



**Intelligent Community Forum (ICF)
ATTENDEES
to the 2025 ICF GLOBAL SUMMIT**

December 2-4, 2025

ICF 2025 Global Summit ATTENDEES

Intelligent Community Forum

- John G. Jung, Intelligent Community Forum Chairman; Co-Founder**
- Robert Bell, ICF Co-Founder*
- Matt Owen, ICF Executive Director*

Canadian Representatives

- Donna Gillespie, CEO, Kingston Economic Development**
- Rob McCann, President Hamilton Technology Centre**
- Amanda Hobin, Policy Advisor, Durham Region**
- Alison Burgess, Durham Region*
- Peng-Sang Cau, Siemens Digital Industries Software, Kingston**
 - Kasia Cau Zakrzewski, Data Analyst, Group Dynamite, Montreal**
- Michael Jung, ICF Canada Director, Toronto, Ontario**

USA Representatives

- Bob Ferguson, Sr Master-Coordinator, Fairfield/Jefferson County, Iowa**
- Margaret Dwyer, Co-Chair; Interim Chair Southeast Iowa Sierra Club**
- Seth Miller, President, Advocacy and Administration, Fairfield, Iowa**
- Nahom Abegaze, Director, Maharishi Intl. Univ., Fairfield, Iowa**
- Doug McCollough, Executive Director, ICF Institute in Dublin, Ohio **
- David Meadows, Hilliard, Ohio*
- Nancy Richison, Springfield, Ohio*

European Representatives

- Mustafa BOZBEY, Mayor, Bursa Metro Municipality, Turkiye**
- Mrs. Seden BOZBEY, Wife of the Mayor of Bursa **
- Hakan ARIK, Head of IT Dept, Bursa Metropolitan Municipality**
- Aytunç ESENDEMİRÇİ, Presidency Communication & Support Specialist**
- Ercüment YILMAZ, Foreign Relations, Br. Mgr, Tourism and Promotion**
- Gülden ÇOLAKOĞLU, Bursa Smart City Project Specialist **
- Demet SINMEZ, Bursa Smart City Project Development Specialist**

- Maurice Olivers, Brightlands – Limburg, The Netherlands**
- Jaime Santamarta, Councilor, Las Rozas de Madrid, Spain*
- Alejandro Saldaña, Mayor's Cabinet, Las Rozas de Madrid, Spain*
- David Santos Baeza, Councilor, Las Rozas de Madrid, Spain *
- Peter Portheine, EIPO, The Netherlands*
- Joost Helms, EIPO, The Netherlands*
- Tamlyn Shimizu, BABLE Smart Cities, Germany*

Brazil Representatives

- Dario Luiz Dias Paixao, CEO of the Curitiba Agency for Economic Development and Innovation, Curitiba, Brazil**
- Mayor Michel Bomtempo, Assai, Brazil**
 - Neusa Bomtempo, First Lady, Assai, Brazil**
- Igor Oliveira, Secretary of Science, Technology and Innovation, Assai**

Taiwan Representatives

- Ming-Yueh Lee, Director, Department of Planning, Yunlin County, Taiwan*
- Yueh-Lin Lin (Smurf Lin), Administrator, Information Management Division, Department of Planning, Yunlin County, Taiwan*
- Jimmy Wang, Project Moderator, Interpreter, Institute for Information Industry, Taiwan*
- Kai-Ching Li (Carrol), Planner; Institute for Information Industry, Taiwan*
- Ching-Wen Liang (Wendy), Yunlin County, Taiwan*
- Maggie Chao, Deputy Division Director, ITRI*
- Tiffany Lin, Deputy Manager, ITRI*
- Chang, Yang-Cheng, Deputy Technical Manager, ITRI*
- Chapin Routh, Real Estate and Urban Analytics, Taipei, Taiwan*
- Sammi Hsiao, Chief Operating Officer, Wealth Gain Group, Taiwan

* Attending the ICF Global Summit Only (December 2-4)

** ICF VIP Delegates (December 1-7)

Intelligent Community Forum



Starting in 2000 with a research project comparing cities in various nations, ICF created a unique, data-driven approach to development that puts citizens first while tapping the enormous economic and social potential of technology. Economic growth today takes much more than decent infrastructure, available land, and available workers. It requires digital infrastructure as a foundation and programs to upskill your people, drive business innovation, turn citizens and businesses into partners, and quality of life into a competitive advantage.

