



# Curaçao International Investment Summit

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CIIS 2025:

# Positioning Curaçao at the Center of Global Trade & Investment



The first edition of the Curaçao International Investment Summit (CIIS 2025) took place from 2–5 December 2025 in Willemstad, Curaçao. Organized under the patronage of the Ministry of Economic Development of Curaçao, hosted by the Curaçao Investment & Export Promotion Agency (CINEX), and in partnership with the Dutch Caribbean Securities Exchange (DCSX), the summit convened international investors, business leaders, and policymakers to explore global trade and investment opportunities in Curaçao, the Dutch Caribbean, and beyond. The program addressed priority themes including international cooperation, finance and capital markets, digital transformation, trade and logistics, tourism, new energies and creative industries, with a dedicated Invest in Willemstad Day focused on ESG-driven city development and project matchmaking. Held under the theme “Curaçao: Your Hub for Global Trade & Investment,” CIIS 2025 served as a high-level platform for dialogue, partnership building, and long-term economic positioning.

## Opening Day: International Cooperation for Economic Growth

The inaugural edition of CIIS opened with a high-level discussion on the importance of international cooperation as a driver of economic growth, trade, and investment, bringing together senior diplomatic representatives from the United States, Colombia, Haiti, and China. Through their perspectives, the discussion illustrated how strengthened bilateral and multilateral relationships can support foreign direct investment, enhance trade flows, and foster economic resilience across Curaçao and the wider Dutch Caribbean. The panel reinforced Curaçao’s strategic role as a neutral and well-connected platform for global engagement, emphasizing collaboration, policy alignment, and innovation as key enablers of sustainable development.





# CIIS 2025 in Numbers

**220** Delegates

**87** Speakers

**20** Exhibiting Companies

**18** Panel Discussions

**4** Consul General/  
Dignitaries

**13** Countries Represented

# Conference Highlights

Spanning three and a half days of high-level dialogue and engagement, CIIS 2025 delivered a comprehensive program designed to position Curaçao as a strategic platform for global trade, investment, and regional collaboration. The summit combined strategic conference sessions, sector-focused discussions, exhibition and networking opportunities offering delegates direct access to market intelligence, investment opportunities, and decision-makers from across the public and private sectors. With a strong focus on capital markets, financial and technology services, international cooperation, sustainable industries, and tourism and urban development, the program reinforced Curaçao's role as a gateway between Europe, the Caribbean, and the Americas, while supporting the country's broader vision for innovation-led and diversified economic growth.

