

World Trade Day: Kentucky's Global Business Summit

A global convening focused on deals, diplomacy, and investment.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25th, 2026

Global Leaders Reception

6:00 - 9:00 pm

An executive evening welcoming international dignitaries, business leaders, sponsors, and invited guests to kick off the summit.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26th, 2026

Leaders Networking Breakfast

8:00 - 8:30 am

Opening Plenary: Global Leadership Keynote

8:00 - 8:30 am

Speaker: Alice Ancona, Chief Operating Officer, World Trade Center Miami

Topic: TBD

Speaker: Josh Mike, Senior Director of International Business Development, Churchill Downs

Topic: Global Scaling, Digital Transformation & Economic Diplomacy

International Business Exchange

9:30 - 11:30 am

Structured 20-minute one-on-one meetings scheduled in advance

Open networking sessions held concurrently

Global Leaders Luncheon & MLC Global Awards

11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Speaker: Dr. Tod A. Laursen, Chancellor, American University of Sharjah

Partnership & Global Connections Finale

2:00 - 4:00 pm