Today, ICF is a network of communities and partners in the business and nonprofit sectors that provides research, training, membership, and consulting services. In a century dominated by digital, our mission is to help communities build innovative, inclusive, and prosperous economies and cultivate strong social connections and rich and meaningful cultures. We do it for communities large and small, in urban clusters, and outlying suburbs and rural places. We believe that digital connectivity and technology create the opportunity for almost every community to develop economic, social, and cultural vitality – giving them all a chance to be great places to live, work, learn, grow, raise a family, and prepare a path for the next generation.

About ICF Canada



ICF Canada is ICF's official national non-profit organization that supports ICF's goals and programs in Canada. ICF Canada's mission is to be the pre-eminent organization in Canada that encourages cities and societies of all sizes and different cultures from across Canada to become better, caring, and economically successful communities. In Canada, we currently have 50 cities, towns, and regions recognized officially as Intelligent Communities by ICF.

Intelligent Community Forum



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ICF Chairman and Co-Founder
ICF VIP Delegation Leader
Summit Speaker and Moderator

John originated the Intelligent Community concept three decades ago and continues to serve as the Forum's leading visionary. Formerly an urban planner in Toronto and across Canada with international projects in Hong Kong, Europe, Brazil, and Australia. He was also President and CEO of three of the top economic development and FDI attraction agencies in Canada: Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance, Calgary Economic Development Authority, and Canada's Technology Triangle. He is an award-winning registered professional urban planner, urban designer, economic developer, professor, and author. His board experience includes startups, accelerators, non-profits, and established businesses.

John has led international business missions to U.S., European, South American, Asian, Indian, and Australian cities, and speaks frequently at universities and international conferences, including TED Talks, APEC, World Economic Forum, and Horasis Conferences. He has evaluated cities around the world as part of the ICF Awards program and written about cities both from the perspectives of planning and economic development. He has also been a representative of the Government of Canada in promoting inward investment as well as part of the Canadian Solutions Network. John oversees the ICF Nations, is Executive Director of ICF Canada and has been involved in creating ICF Institutes in Taiwan and Canada and serves as an advisor to regional and national leaders on Intelligent Community development. He is also a professor and award-winning author of professional, non-fiction and works of fiction.



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ICF Co-Founder
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Summit Speaker and Moderator

Robert Bell is co-founder of the Intelligent Community Forum, where he heads its research, analysis and content development activities. He develops and leads the Intelligent Community Accelerator and Certification programs, and directs the multi-stage analysis of communities for the annual Intelligent Community Awards program.

Serving as the content lead for ICF's annual Summit in New York City, Robert is the author of ICF's founding study, Benchmarking the Intelligent Community. He has contributed articles to The Municipal Journal of Telecommunications Policy, IEDC Journal, Telecommunications, Asia-Pacific Satellite and Asian Communications; and has appeared in segments of ABC World News and The Discovery Channel. A frequent keynote speaker and moderator at municipal and telecom industry events, he has also led economic development missions and study tours to cities in Asia and the US.



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ICF Executive Director
Program Organizer
Summit Speaker and Moderator

Matt joined ICF in 2012 to manage the Forum's events, video and audio production and online communications. In the years since then, he has steadily advanced in his competencies and responsibilities. Promoted to operations director in 2020, he assumed management of membership and sponsorship fulfillment while contributing to development and execution of ICF programs. As executive director, he now oversees the program, finances and operations of the Forum.

Canadian Representatives



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Peng-Sang Cau (DI SW GS&CS AM PORT SST) is a global executive, serial entrepreneur, and transformation strategist who leads Siemens for Startups & Incubators (Americas) at Siemens Digital Industries Software. A co-founder of Transformix Engineering Inc., she grew the company from a basement startup into a world-class automation innovator, later acquired by ATS Corporation in an eight-figure deal.

Peng sits on the Board of Directors of Reko International Group and serves as Vice-Chair of Kingston Economic Development. A refugee from Cambodia, she has built her career on four core values — Integrity, Innovation, Respect, and Passion (I²RP) — which she believes are the true engines of transformation.

Her story has been featured in national media and recognized with awards, including Top 19 Tech Titans (IBM CASCON), OWIT Toronto's Women Exporter of the Year, and Kingston Business Hall of Fame Inductee.



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ICF Global Summit Participant

Kasia is a young professional with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from McGill University, concentrating in Finance and Operations with a minor in Philosophy. She currently works as a Data Analyst at Group Dynamite, a Montreal-based fashion retailer. In this role, she applies her analytical and strategic skills to guide decision-making of inventory assortments for new store openings. This year, she has helped to open 18 new stores across North America, growing the store's profitability by 58%.