## Conference Themes

**Finance and  
Capital Markets**



**Industrial Land  
Transformation**



**Digital  
Transformation**



**New Energies**



**Trade and  
Distribution**



**Creative  
Industries**



**Tourism**



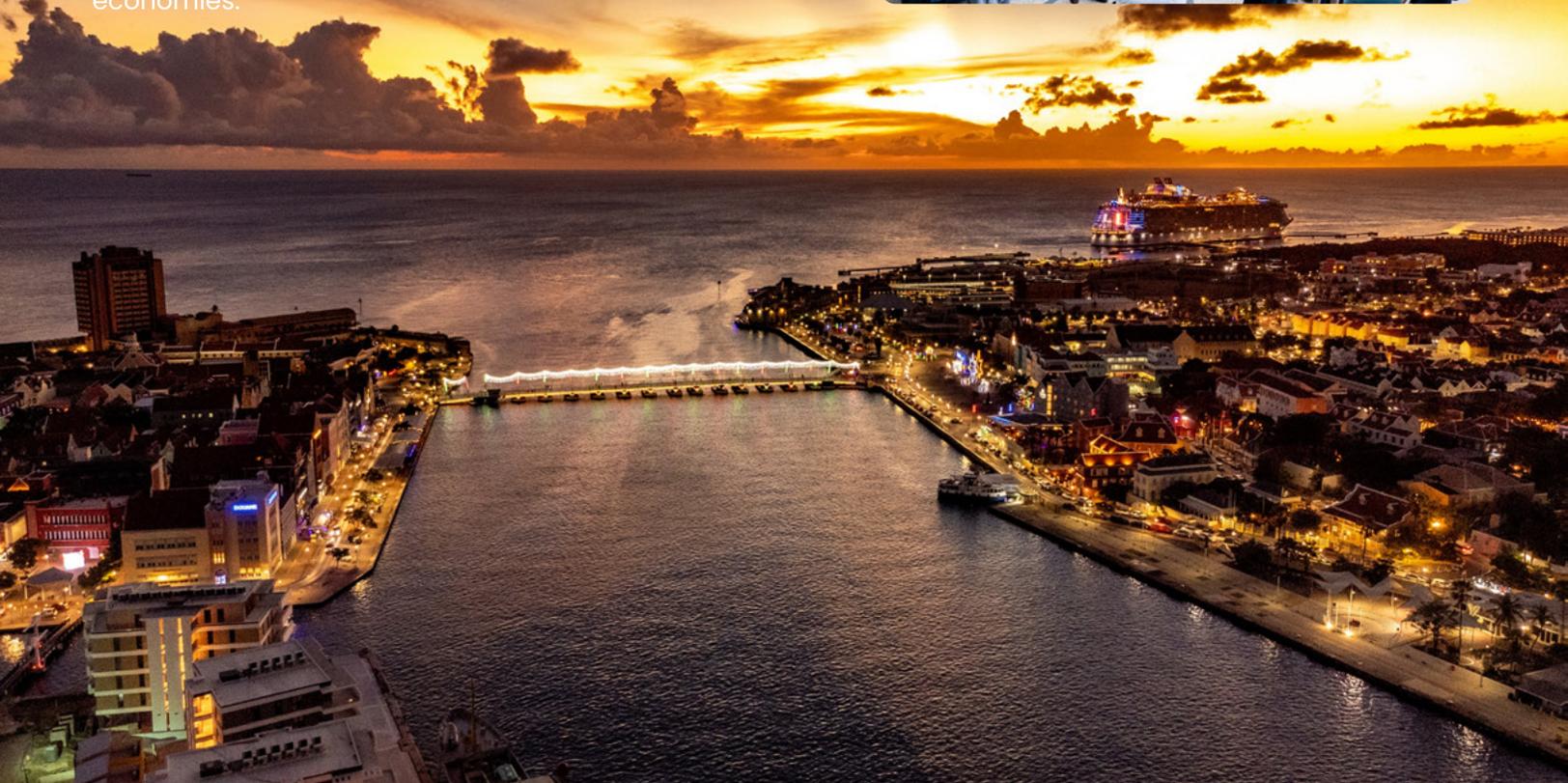
# Invest in Willemstad



The final day of CIIS 2025 was dedicated to Invest in Willemstad, a focused program designed to position Curaçao's UNESCO World Heritage capital as a living laboratory for ESG-aligned urban investment and sustainable economic development. The day addressed key themes including ESG-driven city development, port and maritime innovation, heritage-led regeneration, health and wellness tourism, smart and digital city solutions, retail and nightlife economies, and project-based investment opportunities. Central to the program was the presentation of Willemstad's 2035 Vision and the official launch of the Invest in Willemstad Facilitation Office, reinforcing the transition from vision to execution.

Through policy dialogue, sector panels, and curated investment pitches, the programme demonstrated how heritage, innovation, and commerce can be activated as living assets, while providing investors with a clear framework, governance structure, and pipeline to support long-term, inclusive, and measurable urban growth.

The Invest in Willemstad programme established a permanent framework to ensure that future investment in the city delivers measurable economic, social, and environmental impact while positioning Willemstad as a model for sustainable urban development in small island economies.



