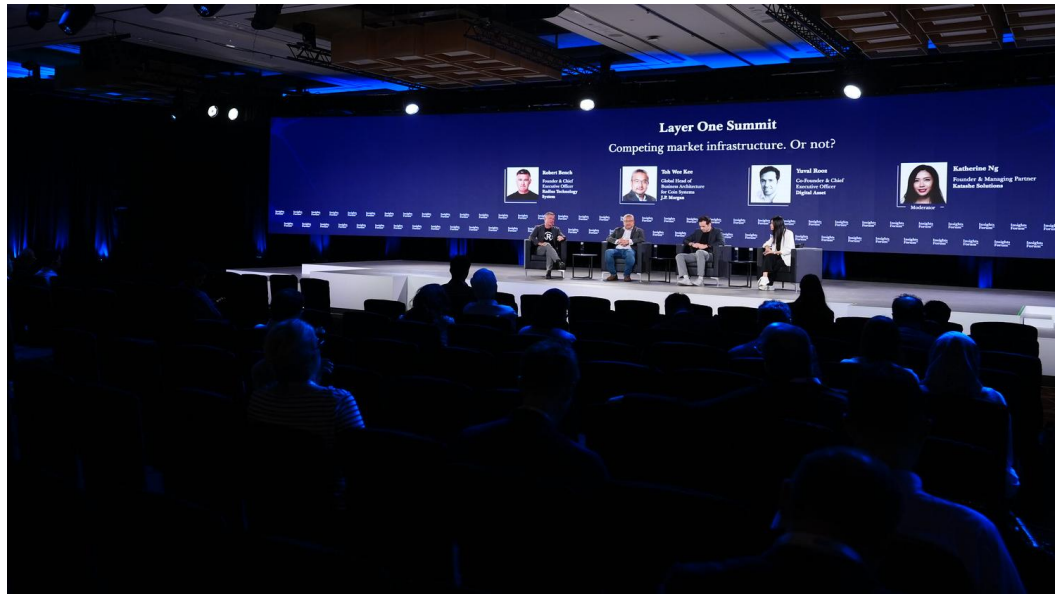


# Insights Series Formats 2025

Foundational  
Digital  
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## About GFTN

The Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN) was established by the Monetary Authority of Singapore in 2024 to harness technology and foster innovation through global partnerships for more efficient, resilient, and inclusive financial ecosystems.

GFTN Forums are a globally distributed, partnership-driven network of FinTech forums designed to facilitate greater cross-sectoral and cross-border exchange of insights and collaboration for more robust financial systems and more inclusive financial services.

GFTN Advisory provides practitioner-led capacity building services to authorities in developing countries to develop digital infrastructures, formulate policies to harness technology in financial services, and create robust innovation ecosystems. It also offers private entities market insights to support programmes which drive positive social impact through innovation.

GFTN Platforms support a suite of digital platform services to help small enterprises and start-ups innovate and thrive.

## About the Insights Series

The Insights Series of outcomes-oriented public-private dialogues is a hallmark of GFTN Forums.

### Empathise

Hyper interactive **futuring** workshops bring changemakers from finance and technology together to create a shared vision. This complements year-round expert-led networking **luncheons**

### Define & Ideate

Collaboratively defining the problem statements towards creating a more efficient, resilient, and inclusive financial ecosystem, our **design thinking** sessions facilitate the ideation of innovative concepts and the formation of coalitions to validate them

### Test & Implement

**Roundtables** and closed-door **boardrooms** held under Chatham House rule provide safe spaces for debate to nurture and validate concepts to derisk experimentation

### Scale

Designed to drive celebration and support growth, our **stage, launchpad** and **workshops** offer the opportunity for learnings to be shared, for our community to support the adoption of technologies designed to meet ecosystem needs.



*Hyper interactive futuring workshops bringing changemakers from finance and technology together to create a shared vision of the world in 2050*

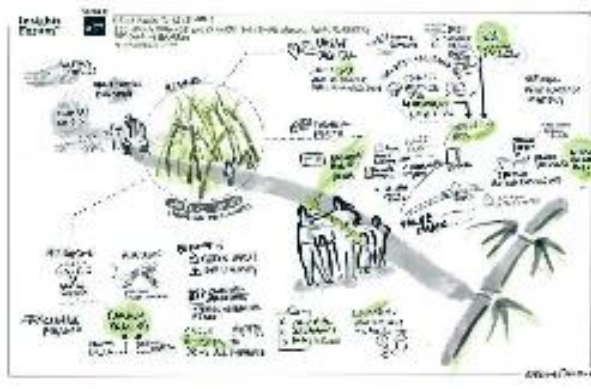
## BUILDING A VISION OF THE FUTURE GFTN Futuring

In 2016, the BBC reported on the death of Alvin Toffler, the author of Future Shock, reporting on his “prescient predictions and other failed forecasts”. Prescient predictions from 1970 included the rise of the internet, interactive media, cloning, genetic engineering, delays in the decision to have children and consumerism. The failed forecasts cited were a decline in cities, colonisation of space and sea, continued prosperity, social alienation. These forecasts are the talk of today.