Beyond her professional interests, Kasia is passionate about travel and cultural exploration. Her global experiences began at sixteen, when she joined a three-month academic program across Europe, traveling with her teachers and classmates to study literature and culture through on-site lectures at historically significant locations. During her time at McGill, she completed a semester abroad in Lyon, France, and most recently, she worked a winter season at a ski resort in Northern Japan. These experiences have shaped her curiosity, adaptability, and global perspective. Looking ahead, Kasia aims to combine her entrepreneurial spirit with her love of connection and community. Inspired by her mother's path as a business founder, She is currently developing a concept for a social club designed to bring people together through shared interests and hobbies. She values creativity, connection, and continuous learning; qualities that guide both her professional pursuits and personal adventures.



Donna Gillespie

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Donna Gillespie brings over 20 years of economic development leadership, fostering growth across public, private, and not-for-profit sectors. As the CEO of Kingston Economic Development Corporation, she has been pivotal in positioning Kingston as a hub for investment, innovation, and community advancement.

Under Donna's leadership, Kingston has achieved record-breaking foreign direct investment milestones, welcoming global companies such as Feihe - Canada Royal Milk, one of the largest agricultural investments in Canada at the time, and Portuguese fruit processor Frulact. She has been instrumental in the creation of transformative initiatives like the Kingston-Syracuse Pathway, a cross-border economic corridor, and the Queen's Career Apprenticeship: Kingston program, both of which received gold-rank recognition from the International Economic Development Council. She led the development of Kingston's first Integrated Economic Development Strategy with a cluster-based approach to economic growth and worked with city partners to create a "One-Voice" unified destination brand and new corporate identity.

Donna's contributions have earned her numerous accolades, including being named a Top 50 North American Economic Developer by Consultant Connect in 2024 and receiving the prestigious Joseph A. Montgomery Economic Development Achievement Award, the highest provincial honour in the field, from the Economic Developers Council of Ontario. In 2021, she was recognized as Economic Developer of the Year by the Ontario East Economic Development Commission for her exceptional leadership and support for businesses during the pandemic. Committed to community engagement, Donna serves on several boards and advisory groups.



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Summit Speaker**

Alison Burgess is the Director of Communications and Engagement at the Region of Durham. With a strong background in public relations and community engagement, Alison plays a pivotal role in shaping the region's communication and government relations strategies. She is dedicated to fostering transparent and effective communication between the regional government and its diverse communities. Under her leadership, Durham has been recognized as one of the world's Top7 Intelligent Communities for three consecutive years. Alison's innovative approach and commitment to public service continue to enhance the quality of life for Durham's residents



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Amanda Hobin is a Policy Advisor specializing in community relations and engagement at the Regional Municipality of Durham. She brings over a decade of experience in government and non-profit sectors, with a strong focus on communications, public relations, and data-informed engagement strategies. Amanda is a passionate advocate for inclusion and collaboration, dedicated to building meaningful connections between the Region and the diverse communities it serves. Her expertise lies in crafting strategic campaigns that reflect local voices and drive impactful engagement. Throughout her career, Amanda has led initiatives that resonate across a wide range of audiences, consistently delivering results that strengthen community relationships and support regional priorities.



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VIP Delegation Member
Summit Speaker and Moderator

Rob McCann is the President of the Hamilton Technology Centre (HTC) and the Founder of Clearcable, a broadband consulting firm that works with networks across North America. Rob is a serial entrepreneur that has built his business experience with several start-ups including two successfully bootstrapped companies that were subsequently acquired, the second by Canada's largest cable operator. He continues to support carriers, cable systems, municipalities, and network service providers in Canada and the US while supporting the small businesses that call the HTC their home as an entrepreneur in residence and contributing to local charitable community building initiatives. HTC originally opened its doors in 1993 as the City of Hamilton's small business and technology incubator. The street upon which it was built was subsequently aptly named "Innovation Drive". Over the years, HTC supported and produced local technology success stories. In September 2017, HTC was privatized under Rob's leadership, launched a new brand identity, and emerged as a private innovation hub striving to foster the development of technology companies by providing space and community to new and accelerating companies who choose the Hamilton area.

Rob has been an inaugural board member of The Intelligent Community Forum Canada, participated as a member of the Seneca College and Mohawk College Advisory Committees, served as a Director with the Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers Ontario Chapter, a contributor to the CRTC Interconnection Steering Committee, and a frequent keynote speaker at industry events and trade shows. Rob's active projects include work with ICF recognized Intelligent Communities on broadband strategy providing technical insight to municipal and First Nations broadband networks. He is currently an adjudicator and former juror with the ICF where he helps evaluate communities in their annual search for the global Intelligent Community of the Year, a Board Member for the Healthy Youth Network, a member of the YMCA Hamilton Burlington Brantford "Y Saves Lives" Campaign Cabinet, and he directs the charitable activities of the R. R. McCann & Family Foundation. Rob holds degrees in Mathematics from the University of Waterloo and Economics from McMaster University. Education 1994, University of Waterloo, Bachelor of Mathematics, Honours Business Administration/Information Systems Option, Co-operative Education 1996, McMaster University, Bachelor of Arts, Economic.

