



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Caribbean Economic Forum (CEF) 2026?

The Caribbean Economic Forum (CEF) 2026 is a deal-focused investment forum designed to move priority Caribbean projects from concept to execution within 12–24 months. It brings together investors, development finance institutions (DFIs), governments, and private sector sponsors to convert project pipelines into bankable transactions.

2. When and where will CEF 2026 take place?

CEF 2026 will be held on 18–19 June 2026 at the Hilton Resort in Barbados. A discounted group rate is available and included in the Full Package conference registration.

3. What is the theme of CEF 2026?

The theme is: “Capitalizing the Caribbean's Future: Mobilizing Intentional and Regional Capital for the Caribbean.”

4. What are the main investment pillars?

CEF 2026 is anchored on four investment pillars:

- Energy transition and resilient power systems
- Water, ports, and climate-resilient infrastructure
- Food and agriculture systems modernization
- Blue economy, coastal, and maritime resilient projects

5. How is CEF 2026 different from other conferences?

CEF 2026 is a transaction-focused platform, not a talk shop. It showcases bankable and near-bankable projects, convenes decision-makers such as ministers, CEOs, and multilateral development bank (MDB) deal teams, and uses curated Power Rooms, Spotlight Rooms, and Engine Rooms to drive concrete deals and a 12-month roadmap to execution.

6. Who should attend CEF 2026?

CEF 2026 is designed for:

- Global and regional investors and asset managers
- Development finance institutions and export-import (EXIM) banks
- Caribbean governments, regulators, and investment promotion agencies
- Private sector companies and project sponsors with bankable projects

7. What are Power Rooms, Spotlight Rooms, and Engine Rooms?

Power Rooms are closed-door deal sessions where project sponsors pitch portfolios to institutional investors and DFIs under non-disclosure agreements (NDAs), focusing on bankability, risk allocation, and next steps.

Spotlight Rooms are open showcases where companies and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) present projects, build visibility, and attract partners and investors.

Engine Rooms are hands-on finance innovation labs where participants co-design new instruments, including blended finance models, diaspora bonds, and blue finance instruments, with concrete outputs and follow-through plans.

8. How is the program structured over the two days?

Day 1 focuses on vision, pipelines, and Power Rooms, featuring a keynote, plenaries, thematic tracks, and investor–government dialogues.

Day 2 focuses on structuring, Engine Rooms, and commitments, featuring financial innovation workshops, policy panels, and a closing roadmap to execution.

9. Why invest in the Caribbean now?

The Caribbean combines post-pandemic resilience and strong tourism recovery with new opportunities from global supply chain shifts and emerging energy developments across “Middle Americas.”

A growing architecture of blended finance and guarantees, with over US\$5 billion from MDBs and United Nations (UN) facilities, combined with strong policy momentum, is creating the conditions to mobilize private capital for resilient, climate-aligned investments at scale.

10. How does CEF 2026 align with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

CEF 2026 directly advances SDGs 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, and 17, with strong linkages to SDGs 2, 6, 10, 12, and 15 through investments in clean energy, resilient infrastructure, climate-smart agriculture, and the blue economy.

11. Is CEF 2026 open to the public?

CEF 2026 is a curated gathering of approximately 150 carefully selected participants, designed to ensure high-quality engagement and actionable outcomes. Interested participants are encouraged to submit an expression of interest.

12. How can I apply to attend or submit a project?

Submit an expression of interest or project profile to caribbeaneconomicforum@gmail.com. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted with next steps and, where relevant, guidance on preparing project information for Power Rooms or Spotlight Rooms.

13. What types of projects are you looking for?

CEF 2026 prioritizes bankable or near-bankable projects that align with the four investment pillars and can advance to execution within 12–24 months.

Projects should have clear sponsors, defined capital requirements, measurable impact, and alignment with climate resilience and SDG goals.

14. What are the benefits for sponsors and partners?

Sponsors gain visibility, speaking opportunities, and direct access to investor and government networks across the Caribbean and global markets.

They may also help shape curated deal pipelines and co-convene key Power Room, Spotlight Room, or Engine Room sessions. For more information, contact kiran@clcommunications.com.

15. What sponsorship opportunities are available?

Strategic, Platinum, Gold, and Silver partnership packages are available, each offering different levels of branding, program integration, and engagement with high-value participants.

To request the sponsorship prospectus, contact kiran@clcommunications.com.

16. How will outcomes be tracked after the Forum?

CEF 2026 is designed to produce a 12-month roadmap of commitments, memoranda of understanding (MoUs), and follow-up actions for key deals and policy initiatives.

The organizers, in partnership with MDBs and DFIs, will track progress on selected transactions and report on milestones.

17. How can media or communications partners get involved?

Media organizations and communications partners can engage as sponsors, content collaborators, or accredited media, helping amplify deal outcomes and regional impact stories.

Details are available via the website's Media section and the CEF LinkedIn page, or by contacting caribbeaneconomicforum@gmail.com.

18. How can I stay updated on CEF 2026?

Follow CEF 2026 via the official website, the LinkedIn page Caribbean Economic Forum, and the hashtags #CEF2026 and #CaribbeanInvestment.

You can also contact the team directly at the email address provided on the website.