# CIIS 2025: Distinguished Speakers



**Zhang Kaibin**

Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Willemstad



**Ramón "Chico" Negrón**

Consul General and Chief of Mission  
U.S. Consulate General in Curaçao



**Pablo Antonio  
Rebolledo Schloss**

Consul General of Colombia in Curaçao



**Carl Saint Remy**

Consul General of the Republic of Haiti in Curaçao



**Erik Baas**

Managing Director  
Curaçao Growth Fund



**Raoul Behr**

Chairman  
Curaçao Chamber of  
Commerce & Industry



**Curt Belfor**

CEO  
Regulatory Authority of Curaçao  
(RAC)



**Geraume Bor**

Chairman  
Curaçao Fintech Association  
Chief Technology Officer  
Ictual



**Anuschka M. Cova**

Chief Executive Officer  
Curaçao Hospitality and Tourism  
Association (CHATA)



**Fabien Cousteau**

Founder  
Proteus Ocean Group  
(virtual participation)



**Cristina de Freitas Brás**

Tax Director  
BDO Curaçao  
President  
CFC & CIFA



**Agustín Díaz Jr.**

Managing Director  
CDM Holding



**Dirk-Jan de Graaff**

Chief Executive Officer  
Dutch Caribbean Securities  
Exchange (DCSX)



**Eric Guichard**

Board Member & Investor  
Caribbean Sustainable  
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**Thomas Domhoff**

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VBC  
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**Sepp Koster**

CEO  
Blue Bay Curaçao

# CIIS 2025: Distinguished Speakers



**Frank Lammers**  
Founding Partner & Managing Director  
PYGG



**David B. Levy Maduro**  
Co-owner and Managing Director  
CX Pay B.V.



**Rudsel J. Lucas**  
Founder and CEO  
Sadekya Fiduciary Partners B.V.



**Focco Lunsingh Scheurleer**  
Partner  
VANEPS



**Caroline Manuel**  
Director of the Infrastructure  
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Ministry of Traffic, Transport and  
Urban Planning of Curaçao



**Miles Mercera**  
CEO  
CINEX



**Eric Panneflek**  
Chairman  
PGM Capital



**Harvey Penniston**  
Chief Commercial Officer (CCO)  
Dynaf



**Cees Quirijns**  
CEO & Founder  
Bitkaya



**Sander Rijsdijk**  
Chief Development Officer  
2Bays Curaçao



**Dr. Guido Rojer, Jr.**  
Scholar and Advisor  
Ministry of Economic  
Development of Curaçao



**Derk Scheltema**  
CEO  
Amicorp Management Services



**Vanessa Toré**  
Director of Foreign Economic Cooperation  
Ministry of Economic  
Development of Curaçao



**Hans van Aalst**  
Quartermaster Willemstad



**Rob van den Bergh**  
Founding Father of Invest in Willemstad



**Marius van Noort**  
Managing Director  
Maduro Holding



**Dr. Stella van Rijn**  
Rector Magnificus  
University of Curaçao  
Dr. Moises da Costa Gomez (UoC)



**Dr. Manfred van Veghel**  
Director  
Caribbean Research and  
Management of Biodiversity  
(CARMABI) Foundation



**Vergilly Winklaar**  
Director  
Fundashon Desaroyo  
Deportivo Kòrsou (FDDK)



**Danilo Zabala**  
Chief Operating Officer  
Blue NAP Americas

# Exhibition

The exhibition brought together **20 companies** showcasing innovative technologies, financial solutions, projects and professional services, with great exposure and the opportunity to engage and connect directly with delegates, generating new business leads and partnerships across borders.

## CIIS 2025 Exhibitors



2BAYS Curaçao



Amicorp Management Services



Assuria



Bancaribe



Bitkaya B.V.



Blue Bay Curaçao Golf & Beach Resort



Christel Group of Companies N.V.



CINEX



Copa Airlines



Curaçao Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KvK Curaçao)



Curinde N.V.