USA Representatives



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Doug McCollough works to connect people to opportunities, remove barriers, and promote change in initiatives ranging from Smart and Connected Cities, IT Workforce Development, expanding broadband access, Connected and Autonomous Vehicles, and Smart Mobility. Now serving as the Executive Director of The Beta District in Central Ohio, which organizes innovation, development, and investment in Smart Mobility industry sectors, he speaks as a Subject Matter Expert and advocate on using technology for community development. Doug is the Executive Director of the ICF Institute in Dublin, Ohio USA

Prior to his current work, Doug held positions within the State of Ohio Departments of Public Safety, Commerce, Industrial Commission, and Medicaid. He served as the Director of Information Technology for the City of Richmond, Virginia, and as CIO for the City of Dublin, Ohio. He is on the boards of Per Scholas Columbus, and Jewish Family Services of Columbus, and is a Trustee for the Central Ohio Transit Authority.

Doug earned a bachelors degree from the University of Toledo in Information Systems and Operations Management and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Notre Dame.



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Bob is a social entrepreneur and community leader focused on rural economic development, sustainable agriculture, and regional food systems. As CEO of Applied Intelligence Coaching and Managing Partner of a family health products business (founded 1970), he combines consulting expertise with hands-on community leadership.

Regional Food Systems Work: Bob conceived and coordinated the ten-county Southeast Iowa Food Web initiative and co-authored the Food and Farm Business Chapter for Iowa Food System Coalition's "Setting the Table for All Iowans" plan. His work demonstrates effective multi-county collaboration and policy development for food security and agricultural sustainability.

Community Innovation: Bob coordinates Traction Thursdays, supporting Fairfield entrepreneurs, and has led Fairfield's participation in the Intelligent Community Forum competition since 2023.

Bob's experience spans grassroots organizing, regional coordination, and sustainable development, offering valuable insights on community-driven development strategies and rural innovation.



Margaret M. Dwyer

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Margaret earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts/Speech and Communication from Pennsylvania State University and a master's degree in education with a specialization in Peripatology (travel skills for the visually impaired) from Boston College. Her early work life focused on the habilitation and rehabilitation of the visually impaired. Later, a move to rural Iowa prompted the need for a new direction; she obtained the Series 7 and Series 24 Securities licenses and embarked on a 19-year management career at Cambridge Investment Research, Inc. While in that role, she also served for 10 years on the local school board and served on other local boards and commissions as well.

Since retiring from paid employment, Margaret has embraced several voluntary public service opportunities. She has been a solid advocate for environmental and resilience issues through her participation in the Southeast Iowa Sierra Club Group (2017-present) and a founding member of the Jefferson County Mental Health Alliance (2022-present). She has served on the leadership team for the Resilient Fairfield Initiative (2021 – present) and currently acts as the board secretary for its successor organization, the newly forming Fairfield Resilient Action Network (FRAN).



Seth Miller

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Seth Miller has been with Cambridge since 2008 and today serves as president of the firm's Advocacy and Administration division. He is part of Cambridge's Office of the CEO and is a member of the firm's Board of Directors and Executive Council. Miller leads the firm's efforts in creating an environment to help Cambridge associates and financial professionals succeed by managing internal policies and controls while influencing and navigating industry rules and laws that impact the firm's business.

Miller has oversight of the Corporate Legal, Supervision, Human Resources, and Compliance teams for Cambridge. He previously served as executive vice president, general counsel, and chief risk officer, where his primary focus was on risk management in an increasingly regulated environment. Miller has worked closely with the Financial Services Institute (FSI) as well as legislators to address key topics impacting independent financial services firms and financial professionals.

In 2018, Miller was recognized as a 40 Under 40 honoree by InvestmentNews magazine. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in finance and management from Iowa State University and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Iowa College of Law. Miller's legal specialization includes securities and investment advisory business, corporate governance, and litigation. He holds the FINRA Series 7, 24, and 66 licenses and is licensed to practice law before the Iowa and Missouri state bars.



