



THE BAHAMAS
**BUSINESS
AND INVESTMENT
FORUM**

**The Belgrove Resort & Spa
West Palm Beach, Florida
Friday February 27th, 2026**

Beyond The Shoreline – Investments, Private Wealth and Digital Finance

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration and Buffet Breakfast
- 9:00 am – 9:10 am National Anthem for The Bahamas and the United States
- 9:10 am – 9:20 am Opening Remarks by H.E. Wendall K. Jones, Ambassador of The Bahamas to the United States – Washington, D.C.
- Remarks by - **To be determined**
- 9:20 am – 9:35 am Keynote Speaker: The Hon. Philip Davis, Prime Minister of The Bahamas
- 9:35 am – 9:45 am Official Photo and Coffee Break
- 9:50 am – 10:00 am Address: Sen. The Hon. Michael Halkitis, Minister of Economic Affairs
- 10:00 am – 10:45 am **Panel One: Protecting Capital in a Digital World: Regulation, Security & Investor Confidence in The Bahamas**
Roland “Andy” Burrows, Consultant, Bahamas Investment Authority (Moderator)
Christina Rolle, Executive Director, Securities Commission of The Bahamas
Jerry Butler, Corporate Director, Business Development Manager (BDM)
Hartley Thompson, Chief Executive Officer, Microblink
Hon. Wayde Watson, MP, Ministry of Economic Affairs
- 10:45 am – 10:55 am Address: Phylicia Woods-Hanna, Director of Investments, Bahamas Investment Authority
- 10:55 am – 11:05 am ~~Presentation: Public-Private Partnership #1 or Foreign Investment Project #1~~
- 11:05 am – 11:15 am ~~Presentation: Public-Private Partnership #2 or Foreign Investment Project #2~~
- 11:15 am – 11:25 am Address: The Hon. Ryan Pinder, Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
- 11:25 am – 12:10 pm **Panel Two: The Future of Money: Digital Finance, Payments & Innovation in The Bahamas**
H.E. Chet Neymour, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of The Bahamas to the Organization of American States (OAS) (Moderator)
John Rolle, Governor, Central Bank of The Bahamas
Nicholas Rees, Founder and Chairman, CaribPay (Bahamas) Ltd./ Kanoo Pays
Jevon McIntosh, Vice President of IT and Innovation, Commonwealth Bank Limited
Brandace Duncanson, Director of Financial Services, Ministry of Economic Affairs
Dr. John Bain, Managing Partner, UHY Bain & Associates

12:10 pm – 12:20 pm	Presentation: Public-Private Partnership #3 or Foreign Investment Project #3
12:20 pm – 12:30 pm	Presentation: Public-Private Partnership #4 or Foreign Investment Project #4
12:30 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch (Plated)
1:05 pm – 1:10 pm	Lunch Speaker: To be determined
1:15 pm – 2:00 pm	Panel Three: Private Wealth, Global Structuring & Financial Services in The Bahamas Niekia Horton, Chief Executive Officer, Bahamas Financial Services Board (BFSB) (Moderator) Delphino Gilbert Cassar, Chief Executive Officer, Equity Bank Bahamas Limited Naro Zimmerman, Deputy Head of Caribbean – Private Capital Services, JTC Private Trust (Bahamas) Limited Quinton Lightbourne, Executive Director, Inter American Development Bank (IDB)
2:00 pm – 2:10 pm	Remarks by Latia Duncombe, Director General of Tourism, Investments and Aviation
2:10 pm – 2:55 pm	Panel Four: Luxury Yachting, Private Aviation and Boutique Cruises Jonathan Lord, Regional Manager, Special Markets – Yachting & Sports (Moderator) Eli Flint, President, Flexjet Vertical Lift, LLC
2:55 pm – 3:40 pm	Panel Five: The Business of Luxury: Hotel and Hospitality Andy Ingraham, President, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, National Association of Black Hotel Owners, Operators & Developers (NABHOOD) (Moderator) Joy Jibrilu, Chief Executive Officer, Nassau Paradise Island Promotion Board Kerry Fountain, Executive Director, Bahamas Out-Island Promotion Board
3:40 pm – 4:30 pm	Panel Six: From Vision to Value: Development Opportunities for Global Investors Sen. Ja'Ann Major, Partner, Higgs & Johnson (Moderator) Charles Pratt, Senior Manager of Sales & Commercial Development, Grand Bahama Development Company Limited (DEVCO)/ Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA) Kevin Sweeting, Managing Principal – Infrastructure, Bron Danny Lowe, Managing Director, The Agency Bahamas Gavin Christie, Managing Partner, Corcoran C.A. Christie
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Closing Remarks & Call to Action
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Cocktail Reception