
Open Source in Finance Forum Toronto 2026

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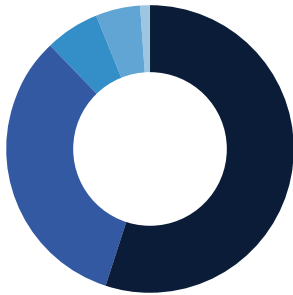


Post-Event Report

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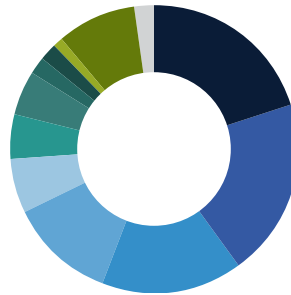
We welcomed **322** Open Source and Financial Services Industry and Community Leaders for this year's Open Source in Finance Forum in Toronto. Attendees came from **over 64** organizations in **13** countries around the globe, with **70%** of attendees hailing from Canada.

Event Demographics



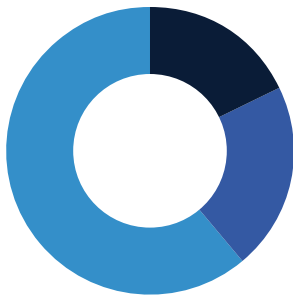
Industry

- Financial Institution **55%**
- Technology Vendor **33%**
- Financial Technology & Data Vendor **6%**
- Other **5%**
- No Answer **1%**



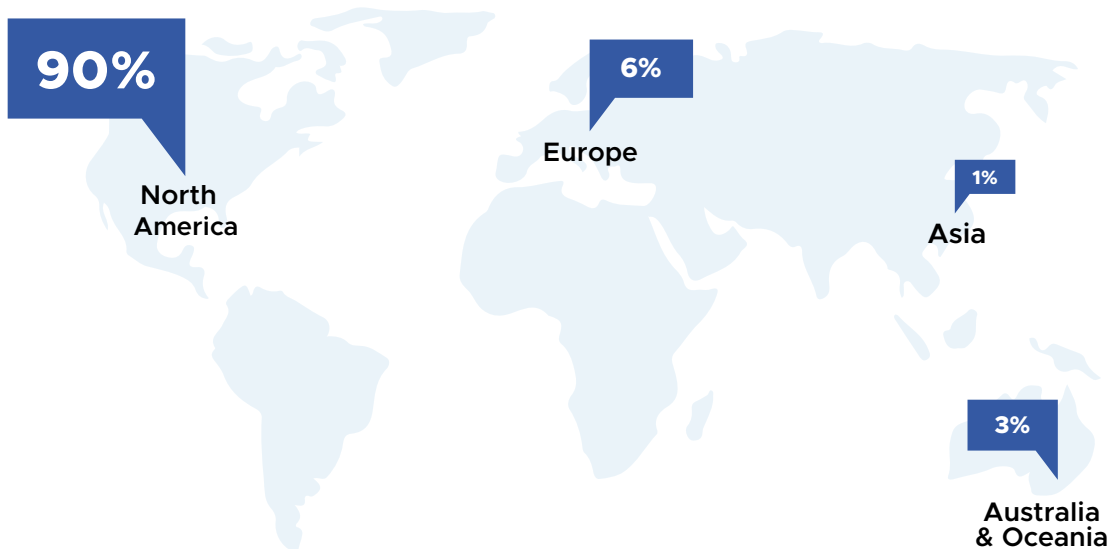
Job Function

- Architecture (Software / Systems) **20%**
- Engineering / Software Development **20%**
- Sales / Marketing / Media **16%**
- Executive Management **12%**
- Security / Compliance **6%**
- Data Science / AI / ML **5%**
- Product Management **5%**
- Community Management **2%**
- DevOps / Site Reliability Engineering (SRE) **2%**
- IT Operations / Infrastructure **1%**
- Other **9%**
- No answer **2%**



