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The Global Gathering of Policy | Finance | Technology

Agenda and Speakers Booklet

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Themes: Insights that frame 2025



Roadmap for AI & Quantum

Responsible tech:

The guardrails needed for the responsible development and usage of AI and Quantum.

Business case and implementation:

Insights on the value and current deployments within financial services.

Cyber risk:

How advancements in AI and Quantum will transform the cyber landscape, and the measures needed to address new risks.



Blueprint for Digital Assets

Scaling digital assets:

The pathways to scale digital assets including stablecoins, CBDCs and tokenised deposits.

Interoperability:

How collaborations between current and emerging players are driving new opportunities and value.

Regulations:

Regulations and guidance surrounding data transfers, digital asset transactions and privacy protection.



Next-Gen Transactions

State of payments:

The current gaps and opportunities across the global payments landscape.

Roadmap to cross-border payments:

Aligning policymakers, regulators, technologists and financial services leaders to fulfil the G20 Roadmap for faster, cheaper and more transparent cross-border payments.

Innovations in the payment landscape:

Latest developments on how emerging technologies are creating new advantages and solving real world problems.



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Sustainability in Action

Climate tech:

Exploring the innovations that will enable the decarbonisation of industries.

Data and digital infrastructure:

With the rising demand for ESG ratings, comes the need to address the complexities, transparency and data accuracy concerns prevalent in today's landscape.

Green finance:

The financing mechanisms that will drive global decarbonisation, and the challenges.



Bridging the Financial Gap

Reframing financial inclusion:

The strategies and tools that will enable equitable access and usage of financial services and products to the underserved.

Tangible impact:

Understanding the key indicators and outcomes that will enable the assessment of progress towards equitable financial outcomes. Identifying areas for further intervention and investment.

Digital infrastructure:

How foundational tech stacks can solve the cost to serve and drive economic empowerment.



Talent of Tomorrow

Learning and mentoring:

Workshops, mentorship, and certificate programmes continue to be a key anchor of the festival, providing a platform for growth to all talents, young and old.

Entrepreneurship and innovation:

In addition to traditional employment pathways, SFF 2024 will explore the role of entrepreneurship and innovation in shaping the talent landscape through signature programmes like The Founders Peak.

Diversity & inclusion:

Exploring ways to create inroads for under-represented groups and breaking down barriers.



Featured Speakers (by alphabetical order)

Ministers, Policymakers and Multilateral Agency Leaders

- **Chia Der Jiun**, Managing Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore
- **Denis Beau**, First Deputy Governor, Banque de France
- **Edil Baisalov**, Deputy Prime Minister, Kyrgyz Republic
- **Dr Ernest Kwamina Yedu Addison**, Governor, Bank of Ghana
- **Dr Eva Hüpkes**, Secretary General, International Association of Deposit Insurers
- **Gabriel Makhlof**, Governor, Central Bank of Ireland
- **H.E. Gilles Roth**, Minister of Finance, Luxembourg
- **Hasan Fawzi**, Chief Executive of Financial Sector Technology Innovation, Digital Financial Asset, and Crypto Asset Supervision, Otoritas Jasa Keuangan Indonesia
- **Heiko Thoms**, State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Finance, Germany
- **John Rwangombwa**, Governor, National Bank of Rwanda
- **K. Rajaraman**, Chairperson, International Financial Services Centres Authority
- **Karolis Zemaitis**, Vice Minister of the Economy and Innovation, Ministry of the Economy and Innovation of the Republic of Lithuania
- **Levon Sahakyan**, Board Member, Central Bank of Armenia
- **Li Bo**, Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund
- **H.E. Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif**, Minister of Sustainable Development, Chief Executive Bahrain Economic Development Board, Bahrain Economic Development Board
- **Dr Nopnuan parn Pavasant**, Assistant Secretary-General, SEC Thailand
- **Dr Palanivel Thiaga Rajan**, Minister for Information Technology & Digital Services, Tamil Nadu
- **Hon. Paula Ingabire**, Minister of ICT and Innovation, Republic of Rwanda
- **H.E. Pedro Reis**, Minister of Economy, Portugal
- **Peter Goodrich**, Member of Secretariat, Financial Stability Board
- **Ravi Menon**, Ambassador for Climate Action and Senior Adviser to the National Climate Change Secretariat, Singapore
- **Sethaput Suthiwartnarueput**, Governor, Bank of Thailand
- **H.E. Dr. Serey Chea**, Governor, National Bank of Cambodia
- **Dr Shashi Tharoor**, Member of Parliament & Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs, Republic of India
- **Valérie Pécresse**, President, Paris Région

