



Events for the Week of March 16 – March 20, 2026

Monday, March 16, 2026

- Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent will meet with Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng in Paris, France.
- President Trump will meet with U.S. Ambassador to Japan George Glass.
- The House will meet to consider legislation under suspension of the rules, including S. 3971, the “Small Business Innovation and Economic Security Act,” and the “Enhanced Iran Sanctions Act” as amended.
- The Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee will hold a markup to vote on the nomination of Glen Smith to be Agriculture undersecretary for rural development.
- The National League of Cities will hold its 2026 Congressional City Conference through Wednesday in Washington, D.C.
- The EU Foreign Affairs Council will meet in Brussels to discuss the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East.

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

- Illinois will hold its primary elections.
- The Federal Open Market Committee will begin its two-day closed meeting to discuss monetary policy and set interest rates.
- Deputy Agriculture Secretary Stephen Vaden will deliver the keynote at the University of Arkansas’ Winthrop Rockefeller Distinguished Lecture Series.
- The House Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee will hold a hearing on “Advancing America’s Interests at the World Trade Organization’s 14th Ministerial Conference.”
- The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Water and Power Subcommittee will hold a hearing on several bills including S. 3737, to amend the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 to provide financial and technical assistance to eligible entities for the conduct of innovative approaches to voluntary water partnership agreements among multiple water users and projects conducted by individual agricultural entities.
- Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on “Stealth Stealing: China’s Ongoing Theft of U.S. Innovation.”
- The Washington International Trade Association will hold a virtual discussion on “WTO (World Trade Organization) Matters: MC-14 and What Comes Next.”
- The Reserve Bank of Australia will announce its interest rate decision and will likely cut rates by a quarter basis point.
- Bank Indonesia will announce its interest rate decision and will likely leave its rate unchanged.

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

- Federal Reserve Board Chairman Jerome Powell will hold a news conference following the Federal Open Market Committee meeting, where he will announce the committee’s interest rate decision. They are expected to leave rates unchanged.



- The Transportation Department Office of the Secretary will hold a meeting of the Department of Transportation Advisory Board.
- The House National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions Subcommittee will hold a hearing on “Oversight of the Export-Import Bank.”
- The Senate Foreign Relations Committee will hold a closed briefing on “Update on the Current Situation in the Middle East.”
- The Bank of Canada will announce its interest rate decision and will likely leave rates unchanged.
- The Central Bank of Brazil will announce its interest rate decision and will likely cut rates.
- The Central Bank of Iceland will announce its interest rate decision.
- The Bank of Ghana will announce its interest rate decision.

Thursday, March 19, 2026

- The U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission will hold a hearing on “China’s Expanding Interests in Latin America: Development, Leverage, Coercion, and Crime.”
- The Federal Reserve Board will hold a meeting “to discuss proposals to revise its capital requirements for the largest, most internationally active banks and its requirements for other large banks, as well as to make adjustments to the surcharge for U.S. global systematically important banks.”
- The EU heads of state will meet in Brussels for a European Council meeting.
- The Bank of Japan will announce its interest rate decision and will likely leave rates unchanged.
- The European Central Bank will announce its interest rate decision and will likely leave rates unchanged.
- The Bank of England will announce its interest rate decision and will likely leave rates unchanged.
- The Swiss National Bank will announce its interest rate decision.
- Riksbank will announce its interest rate decision.
- The Czech National Bank will announce its interest rate decision.
- The Sveriges Riksbank will announce its interest rate decision.
- Taiwan Central Bank will announce its interest rate decision.

Friday, March 20, 2026

- The U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) will hold its USTDA Gas Initiative Launch to discuss building global gas infrastructure.
- The Export-Import Bank (EXIM) will hold a virtual meeting of the 2026-2027 EXIM Advisory and Sub-Saharan Africa Advisory Committees for discussion of EXIM policies and programs designed to support the expansion of financing support for U.S. manufactured goods and services.
- The People’s Bank of China will announce its interest rate decision and will likely keep rates unchanged.
- The Central Bank of Russia will announce its interest rate decision.