

8th Giving Economy Forum Launches 2026 Festival, Opens Giving Economy Awards for 'Architects of a Better World'

The Forum launches its 2026 Festival early, unveiling Giving Economy Awards 2026 to honor "Architects of a Better World"

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Giving Economy Forum \(GEF\)](#) today announced the early launch of its year-long 2026 Giving Economy Festival, unveiling a global recognition platform celebrating purpose-led leaders designing scalable, ethical giving models across continents.

The 8th Annual [Giving Economy Awards](#) will open officially with a curtain-raiser on 12 December 2025, hosted at the Mochtar Riady Auditorium, Singapore Management University — convening philanthropists, investors, founders, policymakers, creators, and nonprofit leaders for high-level conversations on AI for social impact, sustainability, and the future of giving-based development frameworks beyond the global SDG 2030 horizon.

"This forum initiates a year-long global movement to empower the social sector to scale operations through partnership and collaboration. We are setting the stage for 2026 by first honouring the builders of a better world. From the launch of the landmark SG60 Pledges to the Giving Economy Awards, this vision celebrates the work that truly matters for impactful, long-term change." said Dr. Rajan Samuel, Managing Director, [Crowdera Foundation](#).

"We built GEF to prove that giving at scale should feel empowering, not exhausting. True architects of a better world don't just raise funds — they rewrite systems, strengthen



A global movement

where abundance starts with giving.

Uniting leaders, innovators, and changemakers to accelerate social transformation and advance the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Talks • Awards • Forum Summit



Venue : Singapore Management University, Mochtar Riady Auditorium (81 Victoria Street).

12 December 2025 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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GEF is anchored in Crowdera's "Giving Forward" philosophy, spotlighting innovation, inclusion, and values-led giving. It convenes changemakers, philanthropists, and institutions on a unified platform

communities, and accelerate progress responsibly. Their work deserves a global stage.”

— Chet Jainn, Founder, Giving Economy Forum

GEF is organized and powered by the Crowdera Foundation and is inspired by Chet Jainn’s Giving Forward philosophy — a digital-first approach that embeds generosity into institutions, innovation ecosystems, and communities.



Giving Economy Forum celebrates the convergence of industries from social impact, startups, philanthropy, nonprofit, corporate, & media.

Event Highlights for 12 December 2025:

- 8th Annual Giving Economy Awards Ceremony
- Launch of SG60 Purpose Pledges — a GEF initiative inviting measurable impact commitments aligned to Singapore’s legacy milestone year.

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Each year, GEF advances its mission by celebrating leaders from its global collective, shaping a simpler, ethical framework beyond SDG 2030 to guide the next era of sustainable progress.”

Chet Jainn, Founder of Giving Economy Forum and Crowdera

- Spotlight panel on AI for Philanthropy and how emerging technologies can accelerate the social sector responsibly.
- Introduction to the Next Developmental Framework Beyond SDG 2030, designed to reduce complexity and increase cross-sector participation at scale.
- Launch of the Case Studies Book, showcasing real nonprofit and social innovation blueprints for scalable impact.

Looking Ahead — August 2026

As part of the 2026 Festival, the Forum will host its flagship

2026 Summit & Global Awards at the Marina Bay Sands, unveiling the inaugural “60-Over-60 Recognition” — celebrating senior leaders who built impact foundations for people and planet.

- 8 consecutive editions convening impact leaders across geographies
- Bootstrapped movement built independently without political or guilt-based giving narratives
- Ecosystem recognition model powered by institutional nonprofit frameworks and emerging-tech conversations

- Nominate an “Architect of a Better World”: <https://bit.ly/GEFAwardNominationSG25>
- Submit nominations via: GEF SG60 Purpose Pledges
- Nominations closes on 7 December 2025
- Reserve your seat and RSVP for 12 December Forum: <https://bit.ly/RSVP-GEF2025>

About GEF

The Giving Economy Forum is a global, nonpartisan movement organized and powered by Crowdera Foundation. Inspired by the founder's Giving Forward philosophy, it champions ethical innovation, community-driven generosity, and sustainable progress — guided by Do No Harm principles so that giving can accelerate impact responsibly for people, planet, and future generations.

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