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Twelve years of experience delivering tangible results for organizations through program development and operations management. Innovative executive coach with a strong background in higher education and expertise in developing and maintaining diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. Skilled communicator and collaborator, bringing a global perspective through international experience with interpersonal and cultural dexterity in both corporate, educational, and non-profit organizations. Leverages a potent blend of cultural awareness with strong business acumen to faithfully execute on strategy, achieving or exceeding planned P&L objectives. Adept problem solver passionate about embracing challenges and working closely with stakeholders to design elegant solutions. Passionate about nurturing a culture of excellence.

Operations | Coaching | Mentorship | Project Management | Corporate Strategy | Continual Process Improvement | Curriculum Development | Compliance | Professional Development | Presenter & Educator | Team & Stakeholder Management | Relationship Management | Diversity Equity and Inclusion

Additional experience in film, real estate, sales/marketing, startups, and small businesses:

- tech/business intelligence [Davis & Associates LLC & Futuremodel]
- finance/retail investing [Deep Mindfulness LLC & Pocket Lime]
- cafe/venue/bookstore [Jefferson People's House LLP]
- business consulting [Abundance Group LLC]
- real estate investor & property manager
- executive producer & producer [Happy Baby Productions LLC & Buay film]
- sales rep & recruiter [Grit Marketing]



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David Meadows has served the City of Hilliard, Ohio, as Economic Development Director since 2017. In this role, he leads the city in attracting developers, negotiating financial incentives, ensuring compliance, preparing sites, and creating grant programs to guarantee existing businesses continue to thrive in Hilliard.

Meadows secured \$2.9 million in funding to construct HiFiO- a carrier-neutral, 30-mile City-owned fiber optic network. HiFiO expands broadband service provider options for businesses, schools, and residential customers.

Meadows also has been instrumental in creating a partnership with Hilliard-based Converge Technologies to develop Hilliard City Lab. This public-private partnership allows the City to support the development and growth of entrepreneurial high-tech and advanced manufacturing companies. In addition to HiFiO access, Hilliard City Lab provides resources such as real-time data analytics, innovation grants and wrap around business support services. He earned a bachelor's degree in history and a master's in public administration from The Ohio State University John Glenn College of Public Affairs. Meadows is also a U.S. Army Veteran, deploying to Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005 with the 983rd Engineer Battalion.



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Nancy Richison is an award-winning journalist and author of Dublin, Ohio, part of Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series.

She owns her own communications consulting company, providing counsel to public and private organizations on executive-level messaging and strategy, as well as marketing, speechwriting, editing and storytelling.

Richison assisted five communities in submitting successful applications as part of the Intelligent Community Forum awards program, which recognizes cities achieving technology-driven success, and has served as a juror for the ICF.

She has authored articles for a variety of print and web publications, as well as edited numerous periodicals. Specializing in government relations and international initiatives, including overseeing Friendship City agreements, she has traveled extensively to facilitate global relationships.

An avid community volunteer, Richison enjoys traveling and is currently writing a historical fiction novel.

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Born in Bursa in 1962, Mustafa Bozbey graduated from Anadolu University, Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, Department of Civil Engineering, in 1984. He completed his master's degree at the same university, specializing in civil engineering. Bozbey began his professional career in 1986 and, in 1989, founded Bozbey Construction Industry and Trade Co. Ltd., under which he carried out numerous large-scale housing projects. In 1999, he was elected Mayor of Nilüfer, Bursa, initiating a period known as “Bozbey Municipalism,” based on the principles of participatory, innovative, and sustainable urban governance.

Re-elected in 2004, 2009, and 2014, he became the first mayor in Bursa's history to serve four consecutive terms. During his tenure, he transformed Nilüfer into a city recognized nationally and internationally for good governance and quality of life, ranking high on human development indexes. In the 2024 local elections, Mustafa Bozbey was elected Mayor of Bursa Metropolitan Municipality and, on May 8, 2024, also assumed the position of the 17th President of the Union of Marmara Municipalities. Throughout his career, Bozbey has acted on the belief that cities should be governed under the guidance of science, with a human-centered, participatory, and sustainable approach. He continues to work toward making Bursa a smart, inclusive, and sustainable metropolis. Mustafa Bozbey is married, has one child, and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Seden BOZBEY, Wife of the Mayor of Bursa Metropolitan Municipality, will be participating in the ICF Summit and as part of the ICF VIP Delegation.



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Born in 1971 in Duisburg, Germany, Hakan Arik completed his primary education in Duisburg. After completing his studies in Germany, he returned to Turkey and graduated from Sakarya University with degrees in Mechatronics and Public Administration.

Following his graduation, Arik began his professional career in the private sector as a software engineer, gaining experience in software development, automation systems, and digital infrastructure projects. His expertise in information technologies and innovative municipal systems soon led him to take on key roles in the public sector.

