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Global Entrepreneurship Summit 2019: Innovation Meets Investment, Powered by Policy

The [Global Entrepreneurship Summit](#) (GES) is a unique gathering of governments, the private sector, and a powerful partner network with a mission to turn challenges into business opportunities worldwide. Incorporating policy support, GES is unparalleled in accelerating growth and ensuring that technology creates good for all of us.

The GES 2019 summit, themed “The Future Now,” is hosted by two of the world’s most innovative countries, the United States and the Netherlands, and is being held June 4–5 at The Hague. The gathering will focus on global opportunities in five sectors: agriculture and food, connectivity, energy, health, and water. The agenda includes the next wave of entrepreneur-led innovation from artificial intelligence, robotics, blockchain, big data, and new science, among other areas. Attracting an estimated 2,000 industry-leading participants from over 120 countries, this year’s summit offers unmatched opportunities for businesses looking to scale-up. To accelerate solutions, 1,200 selected entrepreneurs will engage with over 300 investors representing hundreds of billions of dollars, as well as with top policymakers, corporate partners, and thought leaders.

With an inspiring program, GES 2019 aims to be a game-changer for all attendees, empowering them to start building the Future Now. The two-day summit will forge new connections and inspire surprising partnerships; provide opportunities that allow for matchmaking and global networking; feature top speakers, discussions, and workshops; and offer hands-on advice. Entrepreneurs ready to scale up in any of the five Future Now areas can [apply to join GES 2019](#) by March 1.

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Economic Development Administration Funding Available for Disaster Recovery and Resiliency

The Department of Commerce's U.S. [Economic Development Administration](#) (EDA) has published its [FY18 Disaster Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity](#). The notice describes the availability of \$587 million for eligible grantees in communities where a presidential declaration of a major disaster was issued under the *Stafford Act* as a result of hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, as well as wildfires and other natural disasters, in 2017.

The EDA has a long history of successfully supporting disaster recovery and resiliency efforts. Its role is to facilitate the timely and effective delivery of federal economic development assistance to support long-term community economic recovery planning and project implementation, redevelopment, and resiliency. EDA is uniquely positioned to coordinate regional disaster recovery efforts in partnership with its extensive network of Economic Development Districts, university centers, institutions of higher education (including community colleges) and other partners in designated impact areas.

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