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Newsletter

From the Secretary General



Stakeholder engagement is essential to the IAIS' ability to deliver on its mandate. Effective two-way dialogue between IAIS members and stakeholders allows the IAIS to have a clear picture of emerging risks and trends in the sector, share information on its activities and

ensure that a range of perspectives feed into our work to ensure the global standards we develop are effective.

During the past two months, we have taken advantage of the period between committee meetings to extend our engagement with stakeholders.

These exchanges act as "pulse checks" on the direction of our key projects, feed into the IAIS' collective discussion on risk in the insurance sector and, ultimately, to our Roadmap process, which sets the work agenda for the global insurance supervisory community.

In July, the IAIS hosted a virtual [CRO roundtable](#) where 13 CROs from leading insurers across the globe came together to discuss key risks relevant to the financial stability of the global insurance sector and which are the focus of this year's Global Monitoring Exercise (GME). The discussion provided compelling insights for the work we are undertaking in four key areas: (1) the weaker macroeconomic outlook including, rising inflation and

market volatility, (2) private equity ownership of insurers, (3) cyber risk and (4) climate risk.

Also, in July, we hosted a [public roundtable](#) on the Holistic Framework for the assessment and mitigation of systemic risk in the insurance sector. Nearly three years since the Framework was adopted and in advance of a decision by the Financial Stability Board (in consultation with the IAIS and national authorities) on the future of the identification of Global Systemically Important Insurers, the IAIS hosted two panels on the topic. Speakers shared views on the benefits of monitoring key risks and trends through the GME and the impact of enhanced macroprudential supervisory approaches. More than 200 participants joined for this discussion.

At the US National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) National Meeting in Portland, WA in August, the IAIS was able to share updates on our work and address questions and comments from US stakeholders as we approached the end of the consultation on draft criteria that will be used for the assessment of whether the Aggregation Method provides comparable outcomes to the Insurance Capital Standard (ICS).

And just today, we met with consumer groups to discuss the key trends they see emerging that are impacting consumers, what steps supervisors could be taking on market conduct issues, and how to enhance our engagement with consumer bodies going forward.

These discussions, amongst many others, will feed into the busy months ahead when we anticipate some critical decisions in the delivery of our post-crisis reforms while also kicking off our Roadmap process for the 2023-2024 cycle and sowing the seeds for the development of our Strategic Plan 2025-2029.

Jonathan Dixon, Secretary General

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Calendar Notes

REGISTER NOW for our upcoming stakeholder events:

- 2022 IAIS Annual Conference taking place in Santiago, Chile from 10-11 November (see [below](#))
- IAIS Accounting and Auditing Working Group virtual meeting to receive stakeholder input on 12 September (see [below](#))

News

Registration open for the 2022 IAIS Annual Conference

The 2022 IAIS Annual Conference will take place in person in Santiago, Chile on 10-11 November 2022.

The theme of this year's Annual Conference is a "Changing landscape: the role of the insurance sector in meeting emerging economic and social challenges" with panel sessions on diversity, equity and inclusion; changing consumer preferences; macroeconomic risks; climate risk and the Insurance Capital Standard. The keynote speech will cover increasing cyber risks and be delivered by Matt Holland, Founder, CEO and CTO of Field Effect.

A special thank you to the Financial Market Commission of Chile for hosting the event.

View the full agenda, speaker's list and additional information on our [website](#).

- [Member registration \(Extranet and member login required\)](#)
- [Stakeholder registration](#)

Please register before 3 October.



For additional information, please contact IAIS Events at iais.events@bis.org.

Event Spotlight

UPCOMING

AAWG meeting to receive stakeholder input | Virtual | 12 September

On 12 September from 15:30-16:30 CEST (Basel time), the Accounting and Auditing Working Group (AAWG) of the IAIS will hold a stakeholder session to provide updates on the working group's activities and gather feedback on key matters of interest.

To participate in the virtual meeting, please [register](#) online. Participation details will be emailed to registrants 24 hours prior to the virtual meeting.

