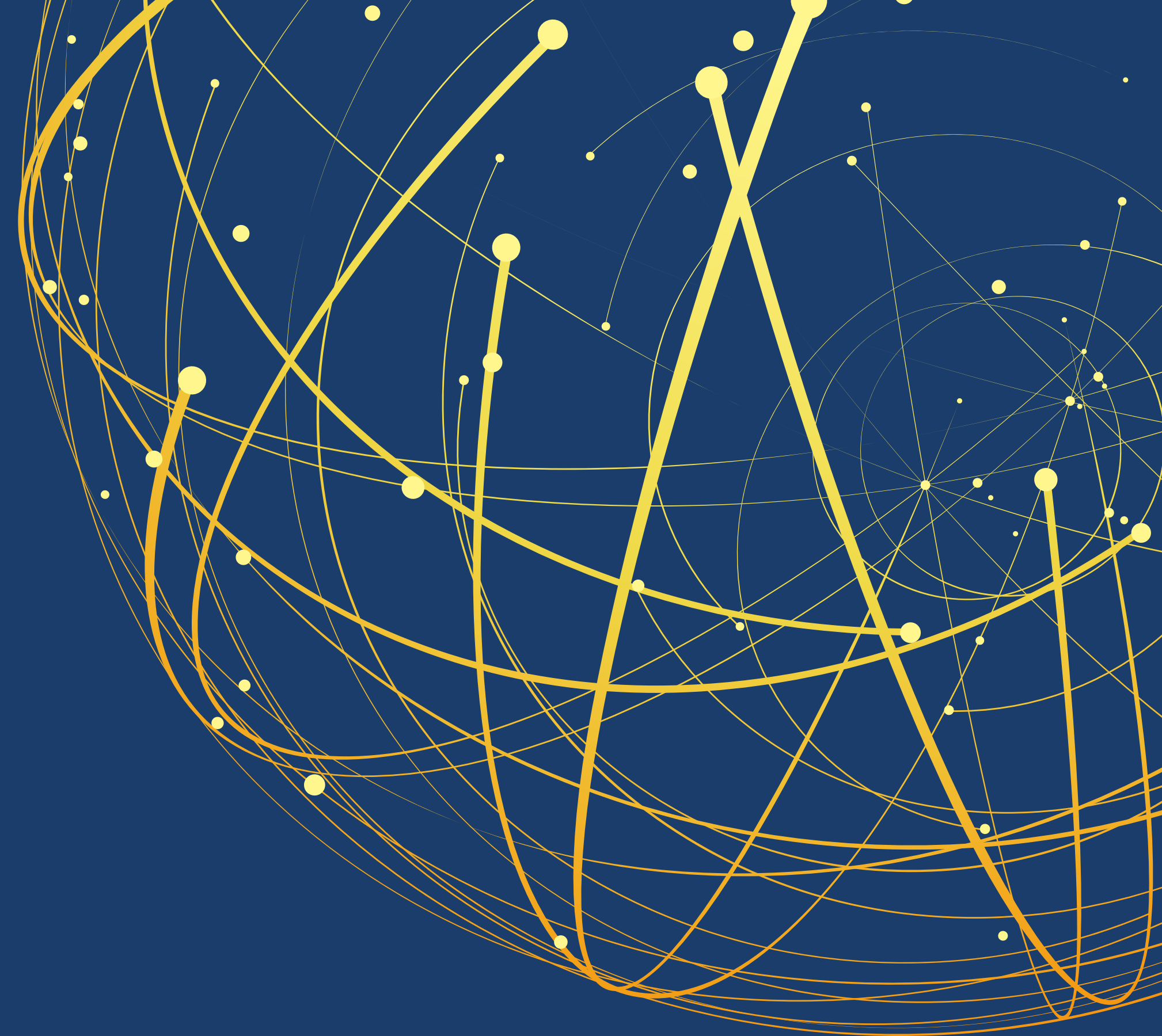
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2026 GLOBAL CONFERENCE

LEADING IN A NEW ERA

MAY 3-6, 2026 | LOS ANGELES

HIGHLIGHTS



OVERVIEW

The Milken Institute Global Conference convenes the best minds in the world to tackle its most urgent challenges and realize its most exciting opportunities. The 29th annual conference brought our forward-thinking community together at a pivotal moment, uniting global leaders, innovators, and changemakers to tackle pressing issues and seize the opportunities that will collectively shape a more sustainable, equitable, and resilient future.