Technology Leaders

- **Amrish Rau**, Chief Executive Officer, Pine Labs
- **Caesar Sengupta**, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Arta
- **Charles Cascarilla**, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Paxos
- **Dr David Hardoon**, Chief Executive Officer, Aboitiz Data Innovation Pte Ltd
- **David Rutter**, Chief Executive Officer, R3
- **Dmytro Dubilet**, Co-founder, Fintech Farm
- **Fernando Luis Vázquez Cao**, Chief Executive Officer, SBI Digital Asset Holdings
- **Forrest Li**, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Sea Limited
- **Georgios Vlachos**, Co-founder of Axelar Protocol & Director, Axelar Foundation
- **Dr Gu Ronghui**, Co-founder, R.G.
- **Humphrey Valenbreder**, Chief Executive Officer, Partior
- **Dr Jay Prakash**, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Silence Laboratories
- **Dr Kimmo Soramaki**, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, FNA
- **Madhusudan R**, Co-founder, M2P Fintech
- **Mathias Imbach**, Co-founder & Group Chief Executive Officer, Sygnum
- **Martha Sazon**, President & Chief Executive Officer, GCash
- **Nilmimi Rubin**, Chief Policy Officer, Hedera
- **Oi-Yee Choo**, Chief Executive Officer, Climate Impact X
- **Ramana Kumar**, Chief Executive Officer, Magnati
- **Rob Schimpek**, Founder & Group Chief Executive Officer, bolttech
- **Richard Teng**, Chief Executive Officer, Binance
- **Salim Dhanani**, Chief Executive Officer, Pave Bank
- **Sergey Nazarov**, Co-founder, Chainlink
- **Dr Tjaart van der Walt**, Co-founder, Tyme Group
- **Tim Shen**, Co-Chief Executive Officer, LianLian Global
- **Toh Su Mei**, Chief Executive Officer, ANEXT Bank
- **Vijay Shekhar Sharma**, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Paytm
- **Dr Wolfram Seidemann**, Chief Executive Officer Currency Technology, Giesecke+Devrient
- **Yang Peng**, Chief Executive Officer, Ant International
- **Yuval Rooz**, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Digital Asset

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Finance Leaders

- **Akio Isowa**, Senior Managing Executive Officer & Group Chief Digital Innovation Officer, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC)
- **Amita Chaudhury**, Group Head of Sustainability, AIA
- **Angelo Madrid**, President, Maya Bank
- **Ari Sarker**, President, Asia Pacific, Mastercard
- **Arif Khan**, Chief Innovation officer, Razorpay
- **Charles Li**, Founder & Chairman, Micro Connect
- **Chen Leiming**, Chief Sustainability Officer, Ant International & Senior Vice President, Ant Group, Ant International
- **Deep Thomas**, Chief Data Officer, Nomura
- **Diana Guzmán**, Chief Sustainability Officer & Chair of the Prudence Foundation, Prudential plc
- **Dr Diane Karusisi**, Chief Executive Officer, Bank of Kigali Plc
- **Dwaipayan Sadhu**, Chief Executive Officer, Trust Bank
- **Dr Geraldine Wong**, Chief Data Officer, GXS Bank
- **Isabelle Lessejina**, Chairperson, Rawbank
- **Dr Johnna Powell**, Managing Director, Head of Technology Research and Innovation, Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation (DTCC)
- **Jean-Marc Stenger**, Chief Executive Officer, Societe Generale - FORGE
- **Kwamina Duker**, Chief Executive Officer, Development Bank Ghana
- **Marco Argenti**, Chief Information Officer, Goldman Sachs
- **Masakazu Osawa**, Managing Executive Officer, Chief Executive for Asia Pacific, MUFG Bank, Ltd.
- **Dr Marco Pistoia, Ph.D.**, Managing Director, Head of Global Technology Applied Research, J.P. Morgan
- **Naveen Mallela**, Managing Director, J.P. Morgan
- **Piyush Gupta**, Chief Executive Officer, DBS Bank
- **Premier Oiwoh**, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Nigeria Inter-Bank Settlement System Plc.
- **Tal Cohen**, President, Nasdaq
- **Valérie Urbain**, Chief Executive Officer, Euroclear
- **Wang Bing Ling**, Deputy Chief Executive, Chi Yu Banking Corporation Limited, Hong Kong
- **Zubin Rada Krishnan**, Chief Executive Officer, BigPay