For more information contact Lydia Kimumwe at lydia.kimumwe@bis.org.

RECENT

IAIS-A2ii Supervisory Dialogue on Conduct and Culture| Virtual | 21 July

On 21 July 2022, the IAIS and A2ii held a joint Supervisory Dialogue based on the IAIS [Issues Paper on Insurer Culture](#), published in November 2021. About 90 supervisors from 30 jurisdictions gathered to discuss topics related to conduct and culture across two sessions with simultaneous translation in French and Spanish.

Lauren Eckermann, IAIS Senior Policy Advisor, set the scene by presenting key concepts from the Issues Paper on Insurer Culture including what is meant by culture, what influences culture and why culture matters for insurers and supervisors. This was followed by a panel discussion moderated by Charlotte Cross, Chair of the IAIS Market Conduct Working Group (MCWG) and Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) - UK.

Panellists Vanasa Padayachee, Manager of Insurers and Retirement Fund Benefit Administrators Supervision at Financial Sector Conduct Authority of South Africa (FSCA), and Lim Hsin Ying, Consumer and Market Conduct Director at Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) shared views on why conduct and culture is an important topic for their authorities and how they supervise and assess compliance. They also answered questions about how to deal with insurers that have bad cultures, and the link between an insurer's culture and how it treats vulnerable customers.

In the afternoon session, Vanasa was joined by German Rodriguez, Legal Director from Superintendencia General de Seguros of Costa Rica (SUGESE), who addressed the importance of conduct and culture in the context of policyholder protection, promoting financial inclusion and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the prudential dimension.

Conduct and culture are part of the IAIS strategic themes. This event adds to the IAIS' initiatives to support the exchange of experiences and practices to facilitate understanding of supervisory issues as well as to promote observance of IAIS supervisory and supporting material.

Insurance supervisors can access the recordings by contacting dialogues@a2ii.org.

Additional details are included in the A2ii report [below](#).

For further information, contact Lauren Eckermann at lauren.eckermann@bis.org and Carlos Lopez Moreira at carlos.lopezmoreira@bis.org.

Public Roundtable on the implementation of the Holistic Framework | Virtual | 19 July

The IAIS Holistic Framework for the assessment and mitigation of systemic risk in the insurance sector (Holistic Framework) is now in its third year of implementation. In November 2022, based on the initial years of Holistic Framework implementation, the Financial Stability Board (FSB) in consultation with the IAIS and national authorities will decide whether to reinstate or discontinue the annual identification of Global Systemically Important Insurers. As an input to the IAIS review of the Holistic Framework and to feed into the IAIS report to the FSB, a virtual public roundtable discussion was held on 19 July. The roundtable was attended by more than 200 participants.

Stakeholders are broadly supportive of the Holistic Framework, which they consider an effective tool to assess and mitigate risk in the insurance sector. The roundtable discussed stakeholders' experience with the IAIS' annual Global Monitoring Exercise (GME) and the improvements it has provided in terms of the IAIS' capacity to understand risks in the insurance sector. Panellists also discussed the work to assess implementation of the Holistic Framework.

A [video recording](#) is available on our website.

For more information contact Joe Perry at joe.perry@bis.org and Nicolas Colpaert at nicolas.colpaert@bis.org.

CRO Roundtable | Virtual | 6 July

The annual CRO roundtable is an input to the IAIS GME, designed to provide additional qualitative perspectives for the IAIS' collective discussion of global insurance market trends and potential systemic risk.

This year, 13 CROs from internationally active insurance groups joined the IAIS Executive Committee (ExCo) to discuss themes that have been identified as part of the GME.

The discussion started with an assessment of the weak macroeconomic outlook and the impact that rising inflation and market volatility have on insurer balance sheets. This was followed by a discussion on whether there are risks from private equity ownership models in the insurance business.

Participants then discussed how insurers manage cyber risk, including both their efforts to address silent cyber risk, where clarity is required on terms and conditions, and in terms of risk management for cyber underwriting activities.

