

Fintech Ecosystem Luminaries to Converge at Global Fintech Fest 2024

Mumbai, August 6, 2024 – One of the world’s largest annual fintech conferences, the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) is back with its fifth edition. GFF 2024 is scheduled from August 28 – 30, at the Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai. The theme of this year’s conference is ‘Blueprint for the Next Decade of Finance: Responsible AI | Inclusive | Resilient’.

Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2024 is presented by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Ministry of External Affairs, Department of Financial Services (DFS), Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA). The conference is jointly organised by the Payments Council of India (PCI), the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), and the Fintech Convergence Council (FCC)

Explaining the key objective and vision of GFF 2024, Mr. Kris Gopalakrishnan, Chairman, Axilor Ventures and Co-founder, Infosys, and the Chairman of the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2024 Advisory Council said, “GFF 2024 is more than a showcase of fintech innovations. It’s about crafting a future that is equitable, inclusive, and resilient. In the context of India being one of the fastest growing fintech markets in the world, this conference assembles the leading minds in global fintech to surge ahead ensuring inclusive and sustainable growth. Our focus on responsible AI, inclusivity, and resilience highlights our commitment to building a responsible financial ecosystem that can adapt to and thrive amid global challenges.”

“At the heart of GFF 2024 is the belief that a responsible and inclusive financial ecosystem is imperative for global progress. Our theme this year is Blueprint for the Next Decade of Finance, which reflects our dedication to fostering collaboration, innovation, and ethical leadership in fintech”, said Mr. G Padmanabhan, Former Executive Director, the Reserve Bank of India, Former Chairman, the Bank of India, and Member, of GFF 2024 Advisory Council.

Summing up the importance of GFF 2024, Mr. Dilip Asbe, MD & CEO, National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) said, “We are happy to unveil the fifth edition of Global Fintech Fest 2024 - a meeting ground for celebrating the remarkable advancements of fintech, spotlighting new opportunities driven by the surge in deep-tech innovations, and hearing inspiring thoughts of visionary leaders. This year’s fest is not only aimed at nurturing global collaborations and addressing pivotal challenges, but also devising business models that promote inclusivity, resilience, and sustainability. GFF 2024 aims to promote innovation, and we are looking forward to engaging discussions and pioneering insights that will shape the future of the sector for the coming decade.”

Around 800 speakers, including policymakers, regulators, senior bankers, industry captains, and academicians, from India and various other countries will address more than 350 sessions over three days of the conference.

Among the stalwarts from India sharing their insights at GFF 2024 are:

- Shri Shaktikanta Das, Governor, Reserve Bank of India

- Shri T Rabi Sankar, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India
- Shri S Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY
- Smt. Madhabi Puri Buch, Chairperson, Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- Shri. Vivek Joshi, Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Government of India
- Dr. Abhijit Phukon, Economic Advisor, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Government of India
- Mr. Nandan Nilekani, Co-founder & Chairman, Infosys Technologies
- Shri. Atul Kumar Goel, Managing Director & CEO, Punjab National Bank
- Shri. Sumnesh Joshi, Deputy Director General (Joint Secretary Level), Ministry of Communications, Government of India
- Mr. Ray Harishankar, Vice President, Business and Technical Strategy, IBM Quantum Safe

Global luminaries from the fintech and finance ecosystem converging at GFF 2024 include:

- Dr. Florian Toncar, Parliamentary State Secretary, German Federal Ministry of Finance
- Mr. Alexandre Stervinou, Director, Cash & Retail Payments Policy and Oversight Directorate, Banque de France
- Mr. Harish Natarajan, Practice Manager, Financial Inclusion & Infrastructure, The World Bank
- Mr. Jay Surti, Financial Supervision & Regulation Division Chief, International Monetary Fund
- Ms. Daranee Saeju, Assistant Governor, Bank of Thailand
- Dr. Sidi Mohamed Dhaker, Special Advisor to Governor, Central Bank of Mauritania
- Ms. Ana Maria Prieto, Head – Payment System Department, Central Bank of Colombia
- Mr. Solomon Damtew, Director, National Bank of Ethiopia
- Mr. Harris Mygdalis, Group Chief Digital Officer, Eurobank
- Ms. Sirirat Jungwongsasin, Deputy Director, Bank of Thailand
- Mr. Camilo Tellez-Merchan, Deputy Managing Director, UN-based Better Than Cash Alliance, United Nations

GFF 2024 will feature over 150 international speakers from 40 countries, including the US, the UK, Germany, France, Singapore, UAE, and Israel. Delegates are expected from over 100 countries, besides India.

The conference will also feature Investment Pitches and hackathons, providing a platform for fintech startups to present their innovative ideas to potential investors. This initiative aims to offer the startups international visibility and secure substantial funding from leading venture capitalists. Twenty thought leadership reports will be launched at GFF 2024.

GFF 2024 Highlights

3 Days | 7 Tracks | 11 Stages | 300+ Exhibitors | 350+ Sessions | 800+ Speakers |

For more information on the conference, live agenda and list of speakers visit the website: [Global Fintech Fest 2024](#).

About Payments Council of India (PCI)

The Payments Council of India (PCI) was formed in 2013 catering to the needs of the digital payment industry. The Council was formed inter-alia for the purposes of representing the various regulated non-banking payment industry players, to address and help resolve various industry-level issues and barriers which require discussion and action. The council works with all its members to promote payments industry growth and to support our national goals of 'Less Cash Society' and 'Growth of Financial Inclusion' which is also the vision shared by the RBI and the Government of India. PCI works closely with the regulators i.e. Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Finance Ministry and similar government, departments, bodies or institutions to make 'India a less cash society'.

About Fintech Convergence Council (FCC)

Fintech Convergence Council (FCC) represents financial service providers and fintech companies in the banking and financial service sector. With a membership of over 160 companies from diverse domains, including digital lending (Consumer, MSME, Asset-Backed Lending, P2P etc.), WealthTech, InsurTech, Digital Financial Service Providers, RegTech, and Credit Bureaus, FCC's mission is to serve as a platform for all stakeholders within the ecosystem. The primary focus of the Council is to address the sector-specific challenges faced by industry. FCC aims to foster discussions on important issues, incorporating diverse perspectives, and promoting the growth of the fintech sector while also actively producing thought leadership content.