



Caribbean Economic Forum 2026
Capitalizing the Caribbean's Future:
Mobilizing Intentional & Regional Capital for the Caribbean
18th & 19th June 2026 | Barbados

Why Attend CEF 2026?

The **Caribbean Economic Forum** is the region's premier deal-focused investment forum, bringing together global and regional investors, development finance institutions, governments, private-sector businesses and project sponsors to convert project pipelines into bankable transactions.

*A Talk Shop is not the mantra for CEF 26. **Action is the Focus.*** CEF 2026 is designed to actionably move priority projects from concept to execution within 12–24 months, leveraging curated regional pipelines, global investment appetite, public–private partnership structures, and innovative blended finance structures.

4 Investment Pillars

Energy Transition & Resilient Power Systems Infrastructure

Utility-scale renewables, distributed generation, battery storage, grid modernization, and energy-efficiency projects backed by major Sponsors, the Multilateral Development Banks and Global Agencies, including the likes of the World Bank (MIGA), Export Finance Agencies and IDB/IDB Invest, with credit enhancement instruments from global and regional agencies.

Water, Ports & Climate-Resilient Infrastructure

Public Private Partnership (PPPs) opportunities in water utilities, desalination, smart irrigation, port terminal concessions, logistics hubs, and coastal protection, backed by global equity sponsors, Institutional debt capital market investors and MDB co-financings under a syndication club model.

Food & Agriculture Systems Modernization

Climate-smart production, controlled-environment agriculture, cold-chain infrastructure, processing facilities, and agrilogistics aligned with CARICOM's 25-by-30 target and FAO investment frameworks. Leveraging private equity funds, sovereign agri-enterprises, regional capital and regional demand off-take powered by the regional food security agenda.

Blue Economy, Coastal & Maritime Resilient Projects

Sustainable tourism infrastructure, responsible fisheries, marine renewables, port decarbonization, and ecosystem restoration supported by CAF's US\$2.5 billion blue-economy commitment and UN blue-finance initiatives. Regional Maritime infrastructure upgrades in the context of coastal resilience and expanded capacity for near showing within the Americas.



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Two Days. Three Room Types. Real Transactions. Outcomes.

Day 1 – Vision, Pipelines & Power Rooms

- **Opening Keynote:** The Caribbean Economy in 2026 - Investable and Scalable
- **Plenary: Vision to Implementation** - building a deal pipeline for Caribbean SIDS
- **Thematic tracks:** Energy Transition, Water, Ports, Logistics, Food Systems & Blue Economy.
- **Governors Riverside chat** - what makes the region investable (Barbados, Eastern Caribbean (ECCB) and Trinidad & Tobago).
- **Power Rooms:** High-level portfolio showcases with credible investors and bankable regional projects
- **Spotlight Rooms:** Company and country showcases for visibility and partnership building
- **Fireside chat:** International capital and long-term Caribbean partnerships

Day 2 – Engine Rooms, Structuring & Commitments

- **Plenary:** Getting the structures right – blended finance, guarantees & debt-for-resilience
- **Engine Rooms:** Financial innovation workshops co-designing new funding instruments
 - Blended Finance Models
 - Caribbean PPPs and Private Equity
 - Diaspora and New Capital Mobilizing Vehicles
 - Blue Bonds and Nature-Linked Finance
- **Round 2 Power & Spotlight Rooms:** Closing Discussions, Highlights and New Entrants
- **Policy & Regulation Panel:** What we heard, what policy and plans we will action now.
- **Closing Plenary:** Commitments, MoUs, and 12-month Roadmap to execution.

Three Room Types Driving Action Rea

Power Rooms – Closed deal sessions where project sponsors pitch portfolios to institutional investors and DFIs, with focus on bankability, risk allocation, and next steps (NDAs, mandates, term sheets). NDAs executed, models discussed and indicative interest and feedback exchanged.

Spotlight Rooms – Open showcases where Countries, Companies and SMEs present their work, highlight opportunities, and build visibility with potential partners and investors. Countries may pitch major transformative projects, critical infrastructure or multi-sector investment pipelines.



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Engine Rooms – Hands-on finance innovation labs where participants co-design new structures (blended finance, diaspora bonds, blue instruments) with concrete outputs and follow-through plans. Moderated by subject-matter experts.

Who Should Attend

Investors & Asset Manager

Global and regional Institutional investors, Banks, Impact Funds, Infrastructure Funds, Family Offices, Pension Funds, Sovereign Wealth Funds, Investors seeking SDG-aligned, Climate-resilient investments in emerging markets.

Development Finance Institutions and EXIM Banks

IDB, World Bank, CAF, CDB, bilateral DFIs, Afreximbank, DFC, IFC, USEXIM, UKEF, FINDEV, CHINEXIM, UN Agencies, Sovereign Finance Agencies, offering co-financing, guarantees, insurance, currency-hedges, technical assistance, grants and project preparation support services.

Caribbean Governments & Regulators

Ministers, Central Bankers, Stock Exchanges, Securities Regulators, investment promotion agencies, PPP units, Sovereigns seeking to showcase pipelines, reforms, and investment partnerships.

Private Sector & Project Sponsors

International private equity firms, regional corporates, utilities, agribusinesses, tourism operators, logistics firms, developers and sponsors with bankable projects, seeking co-investment partners.

Why the Caribbean? Why Now?

- **Post-pandemic resilience:** Tourism recovery and strong growth in key economies.
- **Global supply chain shifts:** Nearshoring and diversification creating trade and logistics opportunities in the Americas
- **Future-state of the new “Middle Americas:”** A developing southern energy cone with Trinidad & Tobago, Guyana and Suriname and recent investment interest in Venezuela, being shaped by media as the new middle east, in the Americas.
- **New capital mobilization architecture:** US\$5 billion+ in blended finance, guarantees, and technical assistance from IDB Invest, World Bank, CAF, and UN facilities are now available.
- **Policy momentum:** MDB G20 CAF review to mobilize private capital and increase risk taking and sharing, Investment facilitation reforms globally, PPP frameworks modernized and accepted, regional harmonization underway.
- **Climate urgency meets opportunity:** High vulnerability driving demand for resilient infrastructure, renewable energy, climate-smart agriculture, and blue-economy solutions.



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SDG-Aligned Investment Platform

CEF 2026 directly advances UN Sustainable Development Goals:

- SDG 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy
- SDG 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth
- SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- SDG 13 – Climate Action
- SDG 14 – Life Below Water
- SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals
- Strong linkages to SDGs 2, 6, 10, 12, and 15.

What Makes CEF Different

- **Curated Pipelines:** Only bankable or near-bankable projects showcased
- **Decision-makers in the room:** Ministers, CEOs, MDB deal teams, not just analysts
- **By Invitation Only:** Three room types; Power Rooms for deals, Spotlight Rooms for visibility, Engine Rooms for innovation
- **MDB and DFI Partnerships:** Co-financing, guarantees, and TA windows actively aligned with Forum projects
- **Outcome-focused:** Concrete 12-month roadmap with accountability for follow-through
- **Compact Format:** Two intensive days designed for maximum engagement and deal conversion

Registration & Sponsorship

Limited capacity: CEF 2026 is an invitation-only gathering of approximately 150 carefully selected participants to ensure quality engagement and actionable outcomes.

How to Apply

Visit www.caribbeaneconomicforum.com to submit your expression of interest or project profile.



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Sponsorship Opportunities

Strategic, Platinum, Gold, and Silver partnership packages available. Sponsors gain visibility, speaking opportunities, and direct access to investor and government networks.

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