Investors

- **Dr Abhishek Agrawal**, Managing Partner, Accion Digital Transformation Fund
- **Adeeb Ahamed**, Managing Director, LuLu Financial Holdings
- **Alexandra Beckstein**, Chief Executive Officer, QAI Ventures
- **Anand Prakash**, Chief Investment Officer, Blue Leaf Energy
- **Arnaud Caudoux**, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Bpifrance
- **Deng Chao**, Chief Executive Officer, HashKey Capital
- **Dushyant "D" Shahrawat**, Managing Director, Rosenblatt Securities
- **Fernanda Lima**, Partner, LeapFrog Investments
- **Kfir Godrich**, Chief Innovation Officer, BlackRock
- **Melissa Guzy**, Co-founder & Managing Partner, Arbor Ventures
- **Mohandas Pai**, Chairman, Aarin Capital & 3one4 Capital
- **Peter Hilborne**, Chief Operating Officer, Operations, Schroders Investment Management
- **Pradyumna Agrawal**, Managing Director, Investment, Temasek
- **Robert F. Smith**, Founder, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Vista Equity Partners
- **Dr Tilman Ehrbeck**, Managing Partner, Flourish Ventures
- **Vivek Pathak**, Regional Chief Risk Officer, International Finance Corporation

Founders & Civil Society Leaders

- **Barkha Dutt**, Television Journalist & Author, Mojo Story
- **Dr Christoph Gebald**, Co-founder & Co-Chief Executive Officer, Climeworks
- **Dhruv Shrikent**, Musicpreneur & Singer Songwriter
- **Gurcharan Das**, Author & thought Leader
- **Leanne Robers**, Co-founder, She Loves Tech
- **Lesley Patterson**, Film Writer & Producer and Professional Triathlete, Brave Art Entertainment
- **Mathilda D'silva**, Chief Executive Officer, Ocean Purpose Project
- **Theodoric Chew**, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Intellect
- **Thomas Peacock-Nazil**, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Seven Clean Seas
- **Vipul Parekh**, Co-founder, Bigbasket

5 Days of Insights and Activities

Monday 4 November	Tuesday 5 November	Wednesday 6 November	Thursday 7 November	Friday 8 November
Insights Forum <i>Marina Bay Sands Expo & Convention Centre</i>	Singapore FinTech Festival <i>Singapore EXPO</i>			
Public-Private Roundtables	Festival Stage			
Layer One Summit	FutureMatters Stage			
UOB FinLab's GreenTech Accelerator 2024 Showcase Day	MUFG FinTech Festival	Technology Zone & Stage		
Public-Private Ideation Sessions	Green Circle Climate Forum	ESG Zone & Stage		
Breakfast Briefings and Networking Receptions		Founders and Investors Zone & Founders Stage		
		Regulation Zone & Stage		
		Talent Zone & Stage		
Innovation Lab Crawl <i>Various locations across Singapore</i>		SFF MeetUp Programme		
		Exhibition		
Regulator Reception Powered by the Asian Development Bank and CCAF	SFF Dinner*	After Hours at Boat Quay	SFF Awards Night*	The Founders ROCK™

Industry Leaders and Initiatives Shaping Policy, Technology & Financial Services Roadmaps

Insights Forum™

4 - 5 Nov 2024,

Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre

The Insights Forum convenes regulators, policymakers, industry leaders, and investors for outcome-focused leadership dialogues.

3,000
Attendees

300+
Speakers

60
Sessions

55%
Senior Leadership
(C-Level & Management
Team)

40%
Policymakers
& Regulators

Summit Stage, 4 Nov,

9:00am - 9:40am

SFF Curtain Raiser

Living the Asian century: Exploring Asia's influence on the world then and now

Summit Stage, 4 Nov,

9:40am - 2:20pm

Layer One Summit

What's required to fully realise the potential of tokenized markets and achieve a network effect for digital financial infrastructure

Design Thinking Room,

5 Nov, 9:40am - 2:20pm

Green Circle Climate Forum

Convening CEOs of forward-thinking companies, change makers, technologists, and financiers to tackle urgent problem statements in the climate space.