Guided by the theme *Leading in a New Era*, speakers and attendees alike reflected on the disruptions and innovations that have defined recent years, drawing on hard-won lessons to chart a path forward. Together, they explored how today's bold ideas, strategic investments, and cross-sector collaborations can translate into lasting progress and build a more prosperous future for all.

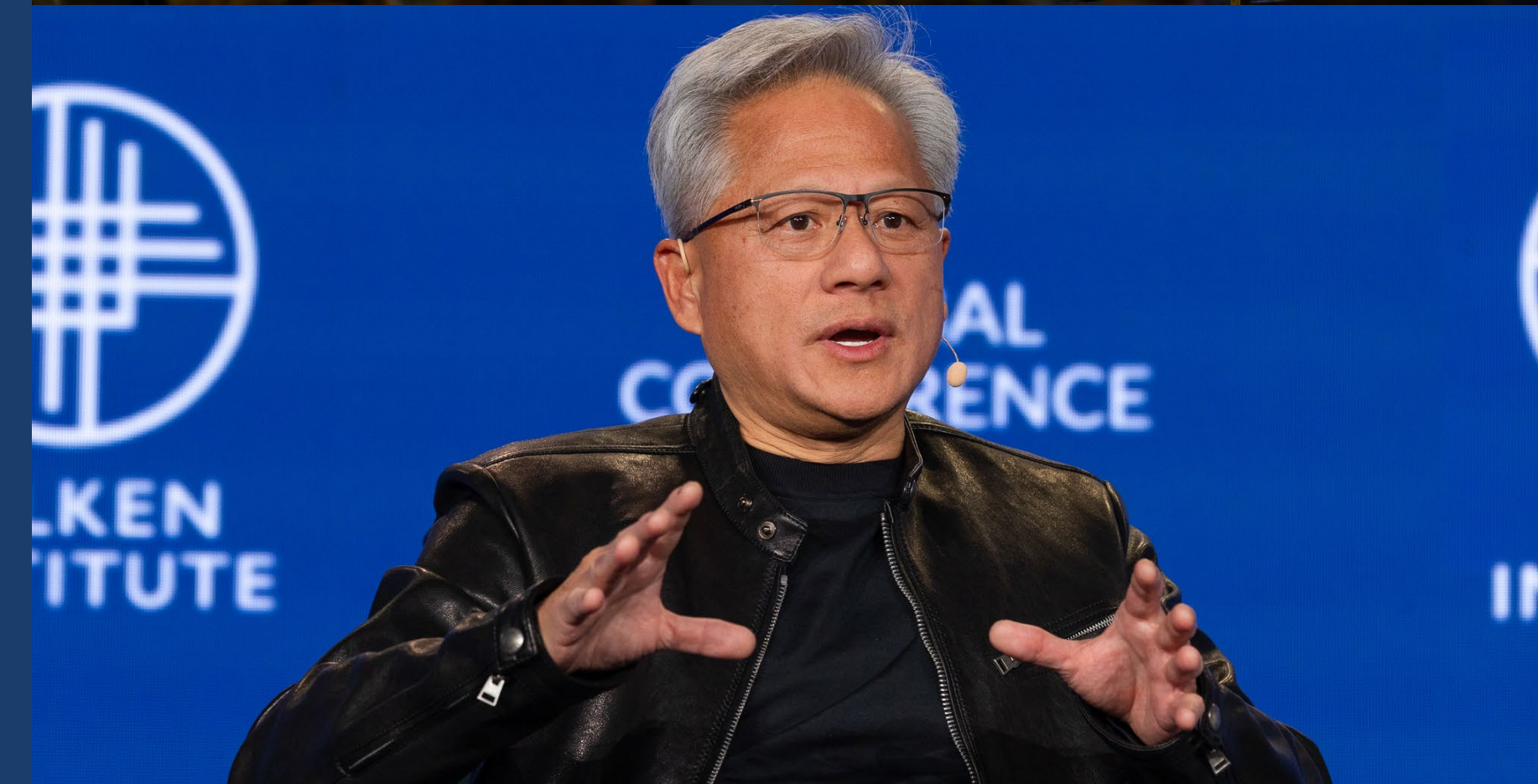
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MAY 2-5, 2027



