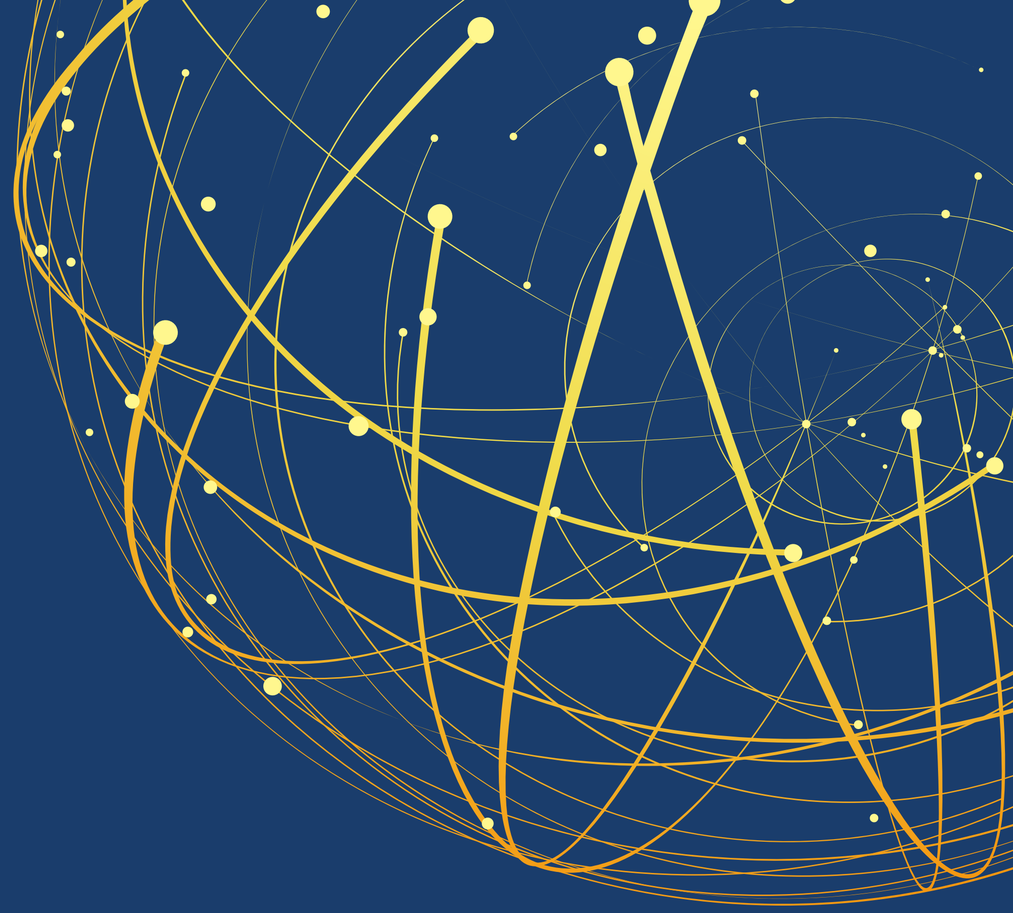
MILKEN INSTITUTE

2026 GLOBAL CONFERENCE

LEADING IN A NEW ERA

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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.

THE NEXT GLOBAL CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE

MAY 2–5, 2027

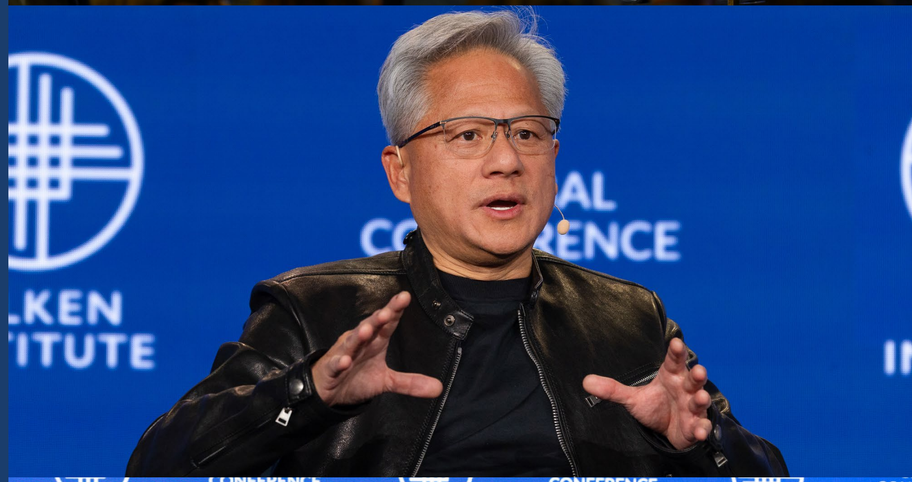


PROGRAM AND SPEAKERS

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**; Saudi Arabia Ambassador 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; 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 308,000 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

