Report: Island Finance Forum 2022
The second Island Finance Forum brought together senior financiers, development partners, regulators, top-level island political leaders and other influential politicians, and business leaders to share and exchange expertise on sustainable and inclusive financial structures in island communities.

The Forum helped to highlight the unique financial challenges faced by global island communities and the solutions for sustainable economic recovery and inclusive growth in a post-pandemic world.

UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji 💌 @UNDP_Pacific · Apr 29

- #ClimateFinance 'effectiveness' in the #Pacific
- National systems strengthening to consider #ClimateChange & #Disaster risks
- Supporting governance reform 'from within' as Pacific governments lead initiatives

Full discussions @#IFF2022🔗bit.ly/3rVUvGA #Gov4Res

With over 7,000 registrations and over 11,600 individual session views across all platforms, the Island Finance Forum is one of the biggest online events for island sustainability in the world. It is also an important complementary event to our annual Virtual Island Summit, which itself had over 11,000 registrations at the 2021 edition. Representatives from islands across the world participated in the Forum from places as diverse as the Caribbean, Pacific, South America, Asia, Europe and beyond.
This five-day virtual event was accessible to attendees from across the globe in a variety of interactive sessions, including networking opportunities to meet and exchange ideas one to one or in small groups. Attendees were from a broad range of backgrounds representing entrepreneurs, the public sector, NGOs and academia.

- Total registrations: 7,000+
Audience registered by region:

Top 20 Countries registered at the forum:

1. United States of America: 756
2. Fiji: 371
3. United Kingdom: 347
4. Trinidad and Tobago: 294
5. Jamaica: 213
6. India: 180
7. Canada: 171
8. Papua New Guinea: 142
9. Spain: 141
10. Barbados: 139
11. Australia: 135
12. Portugal: 130
13. Bahamas: 116
14. France: 97
15. Bermuda: 79
16. Germany: 74
17. Indonesia: 72
18. Cayman Islands: 70
Registrations per Sector:

- Other: 16.5%
- Academia: 11.1%
- Government: 11.0%
- NGO: 20.1%
- Private: 40.4%

Registrations per Industry:

- Waste and Circular Economy: 2.7%
- Tourism: 5.5%
- Politics and Government: 4.9%
- Other: 18.1%
- Oceans and Conservation: 5.3%
- Marketing and Communications: 8.3%
- Management Consulting: 8.4%
- Innovation and Startups: 9.8%
- Agricultural/Forestry/Fisheries: 5.3%
- Economic and Social Development: 13.3%
- Energy: 11.0%
- Environmental Services: 13.1%
- Events Management: 6.9%
- Finance: 3.9%

This event brought together sponsors and partners from many locations around the world:

6 Sponsor Organizations

![Caribbean Climate Smart Accelerator](image1)

![Invest Puerto Rico](image2)

![Caribbean Biotechnology Fund](image3)

![Meta Carbon](image4)

![BuzzMaker](image5)

![WaTT Institute](image6)
The Island Finance Forum 2022 included 88 speakers. Their professional positions were as diverse as Prime Ministers, high-level government ministers, Ambassadors, founders of large and small companies, business leaders, academics and founders of non-profit organizations.
We accomplished all 3 main Island Finance Forum Goals:

1. **Connectivity:** The Forum helped to bridge the gap between sustainable development practitioners and financial stakeholders.
2. **Free access**: It helped islanders to access expert knowledge and the financial opportunities available to them.

3. **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**: Sessions at the Forum showcased the economic opportunities available from investing in the sustainability sector on islands – particularly impact investing and ESG.
Interaction, as well as continuity of the conversations, were also core aims of the IFF that we were able to achieve. Most of the sessions which were broadcast live via Zoom were characterised by attendees raising their questions to the panel of experts.

Many sessions featured live polls where attendees could participate and provide relevant demographic information, and the chat box allowed communication among attendees in addition to networking opportunities.

There were also several networking sessions held on Remo in which attendees could discuss different topics on virtual tables in small groups or one on one.
Continuity of the conversations is important for talk to turn into action. The sessions covered a wide range of island-related financial topics, and discussion does not need to end after the sessions have finished.