Summit Stage, 5 Nov,

9:40am - 2:20pm

MUFG Fintech Festival

A private gathering designed to foster collaboration and drive growth amongst MUFG's investee companies and partner banks from across ASEAN



Key Public-Private Roundtables

Monday, 4 Nov
Sands Expo & Convention Centre

Insights Forum

9:00am - 10:30am

The art of the possible
for RegTech and
SupTech: Protecting
people through
technology

11:00am - 12:30pm

Programmable compliance –
the future of integrating
policy and regulation into
tokenised assets and money

11:00am - 12:30pm

The new world of data:
Challenges and
opportunities for the
payments ecosystem and
fintechs

11:00am - 12:30pm

In a superposition:
Disentangling quantum
computing

3:00pm - 4:30pm

Synergy in cybersecurity

3:00pm - 4:30pm

Generative AI in financial
services: Pathways to value
and industry collaboration

5:00pm - 6:30pm

The future belongs to
those who prepare
today – readying for
tokenized money

Key Public-Private Roundtables

Tuesday, 5 Nov

Sands Expo & Convention Centre

9:00am - 10:30am

**Blockchains for good:
Harnessing technology to
fight financial crime, protect
consumers, and foster
financial inclusion**

11:00am - 12:30pm

**Scaling sustainable
innovation: From
research to commercial
growth**

12:00pm - 1:30pm

**Inclusive finance for
global climate
resilience**

1:00pm - 2:30pm

**A playbook for open digital
cross-border commerce
between ASEAN & India**

2:00pm - 4:30pm

**Novel approaches to combat
money laundering, terrorism
financing, fraud and scams**

3:00pm - 4:30pm

**Connecting the world with
financial trust and digital
assets**



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Festival Stage

Where heads of state, policymakers, financial services leaders, founders, investors, and technology experts shape the future of finance and the digital economy.

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Time	Session Title	Time	Session Title	Time	Session Title
9:10am	Chasing greatness: Decoding the mind of a 5x world champion	9:00am	Gaming, e-commerce and fintech: A Singaporean success story	9:30am	Digital currencies in a billion wallets: The Big Hairly Audacious Goal (BHAG)
9:30am	Announcement of Fortune's FinTech 100 Asia 2024	9:20am	In conversation with Mt. Chia Der Jiun, Managing Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore	10:20am	Financial market infrastructure for the future
9:35am	Singapore FinTech Festival 2024 Plenary Keynote: A Global Network to Foster Innovation in Financial Services	9:50am	Enhancing connectivity to power growth in ASEAN	11:05am	Insights on the state of Global Equity Markets
10:05am	Building to tomorrow: Explaining the AI Tech Stack	10:15am	Better financial health for billions: Expanding access, driving growth	11:20am	Global innovation: Insights from China
10:30am	AI and Cloud: Powering the economies of tomorrow	10:40am	Walking the line: Navigating Asia's journey to a sustainable future	12:00pm	Make a life, not just a living
10:50am	Unlocking capital: Building infrastructure for the underserved	11:15am	Safeguarding the economy's backbone: Accelerating global SME growth through digital innovation	12:20pm	A Brave New World? Looking at the future of tech policy
11:10am	The next tech frontier is here: Impact of quantum tech on financial services today	12:00pm	GenAI in action: Embedding AI into the heart of a bank	12:45pm	2024 Election Super Cycle: The impact of the US and other global elections on business, investment and economy
11:35am	The executive playbook: Steering financial services through 2025	12:50pm	The future of finance: Powered by smart contracts and programmable money		
12:20pm	CBDCs: The policymakers' view of global finance 2.0	1:50pm	Financial network in the world's fastest growing continent		
1:00pm	Special announcement: Fuelling financial movement	2:30pm	Singapore FinTech Festival celebrates Piyush Gupta's iconic journey		
1:10pm	The India story: On the path to a \$7 trillion economy	3:00pm	The future of wealth: Evolving markets and expanding access		
		3:40pm	The Asian Decade: Leading global financial services		