The discussion continued with the topic of climate-related risks, including how insurers can embed these risks into enterprise risk management, the risk of rising protection gaps and the importance of collecting data to better assess climate-related risks.

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BIS Annual General Meeting | Basel | 25 June

As reported in the last edition of our newsletter, Jonathan Dixon, IAIS Secretary General, spoke at the Financial Stability Institute's regulatory session on "Policy approaches to climate-related financial risks" that took place in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting of the Bank for International Settlements.

[The replay video](#) is now available on YouTube.



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Forum Updates

Forums provide an ongoing and flexible platform for technical experts to share insights and discuss developments in a specific area relevant for insurance supervision and regulation, including but not limited to supervisory practices, cross-cutting topics and emerging trends.

Retirement Income and Pensions Forum | Virtual | 14 July

On 14 July, the Retirement Income and Pensions Forum (RIPF) hosted another of its information sharing sessions to discuss key topics affecting the pensions and retirement income marketplace, which are relevant to insurance supervisors. Members received updates from stakeholders on longevity risks and the changing landscape of managing risk in old age. They discussed

research from the Geneva Association that sets out the challenges for the insurance sector as it adjusts to these changes. The Forum also addressed the impact of climate-related risks with a focus on the effect on pensions and practical considerations supervisors need to make as they seek to understand the impact of climate-related risks on pensions.

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Capacity Building

UPCOMING

Climate scenario analysis capacity building workshop series | Virtual | Dates to be announced

As part of the IAIS' efforts to support insurance supervisors in their work to assess and mitigate risks from climate change, a series of capacity building workshops is being organised for Members over the coming months.

The first workshop, for supervisors in Europe, Middle East and Africa, and led by staff from the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority and the Bank of England, took place over two sessions on 20-21 June. More than 70 supervisors took part in the capacity building and shared experiences with their peers about efforts to implement scenario analysis and considered new and emerging techniques for undertaking scenario analysis. Further workshops are planned for the coming months.

The IAIS is working in cooperation with the BIS Financial Stability Institute (FSI) to develop the workshop material into a training so that it can reach a wider audience.

For more information contact Joe Perry at joe.perry@bis.org.

Inclusive Insurance Training Programme | Virtual | August 23 - September 15

The Inclusive Insurance Training Programme for insurance supervisors is offered in partnership with the A2ii and the Toronto Centre. The curriculum is based on the IAIS [Application Paper on Regulation and Supervision Supporting Inclusive Insurance Markets](#). It is structured as a mixture of self-paced learning modules through the Connect.A2ii learning platform and eight live sessions with trainers and experts.

Participants include about 45 supervisors from 29 jurisdictions, who will explore various topics, ranging

from prudential aspects in inclusive insurance and the role of inclusive insurance in supporting market development to cross-cutting themes such as climate and environmental risks and sustainable development goals. As part of the training, supervisors will develop action plans for their jurisdictions.

For more information contact Carlos Lopez Moreira at carlos.lopezmoreira@bis.org.

FIRST ONE Programme | Virtual | 25 August - 1 December

The 8th cycle of the FSI-IAIS Regulatory and Supervisory Training Online Programme (FIRST ONE) kicked off on 25 August, with 320 participants from 82 jurisdictions representing 90 authorities.

This training is offered in cooperation with our implementation partner, the FSI. Built on the IAIS supervisory material, it addresses the building blocks of insurance regulation and supervision as well as emerging risks and trends. This training contributes to the IAIS High Level Goal (HLG) 3 - Supervisory Practices and 4 - Observance of Standards, supporting supervisory capacity building, understanding of supervisory issues and exchange of knowledge and experiences.

The programme will run until 1 December, and insurance supervisors will have the opportunity to attend live webinars with experts and continue to experience the refreshed FSI Connect platform launched earlier this year.

For more information contact Carlos Lopez Moreira at carlos.lopezmoreira@bis.org.

