



PROGRAMME

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The Future Investment Conference is a flagship international exchange platform initiated by UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) with the support of the Ministry of Commerce of China, held in parallel with the China International Fair for Investment and Trade (CIFIT).

The global investment landscape is being profoundly reshaped by a series of economic, environmental and geopolitical disruptions. Regional conflicts, extreme weather and climatic events, escalating tariff measures, weakening multilateral rule-based constraints and growing concerns over economic security are altering the ecosystem in which multinational enterprises conduct cross-border investment.

In this context, international investment decisions are increasingly driven by a comprehensive assessment of risk factors, including geopolitical uncertainty, supply-chain resilience, technological competition, regulatory and ESG risks, and the security of market access.

At the same time, a new wave of technological innovations and industrial transformations is accelerating. Developments in artificial intelligence, digital technologies, advanced manufacturing and the green transition are reshaping industrial competitiveness, enterprise value creation and the global allocation of capital. The interaction between technological change, geopolitical shifts and environmental pressures is pushing global investment into a new phase of structural adjustment.

To address these challenges, the **Future Investment Conference 2026** will convene global policymakers, international organizations, sovereign wealth funds, institutional investors and industry leaders to examine how innovation and sustainability can shape the future, under the central theme: **"Global Investment for a Changing World"**.

The conference will focus on how international investment can promote innovation diffusion, industrial upgrading and sustainable growth in the context of rising global economic uncertainty and the continued restructuring of global value chains. It will also explore how international investment can create new sustainable development opportunities and expand the space for sustainable growth for countries worldwide, particularly in developing regions.



Monday, 7 September

- 14:00 – 17:00 **Family business · future leaders roundtable** (by invitation only)
- 18:00 – 20:30 **UN Future Investment Night: welcome reception** (by invitation only)

Tuesday, 8 September

- 14:00 – 14:35 **Future Investment Conference – High-level opening**
(Meeting Room 114, Xiamen International Expo Center)

Introductory remarks

- **Nan Li Collins**, Chair, UN Sustainable Stock Exchanges Initiative; Chair, Global Alliance of Special Economic Zones; Lead, United Nations World Investment Forum

Opening statements

- **H.E. Zhao Long**, Governor of the Fujian Provincial Government
- **H.E. Pedro Manuel Moreno**, Acting Secretary-General, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- **H.E. Ling Ji**, Vice Minister of Commerce, People's Republic of China
- **H.E. Sun Chanthol**, Deputy Prime Minister of Cambodia
- **H.E. Adrijana Mesarović**, Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia

- 14:40 – 16:40 **Global investment reconfiguring: Drivers, patterns and development pathways**
(Meeting Room 114, Xiamen International Expo Center)

Agenda focus

Global investment is entering an era of profound transformation. Breakthroughs in artificial intelligence, digitalization and green technologies are emerging as drivers of global investment growth. While the new technological revolution may widen inequalities and development gaps, it also creates leapfrogging opportunities and deeper integration into higher-value segments of global value chains.

Against this backdrop, the structure and distribution of global investment are undergoing significant change. Competition for investment in strategic industries continues to intensify, global supply chains and production networks are undergoing new adjustments, and cross-border investment decisions increasingly require balancing efficiency, supply-chain resilience, regulatory and environmental risks, technological capability, market access and long-term strategic stability.

How different economies enhance their attractiveness through industrial policies, innovation capabilities and regulatory frameworks will become key factors shaping future growth patterns.

Discussion questions

- How are firms and investors rebalancing considerations of efficiency, supply-chain resilience, regulatory and environmental risks, technological security and market access?

- How will competition in strategic industries, the restructuring of global supply chains and the strengthening of regional economic blocs reshape the spatial configuration of international production networks?
- In this new investment landscape, how can developing and emerging economies enhance their position in global value chains through investment policies and industrial strategies?