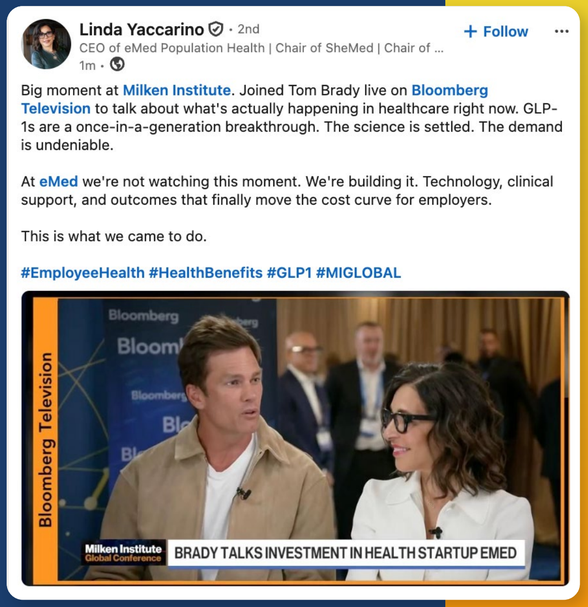
Social media coverage of the Milken Institute Global Conference resonated widely with audiences, drawing more than 955,000 social compilation video views and over 100,000 engagements, while driving 35,000+ link clicks and fueling an audience growth of more than 11,000 new followers.

> 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 John Clifton.









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.

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





FORTUNE AND GLOBAL 500 ATTENDING ORGANIZATIONS

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

OTHER NOTABLE ATTENDING ORGANIZATIONS AND NONPROFITS

ALTÉRRA

American Cancer Society

Aon

Ballmer Group

The Bush Institute

California Community Foundation

The California Endowment

Children's National Hospital

Doris Duke Foundation

Eldridge

Federal Reserve System

Ford Foundation

Fund for Science and Technology

Gates Foundation

The Giving Pledge

Humana Foundation Inc.

Inter-American Development Bank

International Finance Corporation

International Monetary Fund

The James Irvine Foundation

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

MetLife Foundation

Motsepe Foundation

Mubadala

The Nature Conservancy

Patagonia

The Rockefeller Foundation

Sesame Workshop

Smithsonian Institution

Snap Inc.

US House of Representatives

US Securities and Exchange Commission

Visa Foundation

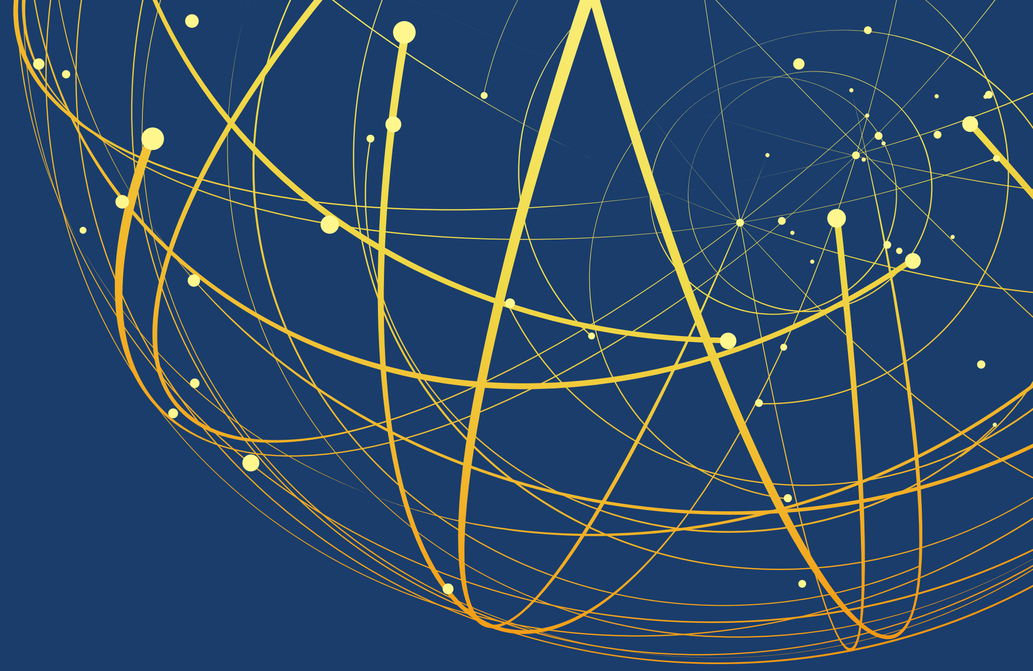
The White House

W.K. Kellogg Foundation

World Bank Group

YouTube

Join us at our upcoming events as we work together to build meaningful lives:



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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