



Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2024

March 26-29, 2024
Boao, Hainan Province, China

* All following times are China standard time

Tuesday, March 26

07:00 - 22:00 **Registration**

(Peilan Bridge Registration Center)

10:00 - 11:00 **BFA Annual Conference 2024 Press Conference**

(Press Center Seagull Hall)

12:00 - 13:30 **Buffet Lunch**

(Le Mistral Restaurant, Asia Restaurant, Level 1, BFA Hotel)

14:30 - 15:45 **Confronting Fragmentation in Global Trade**

(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom B, International Conference Center)

- The WTO warns that increasingly serious trade fragmentation will bring huge costs to the global economy, especially the economies of developing countries. How should countries strengthen cooperation and avoid further slipping into trade protectionism?
- In recent years, global industrial chains, supply chains, and value chains have continued to adjust. What are the current changes? What is the prospect of globalization and free trade?
- What actions should the international community take to advance WTO reform?

16:00 - 17:30 **Private Entrepreneurs Roundtable**

(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom C, International Conference Center)

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16:15 - 17:30 How far is the breakthrough moment of technological revolution?

(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom A, International Conference Center)

- What would the world be like if the breakthrough moment in the disruptive technologies such as “strong” AI, quantum computing, and controllable nuclear fusion comes?
- Which areas in the technological revolution have the best chance of approaching the breakthrough point?
- AI for Science has shown great potential to break through the bottleneck of traditional scientific research capabilities. What new breakthroughs will emerge in the future?

16:15 - 17:30 Making Companies More Innovative

(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom D, International Conference Center)

- In today’s increasingly competitive global economic environment, the innovation of enterprises is a key factor in achieving competitive advantage and sustainable development.
- How can enterprises enhance their innovation to adapt to market and external challenges?
- How can enterprises optimize management practices to ensure full potential?

17:30 - 18:30 Meeting of BFA Council of Advisors

(Hesheng Hall, Level 1, Dongyu Island Hotel)

(Invitation Only)

18:30 - 20:00 Welcome Dinner for BFA Members & Partners

(Yiyong & Changyan Hall, Level 1, Dongyu Island Hotel)

(Invitation Only)

18:00 - 20:00 Buffet Dinner

(Le Mistral Restaurant, Asia Restaurant, Level 1, BFA Hotel)

Wednesday, March 27

07:00 - 22:00 Registration

(Peilan Bridge Registration Center)

09:00 - 10:15 AIGC Reshaping the World

(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom A, International Conference Center)

- AI-generated content (AIGC), such as ChatGPT, has been advancing rapidly. What breakthrough development will occur next?
- What changes have been brought by AIGC to the economy and lifestyle of mankind, and what risks may it bring?
- How to establish a collaborative mechanism between the government and the private sector on the development of AI?

09:00 - 10:30 **Youth Forum**

(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom C, International Conference Center)
(Invitation Only)

09:00 - 10:30 **China-US CEO Dialogue**

(Hesheng Hall, Level 1, Dongyu Island Hotel)
(Invitation Only)

10:45 - 12:00 **Accelerating Climate Action**

(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom B, International Conference Center)

- Climate change is posing huge challenges to human sustainable development. How should the international community speed up action to achieve the global temperature control goals set by the Paris Agreement?
- Climate action requires massive investment, while the cost of inaction is much higher. It is imperative to promote green financing to support low-carbon transformation. What are the current challenges in climate investment and financing? What opportunities will come with it?
- What impact will the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) bring? How do companies respond?

10:45 - 12:00 **Global Geopolitical Outlook**

(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom D, International Conference Center)

- In the recent years, global geopolitical competition has intensified, and tension in international relations has increased. What major risks and challenges still exist in the international situation?
- The Russia-Ukraine conflict has been prolonged, and the Palestine-Israel conflict has escalated again. What are the impacts of large-scale regional conflicts on the world? What is the solution?
- How can all parties strengthen unity and cooperation to jointly address global challenges, amid an intensified competition among major powers?

12:00 - 13:30 **Buffet Lunch**

(Le Mistral Restaurant, Asia Restaurant, Level 1, BFA Hotel)

13:30 - 15:00 **China-Japan-ROK CEO Roundtable**

(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom C, International Conference Center)
(Invitation Only)

15:30 - 16:45 **The Future of New Energy Vehicles**

(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom A, International Conference Center)

- The pace of technological innovation in new energy vehicles has accelerated. How will the intelligent transformation based on electrification proceed? What related technologies can be expected to iterate and upgrade?
- How can the energy revolution and the automotive revolution better promote each other?
- How will the fierce international competition shape the future of new energy

vehicle?

15:30 - 16:45 Deepening Financial Cooperation in Asia

(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom B, International Conference Center)

- Compared to Asia's economic growth, financial integration in Asia lags behind. How to strengthen the connectivity of Asia's financial infrastructure and better leverage the role of finance in promoting the real economy?
- Do Asian countries need to create a monetary fund of their own?

15:30 - 16:45 Rise of the Global South

(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom D, International Conference Center)

- As the global economic center shifts from developed economies to the "global south", the Global South is accelerating its rise.
- How should the Global South deepen solidarity and cooperation in areas such as trade, debt, food, supply chain, technology, and climate change to jointly address risks and challenges?
- How can southern countries gain greater voice in global economic governance, in order to promote development cooperation and safeguard fairness and justice?

