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China 2026

TRANSPARENCY REPORT

SHANGHAI 2026



KubeCon + CloudNativeCon + OpenInfra Summit + PyTorch Conference China 2026

There was a strong turnout in Shanghai for KubeCon + CloudNativeCon + OpenInfra Summit + PyTorch Conference China, marking the first time the CNCF, OpenInfra, and PyTorch communities came together on a single stage. Across all three ecosystems, the energy was unmistakable, with growing momentum around cloud native computing, open infrastructure, AI, observability, and open source. That momentum fueled rich sessions, discussions, and hallway conversations throughout the events.

Bringing these three communities together created an important forum for collaboration and exchange across an increasingly interconnected technology landscape. Throughout the event, projects including Kubernetes, HAMi, llm-d, OpenStack, Kata Containers, PyTorch, and vLLM showcased how cloud native technologies, open infrastructure, and AI are increasingly coming together to support production-ready AI workloads. From infrastructure and isolation to orchestration, scheduling, model development, and inference, these projects highlighted the breadth of innovation taking place across the CNCF, OpenInfra, and PyTorch communities—and the growing opportunities for collaboration between them. China continues to play an important role in this global ecosystem, with a strong developer and contributor community helping advance open source technologies across cloud native infrastructure and AI.

Meeting so many passionate maintainers, contributors, developers, and end users from across the CNCF, OpenInfra, and PyTorch communities was both inspiring and a tangible reminder of the global strength of open source.



Jonathan Bryce,
Executive Director,
Cloud & Infrastructure,
The Linux Foundation

715
CFPs submitted

35
Attendees thanks to Dan Kohn Scholarship Fund

40
Pieces of media coverage

623
First-time attendees





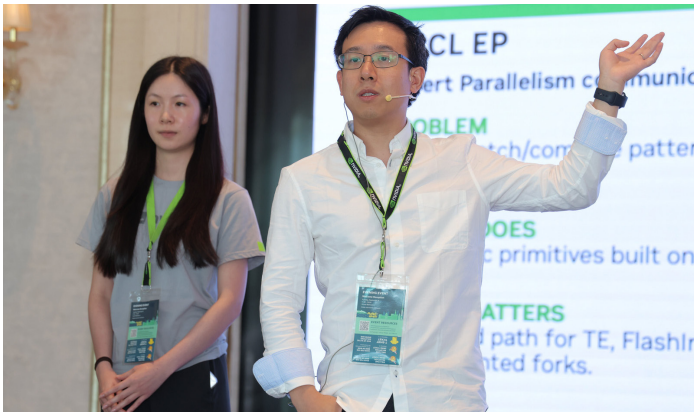
ATTENDEE OVERVIEW

It was fantastic to bring our community in China together in person, with more than 1,100 people joining us in Shanghai.

