

FUTURE INVESTMENT CONFERENCE

Programme Timetable

Organizers:

UN Trade & Development
Xiamen Municipal Government

7-8 September 2025

Xiamen, China

The Future Investment Conference (FIC), initiated by United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and held for the first time in partnership with the China International Fair for Investment and Trade (CIFIT), facilitates global dialogue and collaboration on international investment and technological innovation. It is the concurrent flagship event of CIFIT.

With a focus on navigating the shifts in global investment dynamics and the restructuring of value chains, FIC addresses the impact of geopolitics, rapid technological change, the evolving landscape of industrial policies, and the rising demand for sustainable and responsible investments. The conference brings together key stakeholders from the global investment community, including sovereign funds, private equity firms, asset managers, development finance institutions (DFIs), as well as experts from special economic zones, and technology and innovation hubs.

It features high-level events focused on current challenges as well as networking sessions at the intersection of investment, innovation, and sustainable development. The conference serves as a platform to drive forward-looking strategies for the future of global investment and innovation.

FIC connects global leaders, investors, and innovators to pave the way for a more sustainable and resilient future. Through exchange, participants will gain new and valuable insights, build strategic partnerships, and shape the future of global investment.

Sunday, 7 September

9:30 – 10:15	Report launch (China). Global sustainable finance: trends, challenges and opportunities
Venue	Xiamen International Conference & Exhibition CentreC3 - 306
Agenda focus	The global sustainable finance market reached \$8.2 trillion last year but is highly concentrated in developed markets and faces greenwashing concerns. Drawing on UNCTAD's <i>World Investment Report 2025</i>, this session examines opportunities, challenges and actions needed to leverage the global sustainable finance market for sustainable development in developing economies.
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ouyang Yongfu, Coordinator, Sustainable Investment Council, UNCTAD • Mei Dwen, Vice Chairman, China Beijing Green Exchange; Secretary General, Beijing Green Finance Association (BGFA) • Xie Wenhong, Head of China, Climate Bonds Initiative
10:15 - 11:00	Report launch (China). Derisking investment for the SDGs: the role of political risks insurance
Venue	Xiamen International Conference & Exhibition CenterC3 - 306
Agenda focus	<p>Political risk insurance can be a game changer for boosting FDI where it's most needed. The session discusses findings from UNCTAD's new report on how targeted derisking strategies can unlock more investment for sustainable development, helping close the widening SDG financing gap.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liang Guoyong, Senior Economist, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD • Ge Shunqi, Professor, Nankai University • Ding Wei, Director, Marketing Department, China Export & Credit Insurance Corporation (SINOSURE) • Zhai Xia, Senior Partner, Dacheng Law Offices.
10:00 – 12:00	Sovereign Wealth Funds Roundtable
Venue	Xiamen International Conference & Exhibition CenterC3 - 304
Agenda focus	Sovereign Wealth Funds (SWFs) are operating in an evolving global environment shaped by geopolitical fragmentation, rapid technological change, and the climate crisis. This closed-door roundtable convenes senior executives of leading SWFs and representatives of the international investment community to exchange views on how SWFs can navigate risk, capture long-term opportunities, while contributing to sustainable development.



- What are the most significant challenges and opportunities in the evolving international investment landscape? How can SWFs react effectively to contribute to a more sustainable future?
- What new strategies are being deployed to balance intergenerational wealth preservation with sustainability imperatives?
- How can SWFs play a larger role in emerging and frontier markets, particularly through blended finance platforms?

Speakers

- **Guo Xiangjun**, Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Officer
- **Edgardo Alvarez**, Secretary General, World Federation of Development Financing Institutions (WFDFI) and Latin American Association of Development Financing Institutions (ALIDE)
- **Alan Chan**, Executive Director, Chief Investment Officer, Towngas, Hong Kong (China)
- **Obaïd Amrane**, Chief Executive Officer, Ithmar Capital, Morocco; Chair, International Forum of Sovereign Wealth Funds (IFSWF)
- **Bahruz Bahramov**, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, State Oil Fund, Azerbaijan
- **Eddie Chen**, Chairman of the Board of Directors, China Carbon Neutral Development Group, China
- **Meleket Sahlu Denbu**, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Ethiopian Investment Holdings
- **Enrique Florencio**, Secretary General, Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific (ADFIAP)
- **Jörg Goschin**, Chief Executive Officer, KfW Capital, Germany
- **Saleh Al Khabti**, President, ACWA Power China
- **Ángela Pérez**, Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson, Spanish Development Finance Company (COFIDES), Spain