Audience Seniority

- Executive & Senior Management **18%**
- Upper Management & Distinguished Tech **21%**
- Management & Professional **61%**



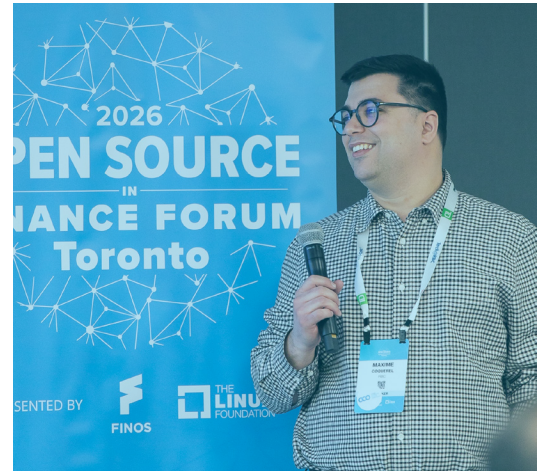
Participant Experience

Content

OSFF Toronto comprised **26+** talks, including keynotes, workshops, and breakout sessions, and delivered content across 2 tracks: AI & Hot Topics and FINOS Ecosystems/Tech Stack.

Top Attended Sessions

1. What's the State of Open Source AI in Canada?
 - Hilary Carter, The Linux Foundation
2. Open Source as a Pathway to AI Adoption in Financial Services: Opportunities and Risks
 - Andres Rojas, Vector Institute
3. On-Prem Spot Computing: Reclaiming Idle Infra with Confidential Containers and DNS Automation
 - Erick Bourgeois, RBC Capital Markets
4. Open SDLC Controls Framework for Financial Services
 - George Kichukov, GitLab & Michael Long, Kosli
5. Winning the Case for Open Source Contribution: ROI, Risk, and Real-World Evidence - Elspeth Minty, RBC Capital Markets; Rob Moffat, FINOS; Mimi Flynn, Morgan Stanley; Mark Paulsen, TD Bank
6. Open Resource Broker: A Unified API for Cloud Capacity Provisioning in HPC - Flamur Gogolli & Kirill Bogdanov, Amazon Web Services (AWS)
7. Common Cloud Controls (CCC): A Shared Language for Cloud Security Teams
 - Maxime Coquerel, RBC & Eddie Knight, Revanite
8. AI is Your API's Client, Not its Designer: A FINOS Case Study
 - Thomas Cooper, RBC
9. Fluxnova Intro, Applied Demo & Performance Overview
 - Ryan Johnston, Summit58 LLC
10. Explore How AI Can Enhance Your Open Source Program Offices (OSPO) Risk Management Processes.
 - Mark Paulsen, TD Bank



Session Recordings

Sessions at Open Source in Finance Forum Toronto 2026 were recorded and are available on the [FINOS YouTube channel](#).

Sponsor Showcase

In addition to content provided by industry leaders, Open Source in Finance Forum Toronto hosted in-person tables with 6 sponsors.

- Average badge scans: **52**
- Highest in-person badge scans: **85**
- Total badge scans: **365**



Inclusion & Accessibility

24% gender minority speakers



D&I

Gold

The Open Source in Finance Forum Toronto received the highest rated Gold Badge from the CHAOSS D&I Event Badging Program, showing that we foster healthy D&I practices.