1,137
REGISTRATIONS

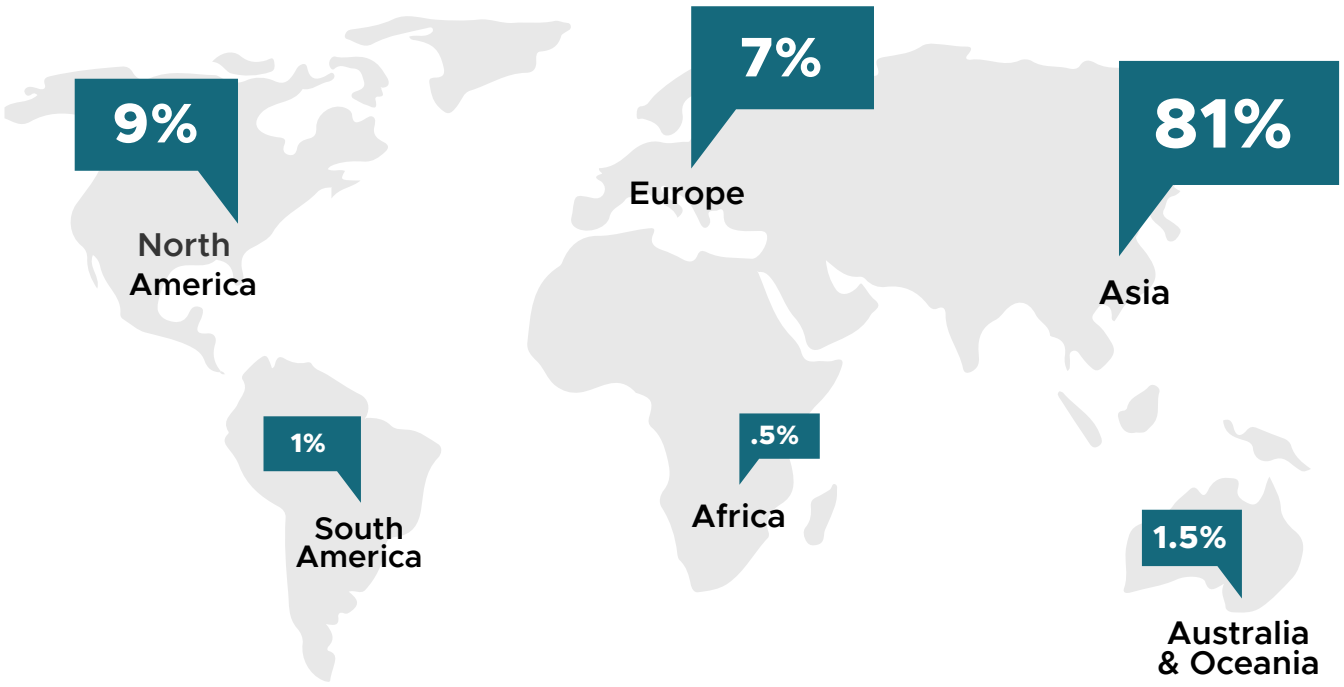
92%
ATTENDANCE RATE

468
COMPANIES REPRESENTED





ATTENDEE GEOGRAPHY



TOP FIVE COUNTRIES IN ATTENDANCE



CHINA*
743



USA
98



REPUBLIC OF KOREA
34



SINGAPORE
24



INDONESIA
17

**includes Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China*

TOP 3 JOB FUNCTIONS

DEVELOPER

ARCHITECT

DEVOPS/SRE/SYSADMIN

TICKET TYPE THROUGH THE YEARS

Type	2018	2019	2021	2023	2024	2025	2026
Total	2,500	3,500	7,160	1,910	1,192	1,004	1137
All Access Corporate	63%	46%	78%	54%	44%	66%	41%
All-Access VIP	5%	5%	N/A	3%	N/A	N/A	N/A
All-Access Individual or Academic (until 2024)	5%	8%	N/A	10%	11%	9%	30%
Speaker	8%	9%	2%	13%	19%	12%	14%
Sponsor	3%	22%	5%	11%	9%	9%	13%
Media + Analyst	10%	2%	>1%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Virtual Keynote	NA	N/A	17%	7%	N/A	N/A	N/A
1-Day Pass	NA	N/A	N/A	N/A	7%	2%	N/A
2-Day Pass	NA	N/A	N/A	N/A	3%	N/A	N/A

CONTENT

The schedule was curated by conference co-chairs Yaya Xia, Di Xu, and Zeshong Zong, who led more than 73 members of the program committee in reviewing 715 submissions to curate a relevant and educational line up. The schedule offered compelling content for attendees with all levels of technical background, and sessions were presented in either English or Chinese; captioning was available if translation was needed.

Talks are selected by the program committee through a rigorous, non-biased process, where they are randomly assigned submissions to review within their area of expertise. You can read the details in our CFP scoring guidelines and specifically about the selection process.

