



Conference on Global Economic and Technological Landscape: Strengthening Growth, Ensuring Stability and Embracing Innovation

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Introduction

In a world marked by geopolitical uncertainties, economic volatility, and the growing need for sustainability, achieving resilient growth and long-term stability has become more important than ever. Global economies are grappling with challenges like inflation, supply chain disruptions, and the shift toward a low-carbon economy. At the same time, rapid developments in digital finance, artificial intelligence, and changing trade dynamics are transforming financial markets and regulatory frameworks. In this environment, thoughtful policy interventions and innovative financial solutions are crucial for ensuring sustainable economic progress.

To mark BFIN's 7th anniversary, the conference “**Global Economic and Technological Landscape: Strengthening Growth, Ensuring Stability and Embracing Innovation**” will bring together policymakers, industry leaders, financial institutions, and economic experts for in-depth discussions on the challenges and opportunities shaping the global economy. The event will cover vital topics, such as sustainable finance, economic recovery, regulatory frameworks, and the impact of digital transformation on financial services. Through engaging dialogue, the conference will offer actionable insights on policies and strategies that can drive economic resilience and sustainable growth.

As the global economic landscape evolves, driven by changing trade policies, energy transitions, and new regulations, collaboration across sectors is essential. Governments, financial institutions, and the private sector must work together to create solutions that promote financial stability, economic inclusion, and sustainable development. This conference will provide a platform for thought leaders to exchange ideas, form strategic partnerships, and find ways to navigate these complexities, helping to shape the future of global economic progress.

By sharing knowledge and engaging in collaborative discussions, participants will gain valuable insights and strategies to address the challenges facing the banking and financial services sector in today's interconnected and innovative world. Ultimately, the conference will equip industry professionals with the tools they need to drive sustainable growth and ensure the continued relevance and resilience of banks, insurance companies, and financial institutions in an ever-changing global landscape.

BFIN L&D Excellence Award 2025

The BFIN Learning and Development (L&D) Excellence Award, established in 2023, recognizes organizations that demonstrate exceptional commitment to employee development and active participation in BFIN's training initiatives. This award underscores the importance of continuous learning and capacity building within the banking, insurance, microfinance, and finance sectors.

Awardees are classified into three tiers—Platinum, Gold, and Silver—based on key evaluation criteria, including total revenue, number of employees trained, participation in open, customized, and international programs, journal advertising, conference sponsorship, and BFIN membership. To ensure comprehensive recognition, sector-specific awards will be presented to Commercial Banks, Development Banks, Finance Companies, and Microfinance Institutions.

Recipients of this distinguished award will be granted scholarship seats in International Training Programs, offering valuable global exposure and advanced professional development opportunities. Through this initiative, BFIN reaffirms its commitment to fostering excellence and strengthening institutional capabilities within the financial sector.

Key Objective of the Program

- To delve into the changing global economic and technological landscape and its implication for growth, sustainability and innovation in Nepal
- To understand associated risks and challenges in the current financial system
- To discuss way forward to bring actionable ideas, create a resilient and stronger economic and financial environment

Proposed Discussion Agenda

Session Theme I: Evolving Global Economic and Technological Landscape – Trends, and Implication

Keynote Address I: “Implication of Changing Global Landscape for Reshaping the Financial Sector”

Keynote Address II: “Innovative Green Financing in Action: Lessons from Nepal’s First Public Green Bond”

Sub-Themes:

1. Macroeconomic Outlook 2025: Navigating Growth Amid Uncertainty
2. Rethinking the Future of Microfinance: Navigating Reform for Long-Term Sustainability
3. Strengthening Financial Systems: Banking Sector Stability in a High-Risk Global Landscape

Session Theme II: Navigating Today’s Financial Challenges: Managing Emerging Risk and Driving Innovation for a Resilient Future

Keynote Address I: “Regulatory Realignment: Adapting Frameworks for Accelerating Growth with Stability”

Keynote Address II: “Digital Adoption: Fintech, AI, and the New Age of Financial Services (American Insights)”

Sub-Themes:

1. Non-Performing Assets: Trends, Implications, and Resolution Mechanisms
2. Insurance Sector Transformation: Addressing Systemic Gaps Through Innovation and Market-Led Growth
3. Financial Inclusion: Barriers to Access and Acceleration
4. Protecting Clients through Stronger Accountability Systems
5. Securing the Financial Digital Ecosystem: Cyber Risk, Data Breaches & Integrity Management

Session Theme III: Moving Forward – Strategies for Resilience, Innovation, and Growth

Keynote Address: “Blueprint for Resilient, Inclusive, and Sustainable Finance with Growth”

Sub-Themes:

1. Lessons from Financial Crisis: Strategies for Recovery
2. Empowering Underserved Sectors and Advancing Regional Transformation through Development Banking
3. Managing Risk: Reimagining Insurance for a Resilient Nepal
4. HR Innovation: Maintaining Ethics and Integrity in the Organization

Speakers Likely to Address the Conference

The conference will feature renowned experts from various fields, including senior officials from central banks, leading economists, financial sector leaders, and policy advisors from Nepal, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and beyond. The conference is expected to be inaugurated by the **Governor of Nepal Rastra Bank**, who will deliver the opening address, and the closing ceremony is expected to be graced by **Deputy Governor of Nepal Rastra Bank**.

Special Address



Dr. Prakash Kumar Shrestha
Member
National Planning Commission

Chief Guest



Dr. Biswo Nath Poudel*
Governor, Nepal Rastra Bank

Eminent Speakers



Mr. Guru Prasad Paudel*
Executive Director, Banks and
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Dr. Ram Sharan Kharel
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Mr. Anton Arumugam
President, Association of
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Prof. Emeritus Anona Armstrong
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Mr. Surendra Raj Regmi
Vice-President
Nepal Bankers' Association
CEO, Global IME Bank Limited



Mr. Govind Ghimire
Chief Executive Officer, NMB
Bank Limited



Mr. Suyog Shrestha
Chairman, Development Bankers
Association Nepal
CEO, Shangri-la Development
Bank



Mr. Sudymna Prasad Upadhyaya
Chief Executive Officer
Sanima GIC Insurance Ltd.



Mr. Pravesh Rijal
Chief Data and AI Officer
Cross River Bank
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Dr. Bharat Singh Thapa
Microfinance Expert and Director-
MBA Finance, Central Department of
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Ms. Upasana Poudel
Chief Executive Officer
Himalayan Reinsurance Limited



Ms. Sheetal Jain
Vice-President, SRO
Microfinance Industry
Network (MFNI), India



Dr. Binod Atreya
Managing Director
BFIN

Distinguished Participants

This conference is targeted to officials from BFIs, corporate houses, representatives from rating agencies, and individuals interested in banking and economic developments. We anticipate a gathering of 150-200 participants, including industry leaders, invited guests, and media personalities.

About BFIN

Banking, Finance and Insurance Institute of Nepal Limited (BFIN) was established under Company Act 2063 on August 14, 2018 (2075 Shrawan 29). The main objectives of this Institute are to offer training, workshop and seminar and enhance the knowledge, skills and capabilities of the employees of financial sector and other stakeholders, conduct research and consulting to strengthen the financial sector, offer specific accredited courses and creating data bank for the use of banking community and help strengthen the financial systems in Nepal.

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