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FEDERAL RESERVE HOLDS FORUM FOR MINORITY BANKERS

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA—The Federal Reserve System will host Banking and the Economy: A Forum for Minorities in Banking on September 27–28 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond’s Charlotte, North Carolina, location. The conference is sponsored by the Federal Reserve Board of Governors and the Federal Reserve Banks of Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Kansas City, Philadelphia, Richmond and St. Louis.

The forum offers updates on the banking industry and the economy, as well as professional development and networking opportunities to enhance careers for senior-level and high-potential middle management minority bankers.

The [agenda](#) provides a variety of speakers and panelists who will discuss topics such as minority talent and leadership development, diversity and inclusion practices, and industry insights and trends. Included in the speaker lineup is Deborah Elam, president of the [Corporate Playbook](#), who will discuss activating C-Suite talent. Elam formerly had a dual role as General Electric’s chief diversity officer and president of the General Electric Foundation. [Melissa B. Donaldson](#), vice president and chief diversity officer at Wintrust Financial Corporation, and [Ignacio Urrabazo Jr.](#), president and chief executive officer at Commerce Bank, are also featured speakers.

Federal Reserve speakers include Dallas Fed President [Robert S. Kaplan](#), who will discuss lessons learned through his years of leadership experience, and Richmond Fed President [Thomas I. Barkin](#), who will speak on labor market outcomes by education and socioeconomic status.

“At the Federal Reserve, we believe that welcoming a full spectrum of backgrounds, viewpoints and approaches helps us provide the best solutions to help foster our nation’s economic stability and strength,” said Richmond Fed’s Lisa White, executive vice president of Supervision, Regulation and Credit. “This forum provides us with an opportunity to build and enhance strong relationships with minority banking professionals while helping the industry retain and develop a diverse workforce. It’s also a great opportunity to increase overall understanding of the Federal Reserve and the resources we offer.”

Located at 530 East Trade Street in one of the nation’s financial hubs, the Charlotte location houses a substantial banking supervision, regulation and credit operation, as well as the Federal Reserve’s fifth-largest cash-processing operation.

[Registration](#) for all sessions, meals and materials is \$250 per person. Deadline is September 15.

Media registration is required by September 24. Contact: [Laura Fortunato](#).

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