16:00 - 17:30 Meeting of BFA Board of Directors

(Hesheng Hall, Level 1, Dongyu Island Hotel)

(Invitation Only)

17:15 - 18:30 Global Economic Outlook

(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom B, International Conference Center)

- The world economy is still hovering in a low-growth environment, with global economic growth expected to be only 3.0% in 2023. How should countries strengthen macro policy coordination and tap new growth drivers?
- What uncertainties and challenges will the world, Asia and emerging markets face in 2024?
- How to further combat inflation and balance economic growth, employment and price stability?

17:15- 18:15 BFA General Meeting of Members (GMM)

(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom C, International Conference Center)

(BFA Members Only)

18:00 - 20:00 Buffet Dinner

(Le Mistral Restaurant, Asia Restaurant, Level 1, BFA Hotel)

20:00-21:30 Cultural Roundtable

(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom C, International Conference Center)

(Invitation Only)

Thursday, March 28

- 10:00 - 11:30 **Opening Plenary**
(BFA Main Hall, Level 2, International Conference Center)
- 12:00-13:00 **Theme Luncheon**
(Yiyong & Changyan Hall, Level 1, Dongyu Island Hotel)
(Invitation Only)
- 12:00 - 13:30 **Buffet Lunch**
(Le Mistral Restaurant, Asia Restaurant, Level 1, BFA Hotel)
- 13:30 - 15:00 **Multinational Corporation (MNC) CEO Roundtable**
(Hesheng Hall, Level 1, Dongyu Island Hotel)
(Invitation Only)
- 15:30 - 16:45 **Global AI Governance**
(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom A, International Conference Center)
- The potential risks posed by the AI system have aroused great attention and broad discussion in the international community. What principles and rules should AI governance adhere to?
 - How to ensure that AI unleashes tremendous growth momentum while making sure that it's safe and under control? How to achieve the goal of "technology for the good"?
 - How to build a unified AI governance framework and standard globally?
 - Is it necessary to establish an international AI governance institution similar to the IAEA?
- 15:30 - 16:45 **Digital Economy in Integration and Innovation**
(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom B, International Conference Center)
- Digital technology is being fully integrated into all areas of economic and social development. How should the government and enterprises make efforts to continue to promote the integrated development of the digital economy and the real economy?
 - How to further encourage innovation while regulating the development of digital economy?
 - How to bridge the gap and make the digital economy benefit more groups?
 - The private sector is an indispensable driving force for the development of digital economy. What development strategies can private enterprises adopt to embrace digital economy? What kind of policy and environmental support is needed?
- 15:30 - 16:45 **Asia: Building an Epicentrum of Growth**
(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom D, International Conference Center)
- Against the backdrop of a slowing global economic recovery, Asia remains the

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locomotive and driving force for global economic growth.

- How to better turn Asia into a growth center for the world economy?
- The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) has been delivering prominent dividends since it came into effect two years ago. How to promote the upgrading of RCEP mechanism and further stimulate regional development vitality?

16:00 - 18:00 **China- Europe CEO Dialogue**
(Yiyong & Changyan Hall, Level 1, Dongyu Island Hotel)
(Invitation Only)

16:00 - 17:30 **Women Leadership Roundtable**
(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom C, International Conference Center)
(Invitation Only)

18:30 - 20:00 **BFA and Hainan Provincial Government Joint Welcome Dinner**
(BFA Main Hall, Level 2, International Conference Center)
(Invitation Only)

18:00 - 20:00 **Buffet Dinner**
(Le Mistral Restaurant, Asia Restaurant, Level 1, BFA Hotel)

Friday, March 29

09:00 - 10:15 **Envisioning an Age-Friendly Society**
(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom A, International Conference Center)

- Actively addressing population aging and building an elderly friendly society are common issues faced by many countries. How to further improve the three major systems of social security, elderly care services, and health support?
- What experiences are worth promoting in successful elderly friendly cities and communities?
- What new connotations should the concept of "healthy aging" have? How to better care for the elderly population and promote the construction of their mental health?

09:00 - 10:15 **Low-Carbon Energy Transformation**
(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom B, International Conference Center)

- In the process of low-carbon energy transformation, how do countries grasp the relationship between breaking and establishment, and achieve set goals based on their respective resource endowments and development stages?
- The development and prospects of wind, solar, hydrogen and nuclear energy.
- Does the current energy and power supply system have sufficient resilience in the face of extreme weather?

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09:00 - 11:00 Financial Roundtable

(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom C, International Conference Center)

09:00 - 10:15 Supporting High-Quality Belt And Road Cooperation

(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom D, International Conference Center)

- The "Belt and Road Initiative" has achieved fruitful results in deepening the "hard connectivity" of infrastructure and the "soft connectivity" of technology, standards, rules and operations over the past decade. What are the key tasks to be done in these two areas in the next stage?
- How to jointly build the "Green Silk Road", continuously deepen cooperation in areas such as green infrastructure, green energy, green transportation, and promote global sustainable development?
- How to jointly build the "Digital Silk Road", strengthen cooperation in areas such as technological innovation and digital economy, and inject new momentum into the economic transformation and structure adjustment of BRI participating countries?

09:00 - 11:00 China-Australia CEO Roundtable

(Hesheng Hall, Level 1, Dongyu Island Hotel)

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10:45 - 12:00 Religious Dialogue

(Dong Yu Grand Ballroom D, International Conference Center)

12:00 - 13:30 Buffet Lunch

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14:00 - 15:00 BFA Annual Conference 2024 Closing Press Conference

(Press Center Seagull Hall)