14:40 – 15:40

Panel 1: A new global investment landscape: investment strategies in a turbulent time

Moderator

- **Long Guoqiang**, Vice President, Development Research Centre of the State Council (DRC)

Speakers

- **Wang Xiao**, Vice President, The Export-Import Bank of China
- **Jörg Goschin**, Chief Executive Officer, Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW)
- **Tse Ping**, Senior Vice Chairman, Charoen Pokphand Group ; Chairman, Chia Tai Pharmaceutical Group Co., Ltd ; Chairman, Chia Tai Mining Group Ltd ; Chairman, CP Industrial Capital Management Co., Ltd
- **Zhou Chaonan**, Chairman, Range Intelligent Computing Technology Group (Runze Technology)
- **Sean Doherty**, Head of International Trade and Investment, World Economic Forum

15:40 – 16:40

Panel 2: Investing in strategic sectors and emerging opportunities in a changing world

Moderator

- **Wang Huiyao**, Founder and President, Center for China and Globalization (CCG) ; Former Counselor, China State Council

Speakers

- **Wang Shuguang**, President, China International Capital Corporation Limited (CICC)
- **Dr. Kai-Fu Lee**, Chief Executive Officer, 01.AI; Chairman, Sinovation Ventures
- **José Doherty**, Chief Executive Officer, Brazilian Financial and Capital Markets Association (ANBIMA)
- **Alan Chan**, Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer, The Hong Kong and China Gas Company (Towngas)
- **Carmen Wee**, Chief Executive Officer, Investment Management Association of Singapore (IMAS)

16:45 – 18:00

Sovereign wealth funds and investment in emerging industries
(Meeting Room 114, Xiamen International Expo Center)

Agenda
focus

Sovereign wealth funds and other major public investors offer sources of long-term capital for emerging industries. Leveraging their size and long-term vision, these institutions are expanding investments in sectors such as clean energy,

artificial intelligence, digital infrastructure, advanced manufacturing and biotech.

As the new wave of technological innovation continues to advance, emerging industries are not only reshaping the global competitive landscape but also creating new strategic investment opportunities for long-term capital. At the same time, rising global economic uncertainty, environmental impacts, changes in industrial policy and intensifying technological competition are introducing new challenges and risks for cross-border investment.

This session will explore how long-term capital identifies future industrial opportunities, builds cross-regional investment cooperation networks and supports sustainable development.

Discussion Questions

- As sectors such as artificial intelligence, clean energy, advanced manufacturing and biotechnology expand rapidly, what role do sovereign wealth funds play in shaping the global investment landscape?
- How can sovereign wealth funds collaborate with emerging industry leaders as well as investors, such as private equity and public development banks to build investment and innovation ecosystems?
- For developing and emerging economies, how can the policy environment be optimized to attract sovereign wealth fund participation to support emerging industries and technology diffusion, and promote sustainable development?

Moderator

- **Courtney Fingar**, Founder & Principal, Fingar Direct Investment

Keynote

- **Wu Yingchun**, Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Officer, China Investment Corporation

Speakers

- **Gao Zhikai (Victor Gao)**, Vice President, Center for China and Globalization (CCG); Vice Chairman, China-Europe Joint Investment Co., Ltd.
- **Duncan Bonfield**, Chief Executive Officer, International Forum of Sovereign Wealth Funds (IFSOF)
- **Aminu Umar-Sadiq**, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority
- **Laurent Zylberberg**, Senior Executive Vice-President, Caisse des Dépôts Group; Chairman of the Board, Stoa Infra & Energy
- **Hazem Ben-Gacem**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, BlueFive Capital
- **Ismail Ersahin**, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA)

Wednesday, 9 September

09:00 – 10:50 **Artificial intelligence and investment in new industrialization**
(Meeting Room 114A, Xiamen International Expo Center)

Agenda focus

As the latest wave of technological innovation advances, artificial intelligence, and its associated infrastructure, is a key engine driving industrialization and accelerating the transformation of production models. The large-scale deployment of artificial intelligence in manufacturing is also emerging as a major focus of global industrial competition and investment.

This session will bring together stakeholders from industry, finance and policymaking communities to discuss AI-enabled manufacturing transformation, and the development of computing and data infrastructure. The session will also explore how to build collaborative frameworks that integrate capital, technology, and regulation to support the development of a responsible AI-enabled industrial ecosystem that protects users and investors.