GFTN’s Futuring workshops support our members in bringing a curated audience of stakeholders together to employ proven methodologies towards creating a shared vision of the future.

Attendees may expect to push the boundaries of their imagination to take the trends of today and extrapolate these towards a vision of a feasible future. They will be called upon to participate as individuals, part of a small team and as part of a community, mimicking the different contexts in which we all exist.

Outputs from our workshops include summaries of findings and team vision boards.



***"The illiterate of the 21st Century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn"***

**Alvin Toffler, Author, Future Shock**





*Facilitated dialogues unveil on-the-ground insights to further adoption*

## **PRACTITIONERS MAKE PERFECT Insights-full Luncheons**

The pace of change is outstripping most organisation's ability to develop a business case, win budget and deploy before the next horizon is revealed.

GFTN's expert-led luncheons support our members in bringing together senior leaders at the forefront of adoption, for candid exchanges dissecting hype from practice. 2024 themes included Ethics in AI, which concluded that since most organisations worked with AI partners who owned the development of models, the more pressing business need was to educate end-users in responsible interactions with AI.

This distinction in the role of technology providers and practitioner adopters informed the development of educational programmes for end-users, and the prioritisation of new products by attending members.

Attendees may expect to be participate actively with peers in challenging the themes of today, peeling back the layers to reveal genuine business needs in accelerating adoption and technology-led progress.

Outputs from our luncheons include summary notes issued under Chatham House principles for attendees. Limited takeaways are made publicly available to support marketing needs.

*"More business decisions occur over lunch and dinner than at any other time, yet no MBA courses are given on the subject."*

**Peter F. Drucker, management consultant, educator, and author**



*Collaboratively defining the problem statements to create a more efficient, resilient, and inclusive financial ecosystem.*

## DESIGNING DELIVERY Insights Forum Design Thinking

GFTN's design thinking sessions draw on a shared vision of the future to support our members in defining their pathway to realising this vision. We facilitate the ideation of innovative concepts and the formation of coalitions to prototype and validate them.

Attendees may expect to bring together what is desirable with what is technologically feasible and economically viable. We will experience divergent thinking and convergent choices, moving between inspiration and ideation.

Outputs from our design thinking sessions include a catalogue of ideas that attendees may choose to explore developing, as well as skeleton concept notes for members to form coalitions for implementation.



*“Design thinking is a human-centered approach to innovation that draws from the designer’s toolkit to integrate the needs of people, the possibilities of technology, and the requirements for business success.”*

**Tim Brown, Executive Chair of IDEO**





*Roundtables and boardrooms held under Chatham House rule enable coalitions to nurture and validate concepts and derisk experimentation*

## COALITION BUILDING Boardrooms & Roundtables

GFTN's Chatham House sessions support our member coalitions developing innovation concepts to define their path to implementation in candid dialogue between peers.

Participants may expect to test their ideas with transdisciplinary audiences from the public and private sector, allowing them to benefit from the experiences of industry, academia and practitioners in finance and technology

Outputs from our roundtables include reports and concept notes that may form the backbone of memorandums of understanding, taking ideas towards implementation.



*"We are tackling the hardest problems. The most attractive thing for top-tier talent is the opportunity to solve the world's toughest challenges."*

Liang Wenfeng, DeepSeek



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## CELEBRATING INNOVATION Insights Forum Launchpad & Workshops

GFTN's workshops and launchpad sessions celebrate the fruit of our members' innovation journeys and provide a platform for scale.

Attendees may expect to learn about successful pilots and business models, and the conditions of their success. Interactive and with the opportunity for networking, these sessions enable the curious to discover and nurture opportunities to progress their strategies for the key topics of the time with proven partners.

Outputs from our launchpad and workshop sessions include reports and the formation of partnerships.



*"It always seems impossible until it's done"*

Nelson Mandela