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FutureMatters Stage

Where pivotal discussions shape the future of key industry verticals

Day 1,
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Time	Session Title	Time	Session Title	Time	Session Title
12:30pm	Sustainability stocktake (SDGs & ESG): Why fintech is critical for speed and impact	12:05pm	Empowering Global South growth and currency flows through integrated digital networks	1:05pm	From tradition to innovation: Transition of the financial industry
12:50pm	AI in action: Real-world use cases for the financial services of tomorrow	12:45pm	Project Guardian: 2024 reflections, 2025 directions	1:20pm	Central bank strategies for 2025: Navigating a shifting landscape
3:00pm	Beyond cloud migration: A technical masterclass in building complex enterprise software	1:25pm	Bridging the gap: Advancing financial access	1:35pm	The CSOs' Dialogue: How FIs are stepping up to finance the region's transition
3:30pm	Blueprint for building a quantum programme in financial services	2:10pm	Shaping a responsible tomorrow: Why sustainable economic growth matters	2:15pm	Convergence of TraDFI and digital assets: The capital markets transformation
3:45pm	CMPD Ministerial dialogue: Embracing innovation, building capabilities and driving investment	2:25pm	The future of cross-border payments: Transformative potential of connecting instant payment systems across regions	2:50pm	Creating an interoperable infrastructure for digital assets
4:15pm	CMPD Regulators' dialogue: Global AI governance - The much-needed lifeline for startups?	3:05pm	Protecting consumers: The role of tech in secure payment systems	3:25pm	Role of digital currencies in tomorrow's financial markets: Use cases, challenges and solutions
4:55pm	CMPD Investors' dialogue: AI has a real problem - The missing revenues!	3:45pm	Laying the foundations for the future of financial infrastructure	4:00pm	Shaping the future: Digital asset policy and growth outlook for 2025
		4:25pm	Wheel of Fortune: Who will win the payments game?	4:30pm	Applications of AI: Financial and capital markets

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ESG Stage

Exploring the latest developments in sustainability, with a particular emphasis on technologies, standards, networks, and data that accelerate the transition towards a low carbon future.

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Time	Session Title	Time	Session Title	Time	Session Title
12:50pm	Reinventing a sustainable future: Leveraging innovation for sustainable and inclusive economic growth	2:00pm	Bridging the gap: Empowering women through micro-pensions and financial inclusion	2:50pm	Sustainability vs affordability: Innovative approaches for a green bottom line
1:30pm	Harnessing AI for sustainable supply chain finance	3:00pm	Mobilising green finance to develop smart and sustainable cities	3:30pm	The paradox of sustainable compute: Cutting the Gordian Knot?
2:10pm	Responses to climate-related financial risks: Leveraging data, technology and innovation	3:30pm	An ESG Data National Utility: Aspiration, preparation, application	4:10pm	ReGenerative AI: How AI is transforming net zero ambitions into reality
2:40pm	Unlocking digital trust: The key to sustainability and investment for MSMEs	4:10pm	Insuring a climate-adapted world: How are insurers evolving to tackle mounting environmental risks?	4:50pm	Reviving trust in carbon markets: Data, tech and AI as the fixers
3:20pm	Marketplace - let's grow together	4:50pm	View from the top: A palm oil case study on data, analytics, and standards		
4:00pm	Banking a transitioning Asia: Digital dollars and green sense				

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Regulation Stage

Features announcements by international financial policymakers and regulators, and serve as a platform to ink partnership agreements.

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Time	Session Title	Time	Session Title	Time	Session Title
12:20pm	IOSCO Fintech Task Force Panel – The current state of play in regulating crypto-asset markets, AI and financial asset tokenization	1:35pm	Policymaker's keynote on building fintech ecosystems	1:00pm	Financial crime: Anatomy of a scam
12:50pm	Balancing innovation with consumer protection	1:50pm	A framework for digital asset growth: Global regulatory insights	1:40pm	Dark tech: How AAI and malicious AI solutions for fraudsters are evolving and how we can stop them
1:20pm	Viewing today's crypto-asset markets through regulatory lenses – Are we there yet?	2:35pm	Regulatory challenges of cross-border fintech operations	2:10pm	From theory to practice: Quantum research and finance
1:50pm	Policymaker's keynote on the future of money	3:15pm	Panel: Novel approaches to combat money laundering, terrorism financing, fraud and scams	2:40pm	Digital defenders: AI's game-changing role in payments fraud prevention
2:00pm	Cross-border data flows: Powering the future of trade with open finance	4:00pm	What users of RegTech and SupTech are thinking	3:10pm	Advancing inclusive policy frameworks
2:30pm	Technical showcase: Evolution of programmable policy wrapper for cross-border payments	4:35pm	The RegTech Association: Showcase of 5 RegTechs	3:50pm	Navigating geopolitics: Impact on business and technology
3:00pm	GenAI in action: Transforming data use in SupTech and RegTech				
3:30pm	Corporate payment solutions for SMEs: Helping you transit from cheques to digital payments				
4:30pm	Strengthening digital operational resilience in financial services				