09.00 – 09.15 *Keynote:*

- **Mehmet Fatih Kacir**, Minister, Ministry of Industry and Technology of the Republic of Türkiye
- **Dr. Kai-Fu Lee**, Chief Executive Officer, 01.AI; Chairman, Sinovation Ventures

09.15 – 10.00 *Panel 1: Building the foundations for AI-driven industrialization*

Moderator

- **Dan Cowen**, Trade, Investment and Economy Lead at World Economic Forum's Beijing Representative Office

Speakers

- **Anders Maltesen**, President, Energy Industries Division, Asia, ABB
- **Yang Meng**, Director & Executive Vice President, Chief Security Officer, Chief Data Officer, China Mobile International Limited
- **Hu Zhendong**, Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Air White Whale
- **William Shuai**, Vice President, Microsoft China
- **Elina Drakvik**, Senior Lead & Project Lead, Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra

10.05 – 10.50 *Panel 2: Financing the AI Economy*

Moderator

- **Dan Cowen**, Trade, Investment and Economy Lead at World Economic Forum's Beijing Representative Office

Speakers

- **Zhu Lei**, Vice President, Gree
- **Lieven Debruyne**, Chief Executive Officer, Octopus Capital
- **Alain le Loux**, General Partner, Cottonwood Technology Fund
- **Li Yuan**, Director of institute of ICT, Centre for International Economic and

Technological Cooperation, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, P.R.C.

- **Kong Qi**, Founder and Chairman, Zelos (Suzhou) Intelligent Technology Co., Ltd.
- **Simon Lacey**, Founder, Market Access X

10:00 – 11:45 **Technological innovation and the future of global private equity investment**
(Meeting Room 114B, Xiamen International Expo Center)

Agenda focus

As technological transformation accelerates and global production faces profound restructuring, private investors and asset managers have increased their exposure to emerging technologies and markets. These sectors and markets are becoming key areas for long-term strategic asset allocation and offer potential development opportunities for developing countries.

This session will bring together private equity funds, other institutional investors as well as industry representatives to discuss the evolution of capital allocation trends, the risk–return profile of emerging sectors and new models for cooperation between investors and disruptive industries.

10.00 – 10.50 *Panel 1. Technological innovation and the future of private capital*

Moderator

- **Ren Ren**, Anchor, Phoenix TV

Speakers

- **Tang Jincao**, Chairman, Global Fund-of-Funds Association
- **Michael Brandkamp**, Managing Partner, European Circular Bioeconomy Fund
- **Chen Yonglan**, Chairman of the Board, China Carbon Neutral Development Group
- **Riady Gozali**, Managing Partner, Vest Capital

10.55 – 11.45 *Panel 2. Building investment ecosystems for the industries of the future*

Moderator

- **Ren Ren**, Anchor, Phoenix TV

Speakers

- **Ebba Lund**, Chief Executive Officer, International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation (IASP); Co-Chair, Global Alliance of Special Economic Zones (GASEZ)
- **Erdem Dereli**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, ARGECON and MURAHHAS
- **Jiang Ruihui**, CFO of InnoOne Group (Hong Kong) Limited
- **Denis Biancuzzi**, CEO and CIO, Terishield SA
- **Zhang Hong**, Senior Partner, Baker Mckenzie FenXun



11:00 – 12:30

Impact Investing and AI for a Sustainable Future (Meeting Room 114A, Xiamen International Expo Center)

Agenda focus

Impact investing is growing rapidly worldwide. It pursues financial returns for investors while delivering social and environmental value, and has become one of the most cutting-edge investment approaches, especially in Europe and North America. Meanwhile, AI is unlocking new opportunities across sectors such as education, healthcare, sustainable agriculture and climate resilience.

This session will bring together international organizations, impact investors, tech companies, financial authorities, think tanks and foundations to discuss the applications and case studies that integrate AI with impact investing, and how AI digital tools can drive progress across all SDG sectors.

Moderator

Wu Zhong, Director-General, Finance Center for South-South Cooperation

Keynotes

Zhang Laiwu, Chief Economist, Financial Center for South-South Cooperation; former Vice Minister of Science and Technology of China
Yongfu Ouyang, Chief, Sustainable Investment and Investment Promotion, UNCTAD

Speakers

Guo Hongbo, Executive Director, Yangtze AI Lab
Guo Xiaofei, Head of Sustainable Investing, SEKSL
Kithmina Hewage, Director of Policy, Centre for Asian Philanthropy and Society (CAPS)
Chen Mai, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Shenzhen Tenclass Technology Co., Ltd.
Li Chu, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, Nurotron Biotechnology Co., Ltd.