DCSX



Food Security Capital



Jani Detachering N.V.



Janssen de Jong Caribbean



Ministry of Economic Development



PYGG B.V.



Sadekya Fiduciary Partners



THE PYRMONT by Marriott



Vereniging Bedrijfsleven Curaçao (VBC)

# CIIS 2025 Stats & Demographics

## Participating Governments



China



Colombia

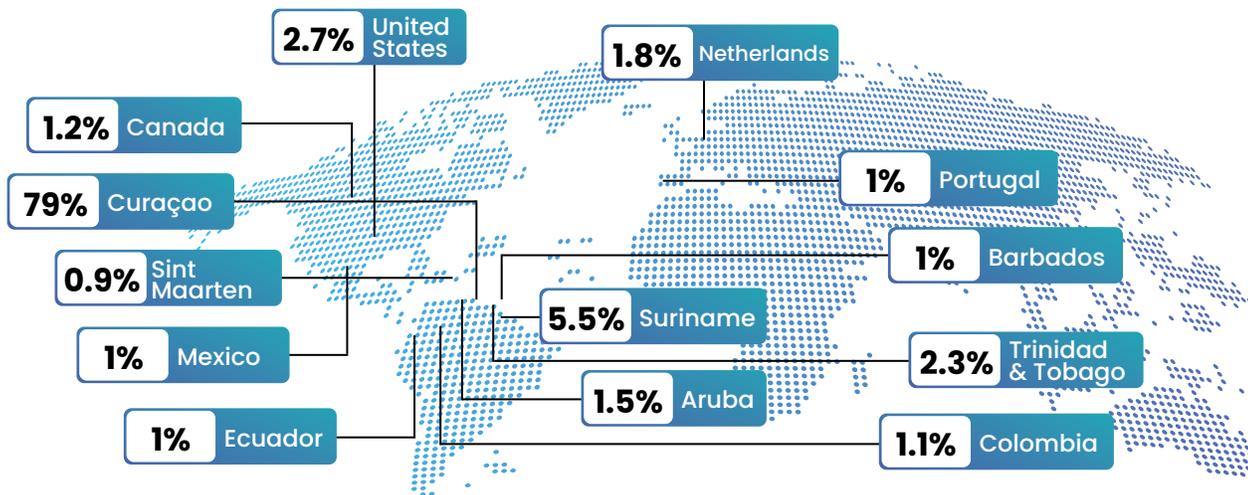


Haiti



United States

## Geographical Breakdown of Delegates



## Delegate Attendance by Industry

Finance / Investor	21.1%	Automotive, Aviation and Industrial Services	3.2%
Govt or Public Sector	20.2%	Infrastructure Developer	2.3%
Professional Services	18.8%	Blue Economy & Industries	1.8%
Rea Estate, Tourism & Hospitality	7.8%	Press & Media	1.8%
NGO or Association	6.4%	Service Company	1.8%
Education	3.7%	Supply Chain	1.4%
Technology Provider	3.7%	Utility, IPP or Developer	1.4%
Trade & Logistics	3.7%		

## Delegate Attendance by Job Title



# The Industry Viewpoint

Feedback from CIIS 2025 participants reaffirmed the event's impact in advancing regional collaboration and unlocking new business opportunities on the island.

Fostered partnership that might lead to future projects or developments

100%

Said they would return for a second edition in 2026

100%

Strongly agreed the sessions delivered the expected information and knowledge effectively

92%

Accomplish all or most of their goals attending CIIS 2025

86%

## Reasons for attending CIIS 2025

Help promote my own personal or my organization work/services

25%

Expand my personal network and make key relationships

20.8%

Networking and business development

16.7%

Get a deeper understanding of the emerging business opportunities in Curaçao and the Caribbean

12.5%

Meet a key partner (individual or organisation) to further a project or other business

12.5%

Identify new project and investment opportunities

12.5%

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