Meet our Staff

Each month get to know one (or more) IAIS staffers and the projects they are working on.

Welcome to the IAIS Secretariat



Name: Miroslav Petkov

Current role: Senior Policy Advisor, Climate Risk

Time with the IAIS: Since July 2022

Last employer: Citibank

Favourite pastimes: Hiking, climbing

Miroslav joined the IAIS in July. He leads the IAIS work on climate, which involves supporting the Climate Risk Steering Group, IAIS Environmental Policy, coordination with the Sustainable Insurance Forum (SIF) and participation in climate-related workstreams at the Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS) and Financial Stability Board (FSB).

During the last 10 years, Miroslav has worked on climate and ESG risk management at Citibank, Accenture and S&P. He has participated in several climate change and sustainable finance-related initiatives led by the finance industry and public bodies. He also worked on capital modelling, risk management and credit rating assessments of insurers at S&P and as an actuary in the insurance industry.

He has MSc in Mathematics from Sofia University, Bulgaria and is a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries, United Kingdom.



Name: Lydia Kimumwe

Current role: Senior Policy Adviser, Accounting and Finance

Time with the IAIS: Since August 2022

Last employer: Office for the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI), Canada

Favourite pastime: Watching basketball, tennis and movies, hiking, and on her lazy days sitting by the pool/beach.

Lydia joined the Capital and Solvency Team in August 2022 and will be contributing to the work of the IAIS on auditing, accounting and disclosures. In addition, she will be working on the development of capital standards related to capital and solvency. Lydia will also be supporting the work of the IAIS Budget Committee, including the annual IAIS budget approval process.

Lydia joins the IAIS from OSFI Canada where she worked for seven years and held various positions, including being part of the Project Management Office responsible for ensuring a robust implementation of IFRS 17 (Insurance Contracts) for all federally regulated insurers in Canada. Prior to joining OSFI, Lydia worked in the accounting policy division for one of Canada's domestic systemically important banks. She also worked for one of the big four accounting firms.

Lydia holds a Bachelor of Commerce in accounting from Makerere University (Uganda) and is a CPA, CA (Canada - Ontario).

Subcommittee Activities

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CLIMATE RISK STEERING GROUP

The Climate Risk Steering Group (CRSG) met virtually on 30 August to:

- Receive updates on the work of the different workstreams;
- Receive updates on the progress and initial observations from the analysis of the Global Monitoring Exercise (GME) climate data; and
- Discuss draft project plans for the CRSG work for the 2023-2024 IAIS Roadmap.

The next CRSG meeting will take place virtually on 12 October.

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MACROPRUDENTIAL SUPERVISION WORKING GROUP

The Macroprudential Supervision Working Group (MSWG) met virtually on 31 August. The main agenda items were:

- Update from the Private Equity workstream;
- Update from the Inflation and Interest Rate workstream; and
- GME feedback loop and collective discussion update.

The next meeting of the MSWG will be on 18-19 October in New York, USA.

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MACROPRUDENTIAL MONITORING WORKING GROUP

The Macroprudential Monitoring Working Group (MMWG) met virtually on 18 August to discuss:

- Continued analysis of the 2022 GME data;
- Key findings and inputs for the 2022 Holistic Framework collective discussion;

- Update on the three-year review of the GME individual insurer monitoring assessment methodology and the sector-wide monitoring;
- Update on the development of liquidity metrics;
- Update on the GIMAR 2022 Special Topic on Cyber risk; and
- Outline of the GIMAR 2022.

The next MMWG meeting will take place virtually on 1 September.

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OPERATIONAL RESILIENCE TASK FORCE

On 11 July, the Operational Resilience Task Force (ORTF) met virtually to discuss the draft Issues Paper on Insurance Sector Operational Resilience. The paper is now undergoing internal review and is scheduled to be issued for public consultation by early October.