15 : 00 - 16 : 30 **Strategic Partnerships for Africa's Energy Transition: Country Investment Showcases**

Venue **Xiamen International Conference & Exhibition Center C3 - 306**

Agenda focus **Senior officials from Ethiopia, Malawi, and the United Republic of Tanzania will present national priorities and investment-ready projects in the energy sector. Building on these presentations, a high-level panel will explore and advise on how long-term capital can be mobilized to accelerate Africa's sustainable energy transition.**

Introductory remarks

- **Nan Li Collins**, Chair, UN Sustainable Stock Exchanges Initiative, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD



Country investment showcases

Moderator

Natalia Guerra, Chief a.i. Investment Promotion Section, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

- **Meleket Sahlu Denbu**, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Ethiopian Investment Holdings
- **Gift Chiwayula**, Chief Energy Officer, Ministry of Energy, Malawi
- **Gilead Teri**, Director General, Tanzania Investment and Special Economic Zones Authority (TISEZA)

High-level panel on attracting private investment in Africa's Energy Transition

Moderator

Alex Yew, Senior Advisor, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Panellists

- **Fang Qiuchen**, President of China International Contractors Association
- **Laurent Zylberberg**, Chairperson of the Board, Stoa Infra and Energy; Vice President, Groupe Caisse des Dépôts, France
- **Olga Verdugo**, Head of Strategic Projects, COFIDES, Spain
- **Eddie Chen**, Chairman of the Board of Directors, China Carbon Neutral Development Group, China

13:30 – 17:00

Investment-Innovation Leader Matchmaking Event *(by invitation only)*

Venue

Xiamen International Conference & Exhibition Center- Zhiqi Meeting Room, Hall B1

Agenda focus

The Investment-Innovation Leader Matchmaking Event offer a unique, high- impact platform for institutional investors, venture capitalists, and corporate venture firms to connect directly with some of the most promising and disruptive technology companies shaping the future of industry in the Chinese market.

The session will address the following thematic areas:

- Strategic approaches of overseas sovereign wealth funds to technology investment;
- The investment value and emerging development trajectories of China's technology sector;
- The globalization strategies and long-term value proposition of Chinese enterprises;
- Pathways for synergistic collaboration among domestic and international sovereign wealth funds, leading investment institutions, governments, and technology enterprises, with a particular focus on fostering a resilient innovation ecosystem that combines early-stage risk capital with sustained, long-term value creation.



Speakers

- **Laurent Zylberberg**, Chairperson of the Board, Stoa Infra and Energy; Vice President, Groupe Caisse des Dépôts, France
- **Jack Knight**, Deputy Chief Executive, The Investment Association, United Kingdom
- **LI Yuan**, Director of institute of ICT, Center for International Economic and Technological Cooperation, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, P.R.C.
- Hillhouse Capital, China
- China Reform Fund
- Representatives of Unicorn from China

18:00 – 20:00 Future Investment Conference Welcome Reception *(by invitation only)*

Venue Gulang 1 Hall, Xiamen International Conference Hotel



Monday, 8 September

14:00 – 14:40 Future Investment Conference – High-Level Opening

Venue Xiamen International Conference & Exhibition Center - B2 Lujiang Hall

Introductory remarks

- **Nan Li Collins**, Chair, UN Sustainable Stock Exchanges Initiative, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Opening statements

- **H.E. Zhou Zuyi**, Secretary of the CPC Fujian Provincial Committee, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Fujian Provincial People's Congress
- **H.E. Pedro Manuel Moreno**, Deputy Secretary General, UNCTAD
- **H.E. Ling Ji**, Vice Minister of Commerce

Keynotes

- **H.E. Mr. Shahin Mustafayev**, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan (*tbc*)
- **H.E. Sun Chanthol**, Deputy Prime Minister of Cambodia
- **H.E. Ms. Adrijana Mesarović**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy of Serbia
- **H.E. Mr. Khodjayev Jamshid Abdukhakimovich**, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan (*tbc*)

14:45 – 17:20 Plenary session: Investing for the Future

Venue Xiamen International Conference & Exhibition Center - B2 Lujiang Hall

Agenda focus

Emerging technologies, shifting global value chains, evolving industrial policies and the sustainability imperative are changing the global investment landscape and redefining investment strategies. Future-oriented investment goes beyond allocating capital to emerging technologies. At its core, it addresses long-term public interests by building institutional resilience, promoting social equity, and preserving intergenerational equality. To achieve these goals, responsible, long-term capital and development finance must converge to develop investment models that are sustainable, stable, and collaborative.