PROGRAM AND SPEAKERS

The 2026 Milken Institute Global Conference featured 165 public sessions and 133 private roundtables and events, totaling nearly 300 opportunities to both elevate our community's thought leadership and make meaningful connections onsite. With more than 1,000 speakers participating in this year's flagship event, the perspectives featured onstage reflected the significant amount of expertise, resources, creativity, and innovation across the Institute ecosystem. Of the more than 1,000 speakers who participated, 33 percent were women, 39 percent were first-time Milken Institute speakers, and 25 percent hailed from regions outside of North America, including Asia, Europe, Oceania, the Middle East, and South America.

The Global Conference theme of *Leading in a New Era* resonated across the four-day program, with sessions focused on timely topics such as economic competitiveness, artificial intelligence, energy security, and financial markets, as well as themes underpinning what it means to build a meaningful life, including workforce development, affordable housing, health-care access, and economic mobility.



Notable speakers included **Todd Boehly**, chairman and CEO, Eldridge Industries; **Tom Brady**, seven-time Super Bowl champion and entrepreneur; **Arthur C. Brooks**, William Henry Bloomberg professor, Practice of Public Leadership, Harvard Kennedy School, and author, “The Meaning of Your Life”; **Common**, Academy Award-, Emmy-, and Grammy-winning artist, actor, author, and activist; **Marvin Ellison**, chairman, president, and CEO, Lowe’s; **Larry Fink**, chairman and CEO, BlackRock; **Bruce Flatt**, CEO, Brookfield Corporation; **Christophe Fouquet**, president and CEO, ASML Holding NV; **Ryan Gellert**, CEO, Patagonia; **Emma Grede**, founder, serial entrepreneur, author, “Start With Yourself: A New Vision for Work & Life,” and host, “Aspire with Emma Grede” podcast; **Ken Griffin**, founder, CEO, and co-chief investment officer, Citadel; **Tiffany Haddish**, actress, comedian, author, and founder, Diaspora Groceries; **Whitney Wolfe Herd**, founder and CEO, Bumble Inc.; **Jensen Huang**, founder and CEO, NVIDIA; **Gianni Infantino**, president, FIFA; **Laurene Powell Jobs**, founder and president, Emerson Collective; **Jenny Johnson**, CEO, Franklin Templeton; **Eva Longoria**, actor, director, and co-founder, Hyphenate Media Group; **Dina Powell McCormick**, president and vice chairman, Meta; **Neal Mohan**, CEO, YouTube; **Elisabeth Moss**, actress and producer; **Shaquille O’Neal**, member, NBA Hall of Fame, 15-Time NBA All Star player, host, “Inside the NBA,” entrepreneur, and philanthropist; **Ruth Porat**, president and chief investment officer, Alphabet and Google; **Lionel Richie**, singer, songwriter, CEO, and author, “Truly”; **Dan Schulman**, CEO, Verizon; **Scott Strazik**, CEO, GE Vernova; **Darren Walker**, president and CEO, Anonymous Content, and author, “The Idea of America”; **will.i.am**, founder and CEO, FYI.AI; **Serena Williams**, founder and managing partner, Serena Ventures; and **Mike Wirth**, chairman of the board and CEO, Chevron Corporation.





GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT

More than 65 government officials from more than 15 countries, representing international, federal, state, and local levels of government, participated in this year's conference across 50 public and private sessions. Featured topics included "Building a Future-Ready Workforce," "Charting New Pathways to Capital: Capital Access, Opportunity, and the American Dream," "Driving Our Economic Edge," "Financing the Future of Health," "Global Economic Outlook: Navigating Growth, Risk, and Opportunity," "International Security: Innovation, Investment, and Partnerships," "Investing in Economic Mobility: Building a Path to Opportunity," and "US Economic Competitiveness: AI, Energy, and the Workforce."