Participants are encouraged to continue to interact with the Island Innovation community by using the Facebook Group and LinkedIn Group and via our social media channels (LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube).
We are proud to have received an overwhelmingly positive response from participants for the Forum:

Sherika Bollingsingh @SBollingsingh · Apr 28
The sessions so far are incredibly informative and the network opportunities have great potential for project partnerships! #IFF2022

Ramiro Schiavo @RamiroSchiavo · Apr 29
Amazing!!!...#IFF2022. Last day, Congratulations Island Innovation Team, Great job!

Telly Valerie Onu Author
Ecosystem Innovator| Digital Finance Infrastructure Archite...

The whole event is tastefully curated i must say.

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Hello everybody!
Greetings from Bucharest, Romania!
Looking forward to another excellent session of this forum!
My thanks and congrats to the organizers and speakers of this insightful outstanding event!

George Florin Staicu

Linda Carti to Everyone
What a great conference! Thank you so much, thank you to all panelists/ island innovation. I am from the islands of Saint-Martin and from Guadeloupe in the Caribbean (temporarily living in France now). Much brainstorming and research to do on my side since I am new in this but very much interested. Have a great day/ evening/ night wherever you are!
The Forum had a large global reach and was covered by several media publications around the world, including:
Target inequality to aid economic recovery, small islands told

Article by: Marvin Madden
Published on: April 25, 2022

Leaders in Barbados and other small island development states are being warned to address issues of inequality as they put policies in place to aid economic recovery from the COVIF-19 pandemic and as they seek to tackle issues relating to climate change.

This was highlighted on Monday, day one of the Island Innovation’s Island Finance Forum (IFF) 2022, which is being held under the theme Investment for Sustainable Development.

During the session Leave No One Behind: Building an Equitable and Inclusive Recovery for Island Communities, Stefan Kozurk, Development Director for the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) in the Caribbean for the UK, recalled the devastation that Barbados and other regional economies faced as a result of recent hurricanes.

Curacao will chair Island Finance Forum 2022 this year. The meeting is scheduled for April 25th – 29th. This annual forum focuses on island economies and sustainable development. It is about exchanging information to achieve...
Leading experts offered diverse perspectives and solutions on pressing finance and sustainability issues:

Over 11,600 individual views across all sessions (via Zoom, Remo, LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube).

- **Official Opening**
- **Leave No One Behind: Building an equitable and inclusive recovery for island communities**
- **Chambers of Commerce and Sustainable Development**
- **Slow and Steady Wins: The Race to Net-Zero Islands**
- **Building a Blue Future: Harnessing the Hope of the Ocean**
- **It's Not Easy Being Green: Islands and Financing the Green Energy Transition**
- **Catalysing Meaningful Change: Investing in ESG for Sustainable Development**
- **The Innovation Sweetspot: When startups, governments and funders meet**
- **Using Crypto to Drive Forward SDGs**
- **Looking ahead to COP27: Mobilising Climate Finance in Pacific SIDS**
- **(Debt to Island States) Shifting the Climate Paradigm: Ensuring access to finance for SIDS**
- **How does local media survive in small countries in the age of Big Tech?**
- **The Evolving Ecosystems of Fintech**
● Conservation Finance for Islands
● Risky Business: Exploring Insurance & Capital Risk
● Puerto Rico at the Forefront of Caribbean Energy
● Facing a Formidable Future: Pandemic recovery strategies to spur economic growth
● Island Innovation Awards Ceremony
● The Coastal Quandary: Financing the future of coastal tourism
● In Conversation With... Robert Persaud: Green Growth in Guyana- Balancing Fossil Fuels and the Environment

Continue the conversations started at the Forum and keep in contact with fellow attendees with these networking opportunities:

● Virtual Island Summit 2022: Save the date for our next Virtual Island Summit, taking place September 26th to October 2nd 2022.
● Weekly Newsletter: You are all set to receive Island Innovation’s weekly newsletter, covering important topics around sustainability.
● Facebook Group: Connect with fellow Summit participants in our exclusive Facebook Group.
● LinkedIn Group: Connect with fellow Summit participants in our exclusive LinkedIn Group.

We look forward to your continued involvement in the Island Innovation community!