The session brings together global investors and industry leaders for a dialogue on how the latest innovations and sustainability trends can reshape the future of global investing. This discussion will provide insights from top global investors, and actionable strategies for future-proofing investments.

Theme 1 **Forward-Looking Capital Strategies: the Future of Global Investment**

- How are technological innovations and sustainability requirements reshaping international investment flows? What implications do these trends have for the global operations of multinational companies and their business strategies?
- What strategic frameworks can support long-term capital deployment to reflect institutional resilience and sustainable and inclusive development?
- What type of trade and investment policies are needed to support industrial development amid geopolitical challenges?

Moderator **Nan Li Collins**, Chair, UN Sustainable Stock Exchanges Initiative, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

- Speakers**
- **Obaïd Amrane**, Chief Executive Officer, Ithmar Capital, Morocco; Chair, International Forum of Sovereign Wealth Funds (IFSWF)
 - **Cui Zhicheng**, General Manager of China General Technology (Group) Holding Co., Ltd
 - **Jörg Goschin**, Chief Executive Officer, KfW Capital, Germany
 - **Ángela Pérez**, Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson, COFIDES, Spain
- Zhang Haibo**, Vice Chairman Automotive and Industrial Products Business Group, C.P. Group

Theme 2 **Investing in the Infrastructure of the Future**

- In an era of accelerated technological transformation and a rapidly evolving geopolitical landscape, investment in next-generation infrastructure is confronted with both unprecedented opportunities and heightened risks. A central question is how to seize the growth potential arising from cross-border cooperation, the green transition and the digital economy, while maintaining risks within manageable bounds.
- Amidst tightening global development finance and the widening divide between the Global North and South, it is imperative to identify effective mechanisms to support emerging economies in pursuing sustainable transformation in critical domains such as digital technologies, intelligent manufacturing and other frontier areas of infrastructure development.
- Equally important is the need to advance institutional innovation and strengthen multilateral cooperation so as to foster an upgraded model of infrastructure investment. Leveraging innovative financing instruments — including green bonds and sustainable finance products — will be essential to meeting the long-term financing needs associated with next-generation infrastructure.



Moderator	Yang Lin , Global Partner of Yingke Law Firm, Executive Director of Yingke Global Board
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edgardo Alvarez, Secretary General, World Federation of Development Financing Institutions (WFDFI) and Latin American Association of Development Financing Institutions (ALIDE) • Zhou Chaonan, Chairman, Range Intelligent Computing Technology Group, China • Laurent Zylberberg, Chairperson of the Board, Stoa Infra and Energy; Vice President, Groupe Caisse des Dépôts, France • H.E. Dr. Khao Thach, Chief Executive Officer, Agriculture and Rural Development Bank; Chairman Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific (ADFIAP) • Lao Nga Wong, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Macao Multinational Holdings Group, Macao (China)
Theme 3	Investing in Future Energy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the emerging investment opportunities in future energy systems, such as next-generation batteries, clean mobility systems, and green hydrogen? • How can strategic capital approaches transform these innovations into scalable, bankable assets that underpin future energy resilience? • Given the long-term and capital-intensive nature of energy infrastructure, how can cross-border blended finance structures and policy guarantee instruments be developed and utilized to channel both public and private capital into renewable energy projects?
Moderator	Daniel Cowen , Lead, Trade & Economy, World Economic Forum, Greater China
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan Chan, Executive Director, Chief Investment Officer, Towngas, Hong Kong (China) • Stefano Marguccio, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL), United Nations • Wang Dong, Executive Director and President, GCL (Group) Holdings Co., Ltd. • Xu Zhonghua, Vice President of TotalEnergies China, Chairman of the Energy Working Group of the China-EU Chamber of Commerce • Eddie Chen, Chairman of the Board of Directors, China Carbon Neutral Development Group, China