Key government voices included Qatar Minister of Finance **H.E. Ali bin Ahmed Al Kuwari**; Chairman of Abu Dhabi Department of Health **H.E. Mansoor Ibrahim Al Mansoori**; United Arab Emirates Ambassador **H.E. Yousef Al Otaiba**; Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the US **H.R.H. Reema Bandar Al Saud**; US Senator **Angela Alsobrooks** of Maryland; Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman **Paul Atkins**; US Senator **Christopher Coons** of Delaware; US Senator **Ted Cruz** of Texas; Florida Governor **Ron DeSantis**; International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director **Kristalina Georgieva**; International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director-General **Rafael Mariano Grossi**; US Senator **Bill Hagerty** of Tennessee; White House National Economic Council Director **Kevin Hassett**; US Representative **Darrell Issa** of California; Export-Import Bank President and Chairman **John Jovanovic**; Director of

the Pentagon's Economic Defense Unit **George K. Kollitides**; White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) Director **Michael Kratsios**; Venezuelan Democratic Movement Leader **María Corina Machado**; Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner **Marty Makary**; President of Argentina **H.E. Javier Milei**; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator **Mehmet Oz**; US Senator **Tim Scott** of South Carolina; Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) Chairman **Michael Selig**; US Representative **Adam Smith** of Washington; US Representative **Bryan Steil** of Wisconsin; US Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary **Scott Turner**; US Representative to the United Nations **Mike Waltz**; US Senator **Mark Warner** of Virginia; and Michigan Governor **Gretchen Whitmer**.



HEALTH

Milken Institute Health curated 18 sessions, including 11 public sessions and seven private sessions. Panel discussions touched upon many of the pressing issues in health to identify trends, surface solutions, and advance critical work, including biomedical innovation, global health, GLP-1 care, food systems, healthy longevity and financial security across the lifespan, prevention and early detection, cancer diagnostics, mental health, and women's health. Additionally, the Future of Aging team published *Financial Longevity: Redesigning Economic Architecture for Longer Lives*, which examines the need to create a more durable future by aligning capital, labor, and governance with our increasing longevity.

At the conference, a range of speakers across industries and sectors shared insights, including **Marty Makary**, commissioner, FDA; **Mehmet Oz**, administrator, CMS; **Chris Klomp**, chief counselor, Health and Human Services; **Bob Bradway**, chairman and CEO, Amgen; **Nancy Brown**, CEO, American Heart Association; **Alicia Jackson**, director, Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H); **Myechia Minter-Jordan**, CEO, AARP; and **Dipen Parekh**, CEO, University of Miami Health.

Since the launch of the Milken Institute Women's Health Network one year ago with Chair Jill Biden, the Network has assembled a 14-member Steering Committee, welcomed 170 organizations into the Network, established five working groups and initiatives to support women's health, convened thousands of people around the world in roundtable discussions and events to move from dialogue to action, and is now mobilizing a billion-dollar funding initiative. [Watch the video to learn more.](#)



FINANCE

Milken Institute Finance put together 17 public sessions and 16 private sessions that covered an array of topics, such as AI's impact on workforce and energy, the US economy, economic mobility, lifetime financial security, feminization of wealth, future-proofing retirement, veterans' economic mobility, financial technology, affordable housing, cryptocurrencies, global trade, global supply chains, strategic competitiveness, and business innovation.

Notable speakers included **Terri Ludwig**, CEO, Ballmer Group; **Michael Roberts**, CEO, HSBC Bank plc, and CEO, Corporate and Institutional Banking, HSBC; **Tiffany Haddish**, actress, comedian, author, and founder, Diaspora Groceries; **Hiromichi Mizuno**, founder and CEO, Good Steward Partners LLC, and special advisor, Milken Institute; **Kim Folsom**, founder, chairperson, and CEO, Founders First Capital Partners; **David Bohigian**, CEO, Meridian International Center; **Steven T. Mnuchin**, founder and managing partner, Liberty Strategic Capital, and 77th US secretary of Treasury; **Sylvia Kwan**, CEO and chief investment officer, Ellevest; **Nicole Ari Parker**, actress, model, and entrepreneur; **John Gerzema**, CEO, The Harris Poll; **Lisa Gevelber**, founder, Grow With Google, and chief marketing officer, Americas Region, Google; **Tallis Gomes**, founder and president, G4; **Melissa Bradley**, CEO, New Majority Ventures; and **Bill Bynum**, CEO, HOPE.