For nearly 25 years, Arik served as the Head of Information Technology Department at Nilüfer Municipality, where he played a pivotal role in leading the municipality's digital transformation. During his tenure, he spearheaded projects that enhanced the city's IT infrastructure, expanded e-municipality services, and implemented smart city solutions that improved service delivery and citizen engagement. Since 2024, he has been serving as the Head of Information Technology Department at Bursa Metropolitan Municipality, overseeing digital transformation strategies, smart city initiatives, and data-driven governance practices.

Throughout his career, Arik has been actively involved in various civil society organizations and professional associations, contributing to initiatives focused on innovation, sustainable digital transformation, and public IT management. He is recognized for combining technology with transparency, efficiency, and citizen-centered service in public administration.

Bursa Metropolitan Municipality Delegates

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Jamie has a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering, and is a specialist in Digital Transformation Processes, Innovative Technologies and Smart Cities, with 13 years of experience in the private sector and 6 in the public sector. He has led international engineering projects in Asia-Pacific, the Middle East, Latin America and Europe. Passionate about innovation applied to the efficient and sustainable management of cities.

Currently, he is the Councilor for Environmental, Urban Services, Smart City & Transport policies, as well as member of the Committee of the Regions' European Network of Regional and Local Councilors.



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Alejandro Saldaña is Advisor of Las Rozas de Madrid Mayor.

With more than 25 years of experience in the private sector as Building Engineer, he has worked in relevant international projects of energy, construction and other sectors. Graduated as Technical Architect and Master of Project Management (MPM), now he collaborates in internationalization of Las Rozas as smart city and promoting the attraction of talent and investments.



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David began his political career in the Madrid City Council as a technical advisor to the Latina District Council. From 2005 to 2015, he worked in the Directorate General for Cooperation and Local Administration of the Community of Madrid.

He was the Councillor for Citizen Security, Civil Protection-SAMER, Transportation, and the North District in the Las Rozas de Madrid City Council, from 2015 to 2019. He was also Councillor for Health, Consumer Affairs, SAMER-Civil Protection, the North District, and Occupational Risk Prevention from 2019 to 2023. Currently, since 2023, he has been the Councillor for Security and Emergencies.



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Maurice has a background in law (Maastricht University) and a proven track record across academia, innovation ecosystems, and societal organizations. He is experienced in shaping and managing complex international initiatives that drive innovation, collaboration, funding, and impact. Passionate about positioning and developing people, brands, and communities, he has a strong ability to connect diverse stakeholders and translate vision into execution.

Since 2014, he was deeply involved with Brightlands, first leading community and ecosystem development and later driving the strategic positioning of Brightlands as the region's innovation brand. Currently, he spearheads the positioning and stakeholder engagement strategy for Europe's pioneering co-creation center for circular plastics, Brightlands Circular Space.



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Summit Speaker

Peter Portheine is a Partner and Co-Founder of EIPO, providing socio-economic advisory throughout Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, and Bangladesh. He is a member of the Brainport Smart District, Smart City Strategies, and Innovation Eco-systems. EIPO specialties include Smart Cities, Innovation eco-systems, Business Incubation, and economic transformation. EIPO was instrumental in the 2016 Navigator Strategy that Binh Duong, Vietnam, implemented, turning around their former agrarian and traditional manufacturing focus into an exciting emerging, advanced manufacturing and innovation-centric hub, winning the 2023 Intelligent Community of the Year.



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Summit Speaker and Moderator

Joost Helms is always looking for opportunities to make ecosystems work in an innovative way, to solve societal challenges, and deliver social as well as economic value. He understands the differences in motives, interests, and processes of the different partners involved with the triple helix collaboration of governments, knowledge institutions, and the private sector. As the Co-founder and Director of the Eindhoven International Project Office (EIPO), Joost is tasked with guiding and supporting cities and regions around the world in their journey towards a sustainable and resilient future. He does so by creating strategies for innovation, smart city planning, and economic development using an inclusive and ecosystem-centred approach. EIPO engages with multi-helix partners to deliver tangible strategies and plans that provide significant social and economic impact. Joost chairs the Eindhoven Academy's institute for education and training, where he focuses on the successful collaboration of the Brainport Eindhoven ecosystem. He is also an entrepreneur and has spent a decade involved in politics, serving as Vice Mayor for the City of Eindhoven when it was awarded Intelligent Community of the Year in 2011 by the Intelligent Community Forum (ICF).



