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Past Community Conversations have hosted many of the region’s top decision-makers as our speakers. Typically, between 100 and 120 guests attend, including many “influentials” and opinion leaders. For a sampling of past speakers and their affiliations, see the back panel of this invitation.

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