Milken Institute Finance released two reports at Global Conference: Improving Capital Access for Veteran Entrepreneurs and Military Spouses and 2026 Milken Institute-Harris Poll Listening Project; Bridging the Technology Advancement Gap: A New Consensus in the AI Era, highlighting its work that helps provide more capital and access to a wider group of people.



PHILANTHROPY

Milken Institute Strategic Philanthropy assembled 23 panel discussions, including five panels at the Philanthropic Investors Forum; 12 were public, and 11 were private. Discussions ranged from mechanisms and means of philanthropic investment to cross-sector collaboration in areas where philanthropic support is essential, including biomedical sciences, nature conservation, gun violence prevention, and education. Participants included leaders from family foundations, corporate philanthropies, impact organizations, and institutional funders, each with a shared commitment to advancing a thriving world for all.

Notable speakers included **Jaymes Black**, CEO, The Trevor Project; **Mark Suzman**, CEO, Gates Foundation; **John Palfrey**, president, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation; **Sherrie Westin**, CEO, Sesame Workshop; **David Fajgenbaum**, co-founder and president, Every Cure; **Ajay Piramal**, chairman, Piramal Group; and **Alexa Dell**, advisor, The Michael and Susan Dell Foundation.

The Milken Institute and Motsepe Foundation announced the winners of the \$2 million Milken-Motsepe Prize in AI and Manufacturing. Cameroon-based BleagLee took the \$1 million Grand Prize for its AI-powered waste recycling that converts plastic, agricultural, and e-waste into premium recycled products; Tanzania-based Freshpack Technologies earned the \$250,000 Runner-Up award for AI-powered cold storage tackling food waste in Africa; and UK-based Digitech Oasis Limited received the \$100,000 Innovation Award for the Most Advanced Use of Fourth Industrial Revolution Technology. All awards are unrestricted, allowing winners to direct funds where they will most impact their businesses. The Institute also introduced the fifth Milken-Motsepe Prize in Circular Economy, recognizing companies that use technology to replace linear “take-make-waste” systems with regenerative, resource-efficient value chains. [Read the full press release.](#)



INTERNATIONAL

Milken Institute International brought together 45 panel discussions, with 14 public sessions and 31 private sessions. Conversations ranged from regional investment outlooks and capital allocation strategies to growth opportunities within key markets and economies across Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America, Middle East, and Africa.

Prominent speakers included **Ajay Piramal**, chairman, Piramal Group; **Yue-Sai Kan**, television host, producer, author, entrepreneur, and humanitarian; **Meg Whitman**, former US ambassador to Kenya; His Excellency **Khaldoon Khalifa Al Mubarak**, managing director and global CEO, Mubadala; **Ariel Szarfsztejn**, CEO, Mercado Libre; **Julia Friedlander**, CEO, Atlantik-Brücke; and **Thomas Buberl**, CEO, AXA Group.

Executive Vice President of Milken Institute International
Laura Deal Lacey hosted a wide-ranging panel discussion on growth and investment opportunities in the Asia-Pacific region, featuring **Michael DeSombre**, assistant secretary, East Asian and Pacific affairs, US Department of State; **Pandu Sjahrir**, chief investment officer, Danantara Indonesia; and **Jacqueline Poh**, CEO, JTC Corporation, among others.



AUDIENCE

The Global Conference convened around 4,500 in-person attendees to engage with thought-provoking content and participate in dynamic discussions. Participants came from across the globe, representing 72 countries. Global leaders, C-suite executives from Fortune 500 and global companies, and changemakers in the fields of finance, health, and philanthropy came together to spark insights.

The Milken Institute prioritized accessibility to the event by streaming public sessions online, attracting more than 450,000 views. The top five countries for viewing were the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Argentina, and the United Arab Emirates.