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STANDARDS ASSESSMENT WORKING GROUP

The Standards Assessment Working Group (SAWG) met virtually on 30 August to mainly discuss the Targeted Jurisdictional Assessments of the implementation of the Holistic Framework supervisory material.

The next SAWG meeting will take place virtually on 10 October.

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Calendar of meetings and events

The following groups are scheduled to meet between September and October 2022.

Meetings will be held in virtual format, unless otherwise noted. For the full IAIS calendar, visit our [website](#).

Date	Group	Location
September 2022		
1	Macroprudential Monitoring Working Group	Virtual
8	Financial Crime Forum	Virtual
9	Risk Based Solvency Implementation Forum	Virtual
12	Accounting and Auditing Working Group virtual meeting to receive stakeholder input	Virtual
12-13	Accounting & Auditing Working Group	Virtual
12	Policy Development Committee	Virtual
13	Implementation & Assessment Committee	Virtual
13	Insurance Capital Standard and Comparability Task Force	Virtual
14-15	Macroprudential Committee	Basel
15-16	Executive Committee Retreat	Basel
21-22	Resolution Working Group	Basel
26-27	Capital, Solvency and Field Testing Working Group	Basel
27	Macroprudential Monitoring Working Group	Virtual
October 2022		
4-5	Governance Working Group	London, UK
5-6	Market Conduct Working Group	London, UK
10	Standards Assessment Working Group	Virtual
12	Climate Risk Steering Group	Virtual
13	FinTech Forum	Virtual
18-19	Macroprudential Supervision Working Group	New York, USA
24-25	Capital, Solvency and Field Testing Working Group	Basel
25	Macroprudential Monitoring Working Group	Virtual
TBC	Financial Inclusion Forum	TBC

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Financial Stability Institute (FSI) Report



The Financial Stability Institute (FSI) was jointly created in 1998 by the Bank for International Settlements and the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision to assist supervisors around the world in improving and strengthening their financial systems.

AFIR-FSI-IAIS fifth Asia-Pacific high-level meeting on insurance supervision | Maldives | 7 September

The Asian Forum of Insurance Regulators (AFIR), the FSI and the IAIS are pleased to be able to resume the fifth Asia-Pacific high-level meeting in person on 7 September 2022, kindly hosted by the Maldives Monetary Authority. The meeting will be devoted to two main issues relating to climate change and geopolitical tensions. On climate change, senior insurance supervisors from the region and experts will exchange views on how to integrate climate-related financial risks in insurance supervisory frameworks and will review prudential issues relating to net-zero transition plans that many insurers have pledged. The meeting will also assess potential implications on the insurance sector arising from geopolitical developments as well as the knock-on economic impact including from increasing inflationary pressures.

FSI Connect

In July 2022, the FSI published a new suite of tutorials on “Climate and environmental risks: progress report” based on the “Progress Report on the Guide for Supervisors” by the Central Banks and Supervisors Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS). A preview of the tutorial suite is available [here](#).

The FSI is also pleased to re-introduce all of its Executive Summaries on the FSI Connect platform.

Climate Training Alliance Portal

The Climate Training Alliance (CTA) is a collaboration between the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), the IAIS, the NGFS and the UN-convened Sustainable Insurance Forum (SIF). The CTA aims to enhance the availability of training resources for authorities responding to climate risks, by bringing together authorities at the cutting-edge of climate risk management so that they can share their experience with the rest of the central banking and supervisory community.

IAIS members are invited to self-register (through this [link](#)) to access information on upcoming trainings as well as self-study materials on climate-related and environmental issues, available on the CTA portal. If you wish to share information on upcoming training events that you are organising, and that are open to members of CTA's sponsoring organisations, or self-study materials on climate-related and environmental issues, please e-mail the details to fsiconnect@bis.org.

Access to Insurance Initiative (A2ii) Report



The Access to Insurance Initiative (A2ii) is a unique global partnership which inspires and supports insurance supervisors in promoting access to insurance for underserved and low-income populations. It is the IAIS implementation partner on financial inclusion.