Tamlyn Shimizu

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Summit Speaker and Moderator

Tamlyn Shimizu is a communications specialist. Of this, she says: “I’m like a matchmaker, but for ideas and partners. I love connecting people and places with the right resources and networks to ignite progress in urban and regional innovation.” With many strings to her bow, Tamlyn is also a gifted master of ceremonies, facilitator, and podcast host who sparks meaningful conversations and amplifies diverse voices in the smart cities space. These are platforms she uses to bring unique stories to the forefront of the urban frontier. As a passionate explorer, Tamlyn is always seeking out new frontiers and collaborations that align with BABLE’s values and goals. Whether it’s forging partnerships with local governments to create smart city strategies, empowering businesses to scale their solutions, or amplifying the impact of network organisations, she is on a mission to push the boundaries of innovation and sustainability in urban environments.

Brazilian Representatives



Mayor Michel Angelo Bomtempo

City of Assai,
Parana, Brazil

Top 7 City Representative
ICF VIP Delegation Member
Summit Speaker

Businessman in the metalworking industry, Mayor Bomtempo was elected mayor four times in the city of Assaí, Paraná, Brazil (2005/2008, 2009/2012, 2021/2024, and 2025/2028). In his third term (2021-2024), Mayor Bomtempo intensified his efforts in innovation and education, creating the Secretariat of Science, Technology, and Innovation and the Vale do Sol Ecosystem. In three years, Assaí became a global leader, winning 31 awards (27 national and 4 international); it was named the city with the best education in Brazil; and for two consecutive years, it was named one of the 7 smartest communities in the world by the ICF Program.

Mayor Bomtempo received two commendations: one from the State Government of Paraná, placing it as an ambassador of innovation; and another from Johns Hopkins University, as one of the world's leading education leaders. In addition to these awards, Mayor Michel Bomtempo placed Assaí on three major international boards: membership in the Johns Hopkins University Public Innovation Center; membership in the UN Cities Coalition for Digital Rights; and membership in Urban95.

Mayor Bomtempo has proven that small cities can be smart, too. Currently, it represents Latin America in the ICF Program, seeking the desired title as the most Intelligent Community in the world (Top 1). Mayor Bomtempo is considered one of the great political organizers in Brazil, being a mayor of high importance for the State of Paraná



Neusa Bomtempo

First Lady
City of Assai, Parana, Brazil

Top 7 City Representative
ICF VIP Delegation Member

Neusa Bomtempo, wife of the Mayor of Assai and First Lady of the city, will also be participating in the ICF Summit and as part of the ICF VIP Delegation.



Igor Oliveira

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A professional with over 20 years of experience in city governance, specializing in innovation, digital transformation, and metagovernance. Holds a PhD in Production Engineering. Currently, he is the Secretary of Science, Technology, and Innovation for the municipality of Assaí/PR, one of the 7 smartest communities in the world and winner of the Sebrae National Entrepreneurial City Hall Award. He has served as secretary in four other Brazilian cities.

He is the President of the Innovation and Digital Transformation Ecosystem of Vale do Sol; Vice-President of Smart Solutions for the National Inova Cidades Forum, linked to the National Front of Mayors; a member of the governance of Cities of Services at Johns Hopkins University; a member of the governance of the Cities Coalition for Digital Rights; and member of Urban95 Program



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Former City Secretary of Economic Development, Innovation and Artificial Intelligence,
Curitiba, Brazil.
Former Director of the Public Management School of Curitiba City Hall;
Former President of the Curitiba Convention & Visitors Bureau;
Entrepreneur, speaker, and book author about the Future of Work and Employability.

Taiwan Delegates



Ming-Yueh Lee

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Summit Participant and Speaker

Ming-Yueh Lee, Director of the Department of Planning, is a seasoned expert in public administration and smart city development. With a strong focus on integrating technology into local industries such as agriculture, fishery, and livestock farming, Director Lee is driving Yunlin County toward a future of sustainability and innovation. His expertise lies in using smart technologies and promoting a net-zero emission approach to enhance both urban and rural development, ensuring that Yunlin's businesses and communities can thrive in harmony with the environment.

Director Lee graduated from National Taiwan University with a degree in National Development Studies and has held several prominent positions including Deputy Magistrate of Chiayi County and Director of Yunlin's Department of Cultural Affairs. He was recognized as one of the "100 MVP Managers" in 2021 by Manager Today Magazine for his contributions to service innovation. Under Director Lee's leadership, the Department of Planning has become known as the "think tank" of Yunlin County Government. The department plays a key role in integrating strategies across various sectors, while also driving innovative services, technological branding, and cross-disciplinary collaboration.



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Yueh-Lin Lin (Smurf Lin) serves as the implementation lead for the Yunlin County Government's Smart City program. He holds a B.S. in Computer Science and an M.S. in Accounting & Information Technology.