In-person: ~4,500 | Online: 450,000+ video views



MOST VIEWED SESSIONS:

1. Global Capital Markets
2. The Next Act: Creativity, Disruption, and the Future of Entertainment
3. Investing in Economic Mobility: Building a Path to Opportunity
4. A Conversation with BlackRock CEO Larry Fink and Brookfield Corporation CEO Bruce Flatt
5. Beyond Borders: Unlocking Critical Mineral Investment Opportunities
6. Corporate Leadership Leveraging Technology in a New Era
7. Global Economic Outlook: Navigating Growth, Risk, and Opportunity
8. Trust, Leadership, and Lifetime Financial Security
9. US Economic Competitiveness: AI, Energy, and the Workforce
10. A Conversation with Citadel's Ken Griffin
11. Capital for Conservation: The Business Case for Nature and Wildlife
12. The Productivity Shock: Is AI Rewriting the Global Growth Model?
13. Credit Outlook: Pricing Risk in a Fragmented Credit Cycle
14. Manias, Panics, and Crashes: Can We Learn to Avoid Great Financial Mistakes?
15. Ukraine's Next Chapter: Building Resilience on Europe's Eastern Edge

SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

Social media coverage of the Milken Institute Global Conference resonated widely with audiences, drawing more than 955,000 social compilation video views and over 100,000 engagements, while driving 35,000+ link clicks and fueling an audience growth of more than 11,000 new followers.

Key external mentions came from IAEA Director-General Rafael Mariano Grossi, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention Director-General Jean Kaseya, FDA Commissioner Marty Makary, CFTC Chairman Michael Selig, HUD Secretary Scott Turner, OSTP Director Michael Kratsios, IMF Director-General Kristalina Georgieva, CSPAN, Ellevest, Infosys, Worth Media, Bloomberg TV, Fortune, Ambassador Mike Waltz, PwC, CNBC, Brian Stelter, Ivan Duque, Business Week, ARPA-H, EY, Cindy McCain, World Central Kitchen, Presidency de Honduras, Female Quotient, Gianni Infantino, US Chamber of Commerce, California Surgeon General, and more. Key Instagram collaborator posts included Tristan Harris, Amy Webb, Sara Eisen, Serena Ventures, Tiffany Haddish, Shaquille O’Neal, Daphne Oz, Gallup, and Jon Clifton.



Rafael Mariano Grossi

@rafaelmgrossi · 3h

Timely dialogue with @zannymb from @TheEconomist at @MilkenInstitute's #MIGlobal in Los Angeles 🇺🇸.

We discussed the @IAEAorg's important role in some of today's most pressing global security challenges, their implications for international stability and global economy, and how

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Translated from Spanish Show original

From the @MilkenInstitute Global Conference 2026 in Los Angeles, I participated in a panel on institutions, trust, and prosperity. I reiterated something about the fundamentals: without judicial independence, clear rules, and separation of powers, there is no sustainable path for Venezuela's recovery.

Today we see a regime that concentrated power and distorted the political and economic system. Venezuela needs to move toward a free-market economy, but accompanied by deep institutional reforms.

Voting alone is not enough. Without real guarantees or respect for the results, there will be no transition. Democracy is built and protected with solid institutions.

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At the @MilkenInstitute Global Conference, @ARPA_HDirector Alicia Jackson joined leaders from @Amgen, @American_Heart, @AARP, and @UMiamiHealth on a panel moderated by @elekrofah to take on one of the defining challenges in American medicine.

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Linda Yaccarino

CEO of eMed Population Health | Chair of SheMed | Chair of ...

Big moment at Milken Institute. Joined Tom Brady live on Bloomberg Television to talk about what's actually happening in healthcare right now. GLP-1s are a once-in-a-generation breakthrough. The science is settled. The demand is undeniable.

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NEWS MEDIA

The 29th annual Milken Institute Global Conference drew broad, sustained media attention from around the world. A total of 223 credentialed journalists representing 129 news outlets—spanning the US, Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and beyond—covered the conference in person and virtually, reflecting the event’s standing as a convening of genuinely global consequence.