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Technology Stage

Features in-depth sessions led by prominent experts, who will share their extensive knowledge and expertise, providing attendees with a comprehensive understanding of current and future trends.

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Time	Session Title	Time	Session Title	Time	Session Title
2:00pm	A new market paradigm: The Guardian Wholesale Network	2:25pm	Forging the future: Unveiling the pillars of an AI hub for the financial industry	2:05pm	A data-powered economic view: Insurance and pensions
2:30pm	Project Guardian: Tokenized investment vehicles for asset and wealth management	3:00pm	Revolutionising QR payments: SG QR+ launch for enhanced merchant and consumer experiences	2:35pm	Driving innovation in banking: Intrapreneurs, fintech partnerships, and venture growth
3:00pm	Project Guardian: Raising money through tokenized debt securities	4:00pm	Envisioning the future of financial services in the era of AI	3:05pm	Money travelling: Convergence of travel and fintech
3:30pm	Project Guardian: Powering global treasury and cash management with tokenized cash	4:30pm	GenAI in production in financial services: Real or not?	3:35pm	Evolution of InsurTech: Next steps in the journey
4:00pm	Digital money blueprint	5:00pm	Money moves to the next-gen wallet: How tech is redefining personal finance	3:55pm	Road to G20 goals: How to make payments faster, cheaper, more accessible and more transparent?
4:30pm	Digital money: Programmable compliance			4:35pm	Powering payments: Driving business growth with seamless payment solutions
5:00pm	Financial infrastructure: Pathways for scaling tokenized markets			5:05pm	Bridging the gap between TradFi and DeFi: How digital asset banking is entering the mainstream

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The Founders Peak ●

A globally recognised platform that truly celebrates entrepreneurship - where exceptional startup founders, share personal, untold stories of success and failure. Since its launch at SFF 2022, the 'yellow circle' has hosted founders and visionaries from nearly 40 countries at editions across Singapore, Rwanda, Japan, the Nordics, Ghana and Switzerland.

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Time	Session	Time	Session Title	Time	Session Title
1:10pm to 5:15 pm	MAS Global FinTech Hackcelebrator Demo Day	12:30pm	She Loves Innovation: The Bold Women at the Helm of Entrepreneurial Impact	12:30 pm	Breaking the Stigma: Caring for the Mental Health of the Founder
		1:10pm	The Cap Table Shake-Up: 2025 Forecast	1:05pm	Celebrating Entrepreneurship: A Founders Peak Special with Dr. Shashi Tharoor
		1:30pm	Untold stories from 4 exceptional founders: Charles Li, Mathilda D'Silva, Madhusudanan R, Dr. Christoph Gebald	1:25pm	Untold stories from 3 exceptional founders: Leanne Robbers, Caesar Sengupta, Dr. Gu Ronghui
		2:20pm	Adversity as Fuel: Becoming the Hero of Your Story: A Founders Peak Special with Lesley Paterson	2:05pm	TEDx Master class: The Amazing Art of Storytelling
		2:35pm	VC Investment Outlook 2025	2:55pm	It's your worst PR crisis! What's the story you need to tell? Crisis communication 101 by Barkha Dutt
		3:15pm	Untold stories from 4 exceptional founders: Om air Ansari, Thomas Peacock-Nazil, Anthony Thomas, Fernando Luis Vazquez Cao	3:15pm	Untold stories from 6 exceptional founders: Prashanth Ranganathan, Kevin Wu, Sanjib Kalita, Tram Anh Nguyen & Nguyen Trieu Huy, Ong-Ang Ai Boon
		4:05pm	Smart Nation: A Founders Peak Special Ministerial Keynote	4:25pm	It's the attitude, stupid. A Founders Peak Special with Gurcharan Das
		4:25pm to 5:25 pm	Untold stories from 6 exceptional founders: Sergey Nazarov, Vipul Parikh, Dmytro Dubilet, Albert Geisler Fox, Patrick Linden, Ravi Ravulaparthi	4:45pm	From banker to a music entrepreneur A Founders Peak Special with Druv Kent
				5:30pm	THE FOUNDERS ROCK @ Marketplace