Our initiatives for inclusion and accessibility included the following:

- **Registration Scholarships:** To encourage and increase the participation of the community, we were pleased to offer scholarships to this year's event. Full conference registration was covered for 1 recipient.
- **All-Gender Restrooms:** Specific restrooms were dedicated as all-gender for attendees who feel more comfortable using all-gender facilities.
- **Inclusive Speaker Orientation Course & Accessibility Resources for Speakers:** Presentation accessibility resources and access to the Linux Foundation's online orientation course to learn tips/tools to use when speaking to encourage inclusivity in presentations and messaging were provided to all speakers.
- **Nursing Room:** A private nursing room was made available at the event to aid in the comfort and accessibility for our nursing attendees.
- **Communication Stickers:** Communication stickers were available for attendees to indicate their requested level of interaction with both other attendees and the press (including photographers and videographers).
- **Pronoun Stickers:** Pronoun stickers were available for attendees to share their pronouns with other conference attendees.
- **Reserved Seating:** Reserved seating was available in each session room for attendees with accessibility needs.

“Great event and a real showcase of Canadian contributions to OS. The ecosystem is thriving.”

- Open Source in Finance Forum Toronto 2026 Attendee

“Open source is not just a side piece, it’s a central focus.”

- Adwait Kulkarni

“Thrilling to see the power of collaboration, and reassuring to see common set of problems with adoptable and scalable solutions.”

- Open Source in Finance Forum Toronto 2026 Attendee

Media & Social Coverage

Following TD Joining FINOS at OSFF Toronto:

- [TC](#)
- [FTF News](#)
- [The Globe and Mail](#)
- [FINOS](#)

Following FINOS HPC expansion:

- [HMx Labs Flux](#)
- [The Globe and Mail](#)

Following CCC Steering Committee

Following Agentic Shift at OSFF Toronto

TD

Mark Paulsen · 1st
 Head, Open Source Program Office
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The first Toronto **FINOS Open Source in Finance Forum (OSFF)** this week was amazing. So much energy 🌱 and sharing of great ideas and experiences.

I was honored to give a keynote where I highlighted how important Toronto, Open Source, and Financial Institutions are to the foundation of AI and Deep Learning. And reminded the audience to always "default to open" and "collaborate on the core" — leveraging **Frank Nagle's** famous quote.


I got the opportunity to sit on a panel with **Rob Moffat**, **Eispeht Minty** from **RBC**, and **Mimi Flynn** from **Morgan Stanley** where we talked about open source contributions, ROI, and of course, AI.

My colleague **Hari Vattappillil** from **TD** also joined me in a session where we talked about how AI can help OSPO's with many of the risk management and governance processes we all have to deal with.

And a big thanks to **Dave Rajavickneswaran** who setup and ran our booth at the event and was able to share our TD open source journey with the nearly 300 attendees.

And a final thanks to **Aaron Grizz Griswold**, **Gabriele Columbro**, **Tosha Ellison**, **Hilary Carter**, and everyone else on the **FINOS** and **The Linux Foundation** team who make these events so awesome!

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Innovation isn't just about building the latest model or platform, it's also about building the community that helps technology evolve responsibly. As AI accelerates, the standards, controls, and shared foundations we build together will shape what's possible and what's safe for years to come.

That's why TD joined FINOS as a Platinum Member, so we can collaborate with peers across financial services on the "core" building blocks that will underpin AI-enabled workflows: open orchestration, shared implementation patterns, and practical approaches to AI governance.

As I recently shared in TechCrunch, "We're proud to play a leading role in the new industry standard to protect AI open source. Leaning into collaboration is not only a best practice, but it's also a more human way to establish AI standards and build solutions."

When we align on the fundamentals, we reduce friction for everyone. Then we can focus our differentiated effort where it matters most: better client outcomes and responsible innovation.

If you're building in open source, AI governance, or orchestration in regulated environments, check out our relevant press release and story below:
<https://lnkd.in/gpzyK9Ka>
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 **Why AI needs good neighbors | TechCrunch**
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RBC

Erick Bourgeois • 1st
 Head of Kubernetes Platform Engineering, Director at RBC Capital Markets
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Still catching my breath after OSFF Toronto.

This past Tuesday, something I've worked on for a long time took its first real steps into the open, 5 Spot! [Hitesh Kamdar](#) officially announced it in his keynote. It's the first open source project to be released from [#RBC](#), and now in [#FINOS](#)! Hearing it spoken aloud in that room, in front of that community, is something I won't forget.