Public sessions reached international audiences through live broadcasts on major television networks and platforms, including Bloomberg TV, C-SPAN, the Associated Press, Fox Business, CNN, and CNBC. Eight broadcast outlets conducted live segments onsite, while wire services such as AFP distributed reporting and imagery globally, extending the conference’s reach across multiple continents. Leading international business and policy outlets—including Forbes, Financial Times, New York Times, Reuters, Wall Street Journal, and POLITICO—produced dedicated conference coverage. Additional reporting from BBC, The National, Nikkei Asia, Korea Times, Channel News Asia, and others further amplified conference conversations throughout Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.

Published coverage closely reflected the core objectives of the Global Conference. As of May 18, conference discussions and insights generated 6,976 print, online, and broadcast news stories—a level of coverage that speaks not only to the scale of media engagement but also to how strongly this year’s conversations resonated with global audiences far beyond those in attendance.

223 media registrants | 129 news outlets | 6,976 mentions



FORTUNE AND GLOBAL 500 ATTENDING ORGANIZATIONS

AIA Group	BMO Financial Group	Exelon	Hyundai Motor	Morgan Stanley	Sanofi
Albertsons	BNP Paribas	Farmers Insurance	IBM	Motorola Solutions	SLB
Allianz	Boeing	Fifth Third Bancorp	Invesco	Nike	Société Générale
Allstate	Brookfield	FM	Itau Unibanco Holding	Nippon Life Insurance	Sony
Alphabet	Bunge Global SA	Franklin Templeton	Jefferies Financial	Northern Trust	Southern Company
Amazon	The Carlyle Group	Gap	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	Northrop Grumman	Starbucks
Amgen	Carvana	GE HealthCare Technologies	KKR	Northwestern Mutual	State Street
Apollo Global Management	Chevron	GE Vernova	Kroger	NVIDIA	Stellantis
Apple	Cisco Systems	Glencore	Lennar	Pacific Life	Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group
AT&T	Citigroup	Goldman Sachs	Liberty Mutual Insurance Group	Paramount	Synchrony Financial
AXA	The Coca-Cola Company	GSK	Lockheed Martin	PayPal	Truist Financial
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria	Comcast	Guardian Life	Lowe's	Ping An Insurance	UBS Group
Bank of America	Constellation Energy	Hartford Financial Services	Mass Mutual	PNC	Unilever
Bank of Nova Scotia	Corning	Hershey	Mastercard	Principal Financial	UnitedHealth
Barclays	CVS Health	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	McDonald's	Prudential Financial	USAA
Bayer	Delta Air Lines	Hilton	Merck	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals	Verizon
Berkshire Hathaway	Deutsche Bank	HP	Meta Platforms	Royal Ahold Delhaize	Visa
Best Buy	Edward Jones	HSBC Holdings	Microsoft	Royal Bank of Canada	Warner Bros. Discovery
BlackRock	Electronic Arts		Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	Salesforce	Zurich Insurance
	Equitable				

OTHER NOTABLE ATTENDING ORGANIZATIONS AND NONPROFITS

ALTÉRRRA	Federal Reserve System	The James Irvine Foundation	Snap Inc.
American Cancer Society	Ford Foundation	John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	US House of Representatives
Aon	Fund for Science and Technology	MetLife Foundation	US Securities and Exchange Commission
Ballmer Group	Gates Foundation	Motsepe Foundation	Visa Foundation
The Bush Institute	The Giving Pledge	Mubadala	The White House
California Community Foundation	Humana Foundation Inc.	The Nature Conservancy	W.K. Kellogg Foundation
The California Endowment	Inter-American Development Bank	Patagonia	World Bank Group
Children's National Hospital	International Finance Corporation	The Rockefeller Foundation	YouTube
Doris Duke Foundation	International Monetary Fund	Sesame Workshop	
Eldridge		Smithsonian Institution	