16:00 – 17:20	Parallel Session I: Investing in Artificial Intelligence and the Future Smart Society
Venue	Xiamen International Conference & Exhibition Center - RoomA, B2 Lujiang Hall Foyer
Agenda focus	Artificial intelligence (AI) has emerged as the defining feature of global technological innovation and the transformation of production paradigms. The advent of next-generation intelligent technologies, including generative AI, embodied intelligence, and autonomous systems, is reshaping value creation mechanisms and frameworks for industrial coordination. Meanwhile, these technologies also pose governance challenges and risk exacerbating technological divides within societies and cross borders.
Theme	<p>This session aims to explore how strategic investments, in the context of evolving international policy environment and technological deployments, can advance AI infrastructure development, data governance structures, cross-border connectivity, and the intelligent transformation of key industries, thereby fostering a more inclusive and resilient AI investment ecosystem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the context of accelerating global industrial systemic upgrades, which sectors (e.g., manufacturing, energy, transportation) hold the most transformative potential for AI-driven investment? What new models of capital allocation are currently emerging? • As AI systems increasingly demand substantial computational resources and robust technical infrastructures, how can investments be strategically directed towards high-performance data centres and other digital infrastructure? • How can regional cooperation (e.g., joint R&D centers, regional data standards) strengthen AI-enabled industrial transformation and foster inclusive growth in developing economies? • What policy tools can developing economies employ to channel capital into digital infrastructure development while advancing social inclusion and systemic resilience?
Moderator	Zhu Gang , Deputy Director-General, International Cooperation Center, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT), P.R. China
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meleket Sahlu Denbu, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Ethiopian Investment Holdings • Jack Knight, Deputy Chief Executive, The Investment Association, United Kingdom • Chen Leiming, Senior Vice President of Ant International, Hong Kong, China • Riady Gozali, Managing Director, Golden Vision Capital, Singapore • Zhang Haibo, Vice Chairman Automotive and Industrial Products Business Group, C.P. Group • Wang Peng, Executive Chairman, Global FOF Association • Wee Meng Thoo, Chief Investment Officer, Golden Hill Asset Management, Singapore



16:00 - 17:20 **Parallel Session II: Investing in Life Sciences and Future Health**
Venue Xiamen International Conference & Exhibition Center - RoomB, B2
 Lujiang Hall Foyer

Agenda focus Recent advancements in life sciences, spanning genomics, biotechnology and personalised medicine, and breakthroughs such as gene editing, mRNA, and AI-driven drug discovery have been enabling diagnoses, more effective treatments and a shift toward precision healthcare. As a result, human health is poised to improve, with extended life expectancy and enhanced quality of life. This session will examine how investment can target the infrastructure and innovation needed for breakthroughs and help turn revolutionary scientific discoveries into future healthcare solutions.

China's life sciences and biomedicine have been rapidly developing and gradually entering the forefront of global industry and innovation. However, investing in future health is not just about drugs and healthcare, but also includes investments in specific sub-sectors related to culture, sports, tourism, etc. This session will also examine health investment from a broader perspective and strive to illustrate a wider range of investment opportunities.

- How can Investors help provide the financial resources needed to support long-term research, clinical trials and the commercialisation of new medical technologies?
- How can Investment in life sciences help improve lives in developing countries by funding affordable innovations, strengthening local research capacity, and expanding access to life-saving diagnostics, treatments and vaccines?
- In industries such as culture, sports, and tourism, which emerging investment opportunities are closely related to public health, and which cross-sectors (such as sports and medical tourism) are closely related to international investment and trade?
- How to promote new technology and business model innovation through forward-looking investment to promote a healthier lifestyle in the future?

Moderator Geng Ming, Head of Social Impact and Philanthropy, Greater China, UBS Group

- Speakers**
- **Michael Yin**, Chief Executive Officer, BioBAY, China
 - **Siddeek Ahamed**, F.IOD Chairman and Managing Director of Eram Holdings, Co-Chair of FICCI Arab Council
 - **Jonathan Sheiman**, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Fitbiomics
 - **Xu Qing**, Executive Partner, Oriza
 - **Yin Jian**, Director- General of Chengdu Opening-up and International Cooperation Center
 - **Li Hong**, Chairman of Beijing Shankai Sports Development Co., Ltd.



- **Chris Tung**, Chief Marketing Officer and CEO of Shangri-La, China
- **Wang Bing**, Director of Beijing Yonghuai Sports Development Research Institute