Although a public servant, his strengths lie in requirements analysis, software development, and systems integration. He combines financial analysis with information technology, applying a cross-disciplinary lens to solve complex problems. His work spans software/systems, consulting/mentoring, PPP/investment promotion, and—most recently—branding. His core expertise is translating technology, financial structuring, and existing governance rules into actionable solutions, which is also the focus of a current Smart Pole PPP project he is managing.



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Jimmy currently serves as a bridge between ICF, BABLE, and the Government, accountable for Yunlin County's international relationship development and smart city-related activities.

Experienced in coordinating cross-national/sector teams and making critical decisions that achieve the most mutual benefits of customers and our team, and ensuring satisfaction for all participating parties for a long-term partnership. Inspired by Satya Nadella, using empathy to lead innovation, creating products or services that are accessible and empowering.



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Kai-Ching Li holds a Master's degree in Visual Communication Design and currently serves at the Institute for Information Industry while pursuing a Ph.D. in Emerging Industry Strategy and Development, specializing in Tourism Innovation. Her expertise encompasses digital transformation strategy planning, local revitalization consulting, and creative tourism development.

With cross-disciplinary practical experience spanning brand design, digital transformation, and local revitalization, she excels in proposal planning, cross-departmental resource integration, and transforming innovative concepts into executable solutions. Currently, she assists the Yunlin County Government in advancing international relations, smart city initiatives, and local revitalization projects, providing comprehensive professional services in strategic planning, visual design, and video documentation through design thinking and innovative strategies.



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Wendy holds a degree in Business Administration with a background in cross-cultural communication, specializing in operations and project management. With cross-disciplinary experience across nonprofit organizations, health-tech startups, and international education, she has participated in project planning and execution, gaining expertise in cross-functional collaboration and resource integration. Her experience across diverse projects enables her to understand complex systems and teamwork from multiple perspectives, supporting teams in advancing strategies and achieving project objectives.



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Summit Participant and Speaker

Maggie Chao is the Deputy Division Director at the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) in Taiwan. Ms. Chao has 20+ years of experience in the ICT industry, where she is in charge of international partner engagement and cooperation projects relevant to Smart City and 5G. She is also the main representative to liaise between Taiwan's industry and global partners to promote cooperation.



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Tiffany is Deputy Manager at the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI), the largest R&D institute in Taiwan. She is an advocate for Taiwan's smart city development and builds partner relations through international outreach to boost the global visibility of Taiwan's success stories. Since 2017, she has been actively involved in ICF Taiwan (supported by the Administration for Digital Industries, Ministry of Digital Affairs, Taiwan), where she curates content for webinars and hosts conferences and delegation visits to share Taiwan's smart city journey with global communities.



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Chang, Yang-Cheng is a Deputy Technical Manager at ITRI, currently leading the development of millimeter-wave (mmWave) applications with a focus on robotic systems.

His work spans across integrating sovereign AI technologies and building digital twin platforms that enable advanced, real-time interaction and data processing. His current efforts aim to bridge physical systems and intelligent platforms to accelerate innovation in automation and smart manufacturing.



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Summit Participant

Presently engaged in analyzing urban analytics, city dynamics, and pertinent statistics to inform strategic decisions within the commercial and residential real estate sectors. His primary focus lies in identifying and spearheading high-profile projects in construction, with a distinct emphasis on promoting sustainable and smart city development and innovation. Leveraging his prior roles in the airline industry, where he specialized in baggage delivery and operational management within the hospitality sector, he was involved in commercial airline operations. His expertise spans strategic planning and execution, operations and financial management, urban renewal, sustainable development, legal documentation, translations, contract negotiations, hospitality, real estate, investments scheduling, consulting, content management, proposal writing, logistics, pricing, quality control, customer experience, regulatory compliance, safety standards, security, and public relations.

Fluent in English, Mandarin Chinese, and Spanish, I am also recognized for my proficiency in voice-over work and acting.



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Michael is the Ontario Director of ICF Canada. Michael is a registered Real Estate Broker in Toronto. Michael has a joint graduate degree (Honors) in Environmental Studies from York University (Toronto) and in International Development from Humber College (Toronto).

Michael is an avid tennis player and global traveler. He has extensively traveled to Australia, China, Brazil, the Middle East, and across Europe and North America. Michael produces the monthly ICF Canada Newsletter and the ICF Canada Website: <https://icf-canada.com/>. He has also been a photographer of several past ICF Summits, presented at the 2020 Top7 Conference in Taipei, and helped to coordinate four economic development delegations to Taiwan in 2018, 2020, 2024, and 2025. He will be the main coordinator for the ICF Canada Delegation in Taiwan from March 2025.