KEY STATS

With 46 sessions, KubeCon + CloudNativeCon + OpenInfra Summit + PyTorch Conference China featured a diverse line-up of topics spanning cloud native technologies, open infrastructure, AI and machine learning, security, and emerging technologies. Talks are available now on the **CNCF**, **OpenInfra Foundation**, and **PyTorch Foundation** YouTube channels.

715
CFPS SUBMITTED

6%
CFP ACCEPTANCE RATE

24
KEYNOTE TALKS
(INCLUDING SPONSORED KEYNOTES)

46
BREAKOUT SESSIONS

8
MAINTAINER TRACK SESSIONS

73
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

97
SPEAKERS

17%
GENDER MINORITY SPEAKERS

5/5 **SESSIONS RATINGS**

THANK YOU TO OUR KUBECON + CLOUDNATIVECON + OPENINFRA SUMMIT + PYTORCH CONFERENCE CHINA 2026 CO-CHAIRS



Yaya Xia,
Open Source Analyst, Ant Group



Di Xu,
Tech Lead, Xiaohongshu



Zesheng Zong,
AI Framework Engineer, Huawei

PROJECT ENGAGEMENT

CLOUD NATIVE COMPUTING FOUNDATION

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OpenInfra FOUNDATION

kata containers · STARLINGX · ZUUL · openstack.

PyTorch Foundation

DeepSpeed · PyTorch · Safetensors · vLLM

28 PROJECT TABLES • 15 PROJECT LIGHTNING TALKS

8 MAINTAINER TRACK SESSIONS

KubeCon + CloudNativeCon + OpenInfra Summit + PyTorch Conference China 2026 offered a range of meaningful opportunities for attendees to engage with projects and maintainers.

The Maintainer Meetup brought together CNCF maintainers to exchange best practices, refine contribution workflows, and collaborate on shared challenges. The event also featured a series of 5-minute lightning talks, where projects highlighted recent updates, new features, and key milestones in quick, insightful presentations.

Attendees also had the chance to dive deeper during the Maintainer Track sessions, which provided behind-the-scenes insights into CNCF projects. These sessions offered valuable perspectives from project leaders and fostered collaboration among community members and industry experts.

In the Project Pavilion, participants connected directly with CNCF, OpenInfra and PyTorch Foundation project maintainers. This space encouraged open conversation, technical discussions, and idea sharing, making it a vibrant hub for learning more about the technologies shaping the open source AI ecosystem.

The PyTorch Conference Community Night brought together project maintainers, developers, researchers, and AI builders to connect and share ideas with one another.





INCLUSION + ACCESSIBILITY

LF Open Source strives to ensure that everyone who participates in KubeCon + CloudNativeCon + OpenInfra Summit + PyTorch Conference feels welcome, regardless of gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, race, ethnicity, age, religion, or economic status.

Our commitment to cultivating a friendly, welcoming, and inclusive environment extends to the facilities and resources we provide at events. In Shanghai, these included:

- Quiet + Prayer Room
- All Gender Restroom
- Baby Care + Nursing Room
- Pronoun + Communication Stickers
- Captioning available for keynote and breakout sessions

INCLUSION + ACCESSIBILITY EVENTS

We hosted a Women's Community Gathering during the Day 1 coffee break for attendees who identify as women, non-binary individuals, or allies, to meet, network and have open discussions about challenges, leadership innovation, and empowerment. We also hosted Peer Group Networking for participants to meet with experienced open source veterans across many CNCF projects to explore technical, community, and career questions together.

# WOMEN'S COMMUNITY GATHERING PARTICIPANTS	**6**
# OF PEER GROUP MENTORING + CAREER NETWORKING MENTORS	**4**
# OF PEER GROUP MENTORING + CAREER NETWORKING MENTEES	**8**

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Dan Kohn Scholarship Fund provided opportunities to 35 applicants to attend the event.

