

The best of Berlin

Our Global Summit was two years into its stride when we launched our first issue and has become the world's leading infrastructure conference. We chart its expansion from April 2009, when around 200 delegates attended, to 2019, when the figure exceeded 2,400.

2009

202 delegates

The global financial crisis had led to challenging circumstances for the industry, with scarcity of debt, longer fundraising cycles and hollow promises of government stimuli for infrastructure.

2011

240 delegates

The focus moved away from the great recession. Macroeconomic indicators took centre stage, focused on rising public debt levels might lead to outsourcing and new opportunities.

2013

525 delegates

More than 500 delegates travelled to Berlin. Germany's former vice-chancellor and foreign minister Joschka Fischer criticised "opportunistic" politicians. Speakers emphasised the finely balanced relationship between the public and private sectors and called for better engagement.

2015

710 delegates

Added Debt and Project Finance forums. The deputy chairman of the London Pension Funds Authority spoke of UK's pensions' growing investment power due to collaborative "super pools" that provided them with economies of scale.

2017

1,619 delegates

Added Emerging Markets Forum. The focus remained on the future as delegate numbers nearly doubled. 52% of attendees predicted that specialised strategies would take off, when polled on how infrastructure will change by 2020.

2019

2,414 delegates

Launched ESG and Digital Infrastructure forums. Are investors missing out on the promise of emerging markets? That was the message from Jim Yong Kim, vice president of Global Infrastructure Partners. The rallying cry at the ESG forum was the need for better metric, while the digital forum examined whether data centres could legitimately be considered infrastructure.

2010

205 delegates

Key takeaways centred on the sector's expansion, above and beyond the creation of jobs, the need for both regulation and transparency, and debates about the viability of the private equity business model.

2012

294 delegates

Launched Renewable Energy Forum. The form had a renewed political focus, with infrastructure identified as a "highly politicised asset class".

2014

608 delegates

Professor Jeffrey Sachs argued that a process of "deep carbonisation" was required immediately, and if investors weren't financing renewables then they shouldn't be financing energy at all.

2016

895 delegates

Keynote speaker Lord Evans of the UK's Security Service spoke of the world's ageing infrastructure and the investment required to protect assets.

2018

1,906 delegates

Launched Global Projects Forum. The public/private divide recurred as a key theme, as well as political risk, rising interest rates and "semantic slowdown".

2020

12-15 October 2020 | Hilton Hotel, Berlin

2,500+ delegates

600+ institutional and private investors

\$1trn+ capital in the room

55+ countries represented

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