14:00 – 15:45

High-level dialogue on investment in life sciences and healthcare (Meeting Room 116, Xiamen International Expo Center)

Agenda focus

Driven by demographic changes, technological advances and the transformation of healthcare systems, the life sciences and healthcare sector is emerging as one of the most strategically important sectors globally, for both governments and investors. Europe and China possess strong complementary advantages in life sciences research, industrial ecosystems and market scale, offering expanding opportunities for cooperation and long-term investment collaboration.

This forum will bring together investors, life sciences companies and innovation platforms from China and Europe to explore frameworks for cross-border investment cooperation, pathways for industrialization and commercialization, and collaboration in the life sciences sector. The dialogue aims to promote the development of a sustainable China–Europe investment cooperation network in life sciences and healthcare that benefits society globally.



Moderator

- Courtney Fingar, Founder & Principal, Fingar Direct Investment

Speakers

- Roman Plewka, Co-CEO, Formo Foods GmbH
- Assaf Barnea, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Sanara Ventures
- Chen Hongmin, Co-Founder and Academician, METiS TechBio
- Li Baijun, Chairman, Taicang Biomedical Industrial Park Co., Ltd.
- Wang Bin, Vice President, Industrial Securities Co., Ltd.
- Jin Jialu, Executive Vice President, Wuxi Venture Capital Group
- Liao Weiwei, General Manager, Yuanwu Medical

14:30 – 16:00

The ocean economy and future investment (Meeting Room 114A, Xiamen International Expo Center)

Agenda focus

Driven by the energy transition, the restructuring of global supply chains and breakthroughs in marine technology, the ocean economy is evolving from traditional resource extraction and transport corridors into an integrated industrial system connecting marine renewable energy, marine equipment manufacturing, port and shipping logistics, marine biotechnology and digital infrastructure. Its growth potential comes not only from the expansion of new industries but also from the ability to convert technology, capital and ocean space into sustainable industrial capacity.

This session will bring together investors, industry leaders and academic institutions to explore the priority directions, returns and risk boundaries of capital entering the ocean economy. Discussions will focus on blue finance and the core concerns of the ocean economy in global investment — including industrial development, ecological carrying capacity, shipping safety and benefit-sharing — to advance an inclusive and sustainable ocean economy.

Keynotes

- Li Fei, Vice Mayor of Shantou, Guangdong Province
- Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, Chairman, Grameen Bank; Vice-Chancellor, North South University, Bangladesh

14:50 – 15:20

Panel 1. Building the Investable Ocean Economy

Moderator

- Lam Ka-Keung, Co-Director of Lab for Impact Financing and Transformation Associate Director of Institute of Governance and Innovation, City University of Hong Kong; Chairman of iEnterprise Foundation

Speakers

- Lin Xiufen, Founder, Chairwoman and General Manager, Xiamen Bluebay Technology Co., Ltd.
- Wu Sanqiang, Secretary to the Board of Directors, China International Marine Containers (Group) Co., Ltd.
- Karno Tenovuo, Chief Executive Officer, Awake.AI
- Sun Yan, Chairman, Beijing Taiyou Investment; Director of the Management Committee, Research Center for the Emergence of New Quality Productive



Forces, Ocean University of China

15.20 – 16.00 *Panel 2. Making Blue Finance Inclusive, Credible and Sustainable*

Moderator

- **Lam Ka-Keung**, Co-Director of Lab for Impact Financing and Transformation Associate Director of Institute of Governance and Innovation, City University of Hong Kong; Chairman of iEnterprise Foundation

Speakers

- **Rishabh Khanna**, Co-Founder and Co-Chief Executive Officer, Earthbanc AB
- **Lin Guanghui**, Professor, Department of Earth System Science, Tsinghua University
- **Meng Meng**, General Manager, Macao International Carbon Emission Exchange
- **Abdul Hannan Chowdhury**, Chairman, Grameen Bank; Vice-Chancellor, North South University, Bangladesh

14:30 – 15:15 **UNCTAD Report release**
(Xiamen International Expo Center, Exhibition Hall 5)

- Sustainable Finance Policy Monitor 2026: Expansion and Divergence
- International investment in sustainable infrastructure: The role of public-private partnerships