# OF TRAVEL FUNDING SCHOLARSHIPS	**12**
# OF REGISTRATION SCHOLARSHIPS	**16**
# OF SPEAKER TRAVEL FUNDING SCHOLARSHIPS	**7**

CAPTIONING USAGE

CHINESE (SIMPLIFIED), ENGLISH, KOREAN

TOP 3 LANGUAGES

68.41

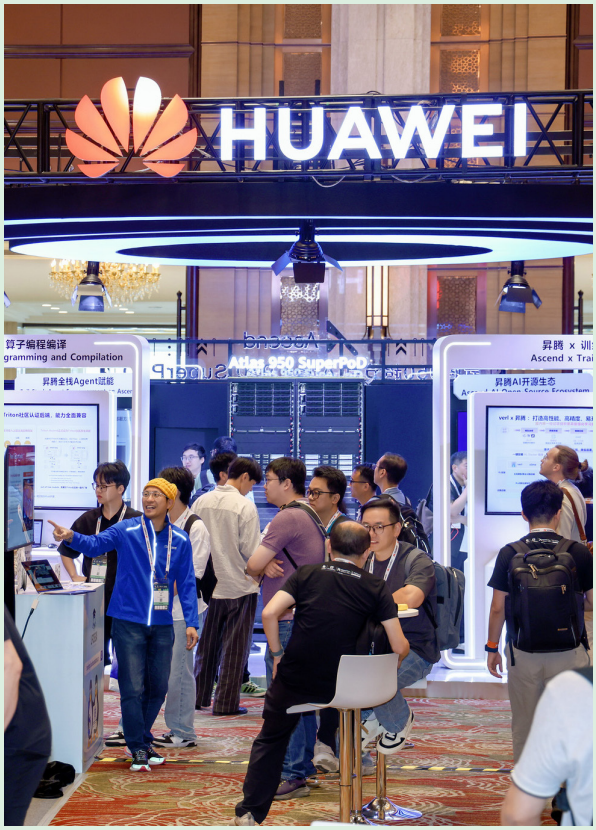
TOTAL HOURS USING IN-ROOM CAPTIONING FROM WORDLY ON ATTENDEE MOBILE DEVICES

CHAOSS D&I EVENT BADGE

D&I GOLD

KubeCon + CloudNativeCon + OpenInfra Summit + PyTorch Conference was awarded a Gold Badge from the CHAOSS Badging Initiative, https://chaoss.community/diversity-and-inclusion-badging/, for fostering healthy inclusion and accessibility practices.





SUSTAINABILITY

We're committed to sustainability at our events and KubeCon + CloudNativeCon + OpenInfra Summit + PyTorch Conference China 2026 was no exception.

Our venue, the Shanghai International Convention Center, actively incorporates urban sustainability through architectural optimization and strict eco-management, following Shanghai's municipal waste classification regulations.

In addition to selecting an environmentally conscious venue, we:

- Sourced conference t-shirts and lanyards locally.
- Used conference lanyards made from 100% recycled polyester.
- Chose a venue that was easily accessible via public transportation, walking, or biking.



HEALTH + SAFETY ONSITE

KubeCon + CloudNativeCon + OpenInfra Summit + PyTorch Conference implemented the following health and safety measures:

FOOD ALLERGY ACCOMMODATIONS

ACCESSIBLE SAFETY RESOURCES + TIPS

METAL DETECTOR SCREENING FOR ENTRY + RE-ENTRY

INCIDENT TRANSPARENCY REPORT:

- 0 Code of Conduct received onsite
- 0 medical interventions

SPONSOR INFORMATION

KubeCon + CloudNativeCon + OpenInfra Summit + PyTorch Conference China would not be possible without the support of our sponsors. And attendees agree - almost **91%** visited the solutions showcase during the event.

BOOTH TRAFFIC	TOTAL
Onsite leads total	**910**
Onsite leads average per booth	**83**

YoY Sponsorship	2018	2019	2021 Virtual	2023	2024	2025	2026
Strategic	N/A	1	1	1	N/A	N/A	1
Double Diamond	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Diamond	4	2	2	3	1	1	0
Platinum	8	2	0	0	1	0	2
Gold	1	10	3	1	1	6	4
Silver	12	14	3	10	13	8	4
Start-up	13	12	5	3	0	1	0
End User	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-profit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
Marketing Opportunities	4	12	2	1	4	3	2
TOTAL UNIQUE SPONSORS	38	42	14	18	16	16	12

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CO-LOCATED EVENTS

This year CNCF hosted 1 co-located event focused on supporting Open Source Program Offices.