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Talent Stage

A platform that helps participants understand the skills that will be high demand in the future economy, and how they can adapt and thrive in this new landscape.

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Time	Session Title	Time	Session Title	Time	Session Title
12:05pm	Empowering the next generation of financial services and fintech talent	12:35pm	Singapore Tech Talent Report 2024 Launch	12:35pm	Shaping success: Unlocking the secrets to an exceptional workplace
1:20pm	Securing our future: Blockchain Guardians Programme	12:45pm	Singapore Tech Talent Report 2024 Panel Discussion	1:20pm	Breaking the mould: Reimagining work for a new era
1:25pm	Voices of tomorrow: Blockchain Guardians on the future of digital assets and innovation	1:20pm	Why quantum computing matters for financial services	2:05pm	Career crossroads: Exploring development pathways for individual contributors vs. managers
1:55pm	Blockchain Guardians Programme Graduation Ceremony	2:00pm	Recruiters confidential: In search of the perfect candidate	2:50pm	The future of work in financial services: Navigating the GenAI revolution
2:20pm	PolyFintech100 API Hackathon Grand Finals: Opening Address	2:45pm	Skill building and capacity development: A playbook for success		
2:25pm	PolyFinTech100 API Hackathon Grand Finals	3:25pm	Pivoting to a career in Tech in Finance		
		4:55pm	Mission 10x: Elevating the women in VC in ASEAN fintech landscape		

Signature Content Programmes

Featured sessions:



The Capital Meets Policy Dialogue

Asia's premier summit connecting senior policymakers with major capital providers returns to tackle key challenges in capital investment, value creation, and policymaking. This year's focus is AI, with keynotes on AI policymaking and investment, and panels on global AI governance, its impact on startups, and the financial realities of AI-driven businesses.

6 Nov | FutureMatters Stage
| Hall 2, Singapore EXPO

- **CMPD Ministerial panel: Innovation-first or regulation-first? The right model for policymaking, attracting capital, and enabling innovation is...?**



Delina Ibrahimaj
Minister of State
**State Ministry of
Entrepreneurship
and Business**
Climate of Albania



Karolis Zemaitis
Vice Minister of the
Economy and
Innovation
**Ministry of the
Economy and
Innovation
of the Republic of
Lithuania**



Michael Biel
State Secretary
**Senate
Department for
Economics,
Energy, and Public
Enterprises, Berlin**



**H.E. Noor bint Ali
Alkhulaif**
Minister of Sustainable
Development
Kingdom of Bahrain

- **CMPD Regulators' dialogue: Global AI governance - The much-needed lifeline for startups?**



Dr Jutaro Kaneko
Deputy Commissioner
for International Affairs
**Financial Services
Agency**



K. Rajaraman
Chairperson
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Executive Director of Supervision,
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Financial Conduct Authority

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6 to 8 Nov | Founders Stage
| Hall 4, Singapore EXPO

Featured sessions:

1. Startup wisdom from exceptional founders, delivered in impactful, 10-min talks. Here's just some of this year's amazing founders:



Caesar Sengupta
Co-founder & Chief
Executive Officer
Arta



Charles Li
Founder & Chairman
Micro Connect



Madhusudanan R
Co-founder
M2P Fintech



Ong-Ang Ai Boon
Director, The Association
of Banks in Singapore
(ABS)



Sergey Nazarov
Co-founder
Chainlink



Vipul Parekh
Co-founder
Bigbasket

2. A Founders Peak Special with:



Lesley Paterson
Film Writer &
Producer and
Professional Triathlete
Brave Art
Entertainment



Dr Shashi Tharoor
Member of Parliament
& Chairman of the
Parliamentary Standing
Committee on External
Affairs
Republic of India

3. It's your worst PR crisis! What's the story you need to tell? An EXCLUSIVE 101 on 'Navigating a PR storm' Masterclass from none other than:



Barkha Dutt
Television Journalist
& Author
Mojo Story



Technology Zone

A comprehensive and immersive experience for attendees, providing a platform for in-depth exploration of the latest developments in technology, with a focus on AI and quantum.