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ASIA SUMMIT

Singapore | October 7–9, 2026

GLOBAL INVESTORS' SYMPOSIUM

Mexico City | October 28, 2026

FUTURE OF HEALTH SUMMIT

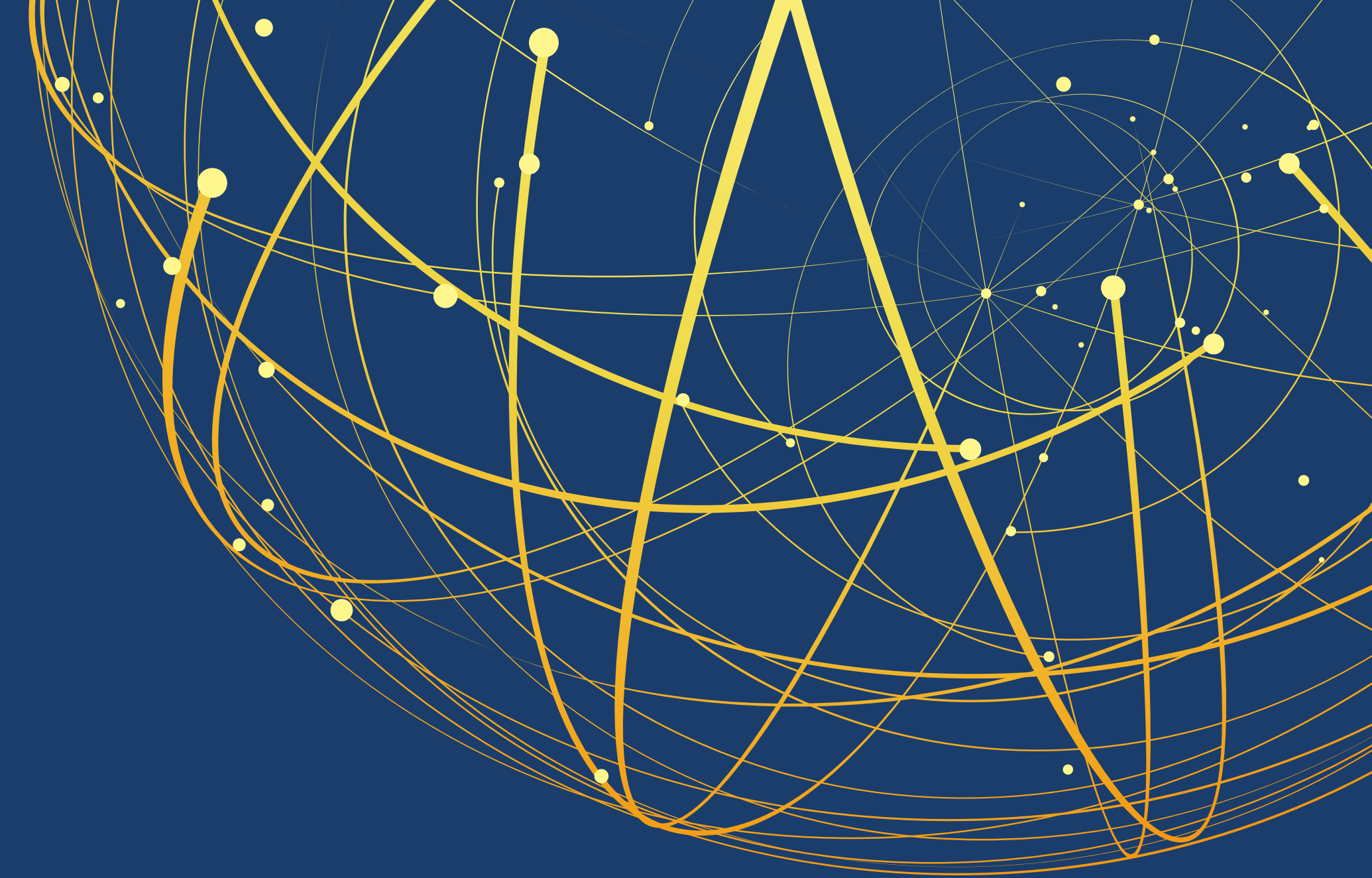
Washington, DC | November 11–13, 2026

MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA SUMMIT

Abu Dhabi | December 2026

GLOBAL CONFERENCE

Los Angeles | May 2–5, 2027



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