

The IMF at 70 years old

The IMF was created by the allied powers, led by the United States, at a conference in BrettonWoods, New Hampshire, in 1944.

The primary aim of the conference was to establish a new global framework to secure global growth and stability in the aftermath of the Second World War, learning the lessons of how to avoid a repetition of the mistakes that had produced the pre-war Great Depression.

The 70th anniversary of that event has been marked by a number of formal occasions, including [this one](#) at the IMF itself, at which various speakers discuss the history and outlook.

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