- **Technology Stage**
- **Technology Lounge**



Founders and Investors Zone

A dedicated platform for startup founders, entrepreneurs, and investors worldwide to connect. The Founders and Investors Zone is a vibrant and dynamic space that showcases some of the most innovative and exciting startups in the global FinTech ecosystem.

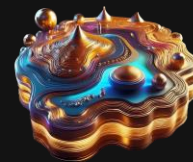
- **Founders Stage ft. The Founders Peak**
- **Investors Lounge**
- **Global FinTech Hackcelerator**



Regulation Zone

The Regulation Zone and Stage is a space for international financial policymakers and regulators to make announcements, ink partnership agreements, and exchange knowledge and insights on their regulatory and development strategies. The Zone will feature showcases from regulators, international financial centres and associations such as The Association of Banks in Singapore.

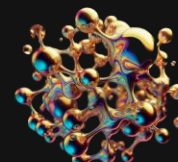
- **Regulation Stage**
- **Regulators Lounge**
- **Workshops:** Regulators to profile their country's latest regulations and new developments



ESG Zone

The ESG Zone and Stage will spotlight the Environmental, Social, and Governance financial services ecosystem, with a focus on technologies, standards, networks, and data that accelerate the transition towards a low-carbon future.

- **ESG Stage**
- **ESG Lounge**



Talent Zone

The Talent Zone will advance learning, upskilling, and the future of work by highlighting the talent development initiatives of the public and private sectors.

- **Talent Stage**
- **PolyFinTech100 demo day**
- **Pay it Forward (1:1 mentoring sessions)**
- **SFF Jobs Board**
- **Talent Pavilion**
- **Blockchain Guardians Programme:** Graduation ceremony on the Talent Stage

Initiatives for Impactful Connections and Communities



Innovation Lab Crawl

From 4 – 5 November, innovation labs across the island will open their doors to the public to showcase new ideas and provide networking opportunities with their innovation executives.



SFF MeetUp

SFF MeetUp is a new meetings program designed to facilitate outcomes-focused networking. With 1:1, double-opt-in meetings, it helps participants connect with the right people, driving strategic partnerships and business growth. Over 20,000 meetings will take place across three days.



Investor Hours

A dedicated initiative for investors and founders to connect, pitch and collaborate. Featuring 1:1 meetings with limited partners and general partners, these open networking sessions foster meaningful connections and drives investment in the FinTech ecosystem.

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Learning and Mentorship

Mentorship Programme: 1:1 mentorship sessions where seasoned professionals provide career guidance to students and young professionals at the Pay it Forward Lounge.

Professional Development Programmes: In collaboration with top universities and institutions, the Festival offers accessible certification programs aimed at enhancing participants' expertise in key areas of finance and technology.



Innovation Showcases

Held on 6 November, the Demo Day of the annual [Global FinTech Hackcelerator](#) will showcase the latest FinTech solutions aimed at improving financial health. The winner will be crowned on 7 November at the SFF Awards Night.

The [PolyFintech100 API Hackathon Demo Day](#) will showcase the budding ideas from aspiring FinTech talent from Singapore's five polytechnics, battling for the title of Grand Champion.

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SFF FinTech Excellence Awards 7 Nov 2024

Organised by the Monetary Authority of Singapore and the Singapore FinTech Association and supported by PwC Singapore, the SFF Global FinTech Awards represent the industry's highest accolade for FinTech innovation.

This year, the Awards feature 6 categories:

- Emerging FinTech Award
- Financial Inclusivity Award
- Regulatory Leader Award
- Sustainable Innovator Award
- Thematic – AI, Quantum Champion

Wednesday, 6 November

SFF After Hours At Boat Quay

Drinks are on us! Mark your calendars and enjoy the open bars at SFF's industry networking night.

Friday, 8 November

The Founders ROCK™

Enjoy exclusive discounts at the MarketPlace at Expo and join founders as they jam together on stage to wrap up and celebrate SFF 2024!



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