Later, I got to tease it during our keynote panel on open source solutions for HPC in financial services, alongside folks from Citi and AWS. The conversations we had on stage, and the ones that continued in hallways afterward, reminded me why this community matters. Financial Institutions and open source maintainers sitting at the same table, actually solving real-world problems together.

My afternoon talk, where I went deep into on-prem spot computing with confidential containers and DNS automation ended up with a much fuller room than I expected. Thank you to everyone who squeezed in, asked sharp questions, and stuck around afterward. Those conversations are what make this work worth doing.

Huge thanks to the [#FINOS](#) team, the Linux Foundation, my collaborators inside [#RBC](#) who made the open sourcing possible, and the wider cloud-native community that welcomed 5 Spot so warmly. More to share as it lands at FINOS.

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Elspeht Minty • 1st
 Managing Director at RBC Capital Markets
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I've been hoping to see [#OSFF](#) come to Canada for some time and last weeks [#OSFFToronto](#) did not disappoint. It was an amazing day with so many great speakers and conversations.

I had the opportunity to take part in a panel session with [Rob Moffat](#), [Mimi Flynn](#) and [Mark Paulsen](#) on Open Source Readiness in Finance. An interesting discussion with a great group of people!

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Bhupesh Vora • 1st
 MD, Head of Capital Markets Technology Europe
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Excited to have brought together RBC and FINOS in Toronto last week with RBC sponsoring the first ever Open Source in Finance forum in Toronto! This premier event brings together leaders in financial technology and a great gathering for innovation. Collaboration is one of RBC's key values and we were thrilled to sponsor this event and foster partnerships across the finance industry.
[#rbc](#) [#TechAtRBC](#) [#finos](#) [#ossf](#)

Over 250 leaders gathered for our first OSFF in Toronto and the energy in the room was electric! This milestone event marks a new chapter for open source in finance collaboration in Canada with the community coming... more

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Morgan Stanley

David Cardon • 1st
 Regional Head of Morgan Stanley Montreal
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Thrilled to have attended the first-ever [FINOS](#) OSFF in Toronto – a milestone event for open source collaboration in Canadian financial services.

[Morgan Stanley](#) Montréal was well represented with three exceptional speakers: [Khalid Elsawaf](#), [Mimi Flynn](#), and [Liborio Thomas Ciccarello](#).

Watching our team lead conversations and share expertise in this cutting-edge space made me incredibly proud. Their contributions underscored the strength of our commitment to FINOS's mission of bringing the financial services community together to solve shared challenges through open source collaboration.

Personally, many of the presentations helped clarify best practices that will be critical as our industry establishes governance frameworks in the age of AI – insights we'll bring back to our team in Montréal.

Grateful to FINOS for bringing this community-driven approach to Canada, and excited for what we'll build together next.

 Ravi d'avoir assisté au tout premier OSFF de FINOS à Toronto – un événement marquant pour la collaboration open source dans les services financiers canadiens.

Morgan Stanley Montréal était bien représenté avec trois conférenciers exceptionnels : [Khalid Elsawaf](#), [Mimi Flynn](#) et [Liborio Thomas Ciccarello](#).

Voir notre équipe mener des conversations et partager son expertise dans cet espace de pointe m'a rendu incroyablement fier. Leurs contributions ont souligné la force de notre engagement envers la mission de FINOS qui consiste à rassembler la communauté des services financiers pour résoudre ensemble des défis communs grâce à la collaboration open source.

Khalid Elsawaf • 1st
 Executive Director at Morgan Stanley
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Had a great time speaking about CALM, the Common Architecture Language Model at the inaugural [FINOS Open Source in Finance Forum \(OSFF\)](#) in Toronto. What was more exciting was fielding all the questions from interested developers and architects.

If you want to learn more, please reach out!

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