With 11 sessions, OSPOlogy + OSPO Summit China featured a diverse lineup of topics, from introductory sessions to deep dives. Talks are available now on our **YouTube playlist**.

1
CNCF-HOSTED CO-LOCATED EVENT

81
CO-LOCATED EVENT REGISTRATIONS



OSPOlogy China 2026
OSPO Summit

58 CFP SUBMISSIONS

SPONSORS

- Diamond: ByteDance
- Supporter: Vivo

ATTENDANCE

81
Registered

64
Attended

MEDIA + ANALYST COVERAGE

KEY STATS

26

MEDIA + ANALYSTS ATTENDEES

40

PRESS AND ANALYST COVERAGE

5

CNCF PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karmada, Buildpacks, Kubeflow, Kubernetes, and Volcano

2

CNCF PRESS RELEASES

State of Cloud Native Development in China report, Q3 Silver Member press release, China Merchants Banks Wins CNCF Case Study Contest, and Karmada's graduation

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PYTORCH FOUNDATION PRESS RELEASE

Alibaba Cloud, Ant Group, Cambricon and Huawei Come Together in Shanghai to Advance the Open Source AI Stack at PyTorch Conference

3 MEMBERS AND SPONSORS CONTRIBUTED 3 ANNOUNCEMENTS



MEDIA COVERAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- **40 pieces of coverage from local media**, including: DoIT, CSDN, InfoQ China.
- The China Merchants Bank End User Case Study Winner announcement generated **25 pieces of coverage**, which highlighted Kubernetes as the infrastructure layer enabling the bank to unify AI training and inference.
- **14 pieces of coverage** stemmed from Karmada's graduation announcement

ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTS

- **CSDN, CSDN Staff -** The Rise of Open Source Power: Cloud Native and AI Officially Enter a New Cycle of Symbiosis
  - *Jonathan Bryce shared: Cloud native and AI are not subordinate to each other, but rather complementary and symbiotic. AI excels at model and algorithm innovation, while cloud-native addresses issues related to large-scale operation, scheduling, reliability, and resource efficiency. Large-scale AI training has long been based on cloud-native systems, but currently, the fastest-growing workload is AI inference. The unpredictable fluctuations in inference traffic, the abundance of heterogeneous hardware, and extreme sensitivity to latency present entirely new challenges to traditional cloud-native architectures, which is the core reason why the CNCF is now focusing its investment on the inference field.*

- **ZOL, Song Shipeng -** OpenInfra、CNCF、PyTorch 罕见同台：算力稀缺时代，开源的破局之法
  - *The three foundations originally operated along three parallel lines . OpenInfra handled the lowest-level resource abstraction, turning computing power, storage, and networking into pools that could be sharded on demand; CNCF managed orchestration and scheduling, determining how resources were allocated, reclaimed, and reused; and the PyTorch Foundation was closest to the application, deciding how models were written and how they ran on heterogeneous chips. These three layers, pieced together, constituted the complete chain from a GPU to an inference operation. Previously, this chain was maintained by different communities, with companies acting as the " glue " for each other ; this collaboration brought the issue to the forefront.*

We hope you enjoyed reflecting on a great event in Shanghai!
Check out our calendar for all upcoming events.

Your comments and feedback are welcome at cncf-events@lfopensource.com







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We worked hard to accurately report all aspects of this great events, but with all great events, things to change - media coverage increases, online views go up etc. so if you'd like to use any date from this report, make sure you reference the publication date of October 2026. Feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or would like updated statistics in the coming year. Published by the Cloud Native Computing Foundation.