Useful tools on the A2ii website

- The [Insurance and the SDGs](#) pages
- The [Supervisory KPIs Lexicon](#)
- The [Inclusive Insurance Regulations map](#)
- The [ICP Self-assessment Tool](#)
- The [Connect.A2ii e-learning platform](#)

Connect.A2ii Learning Platform

SELF-DIRECTED TRAINING: LEVERAGING ACTUARIAL SKILLS | 19 JULY

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR INSURANCE SUPERVISORS – LEVERAGING ACTUARIAL SKILLS

SELF-DIRECTED TRAINING

Strengthen your understanding and application of the actuarial concepts and tools needed to support effective insurance supervision and regulation.

In response to high demand from insurance supervisors, the **International Actuarial Association**, the **Access to Insurance Initiative** and the **International Association of Insurance Supervisors** have launched a self-directed virtual training on actuarial skills for supervisors.

The modules are hosted on the Connect.A2ii learning platform and are open to all supervisors with a Connect account free of charge. [Read more here...](#)

Recent Events

CONDUCT AND CULTURE - SUPERVISORY DIALOGUE | 21 JULY



During the recent Supervisory Dialogue, **Lauren Eckermann**, Senior Policy Advisor at the IAIS provided a comprehensive overview of the meaning, influence and importance of corporate culture, and presented the key aspects of the IAIS [Issues Paper on Insurer Culture](#).

“Culture is complex. Culture is influencing how an insurer or intermediary designs products and deals with clients. Culture is essential for a fair treatment of customers. This is particularly relevant for vulnerable groups, and this is why culture must get the attention of supervisors and on the agenda of on-site supervision” said **Manuela Zweimueller**, Head of Implementation at the IAIS, in her welcome remarks.

A panel discussion followed, moderated by **Charlotte Cross**, Chair of the IAIS Market Conduct Working group and Head of Department for Wholesale Insurance, Supervision Division at the UK Financial Conduct Authority. The panellists were: **Vanasa Padayachee**, Manager of Insurers and Retirement Fund Benefit Administrators Supervision at the South African Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA), **Lim Hsin Ying**, Director of Consumer and Market Conduct at Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM), and **Germán Rodríguez**, Legal Director at the General Insurance Superintendency of Costa Rica (SUGESE). The panel covered three main topics:

1. The importance of Conduct and Culture
2. Compliance and enforcement

3. Impact of Culture on treatment of vulnerable consumers and inclusive insurance

To read further, see [IAIS update](#) above.

For the full report, [click here](#).

INCLUSIVE INSURANCE BUSINESS MODELS FOR AFRICA - 7TH EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON INCLUSIVE INSURANCE | 13-15 JULY | LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA



The two-day conference gathered about 120 participants to discuss major trends, developments, and learnings for inclusive insurance in the African region. The A2ii moderated the second panel session of the conference on “**Developing and regulating inclusive insurance markets**” with **Yizaso Musonda** from the Zambian Pensions and Insurance Authority (PIA), **Elias Omondi** from FSD Africa, and **Ancellmi Anselmi**, Microinsurance Coordinator in Tanzania. The discussion focused on the role of the regulator in market development, key challenges to the development of inclusive insurance markets and strategies to overcome those as well as regulating for innovation and leveraging the benefits of digitalisation. [Read more...](#)

WEBINAR ON ROLE OF PUBLIC POLICY AND REGULATION IN INSURANCE DEVELOPMENT | 6 JULY

#RiskConversations webinar
6 JULY 2022, 14:00-15:15 CEST

Insurance Development in Emerging Markets: The role of public policy and regulation

Hannah Grant
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Bill Marcoux
Operating Committee Member,
Chair of IIRP Working Group
Insurance Development Forum

Dennis Noordhoek
Director Public Policy &
Regulation
The Geneva Association

On 6 July, **Hannah Grant**, Head of A2ii Secretariat, took part in the **Geneva Association (GA)** and **Insurance Development Forum (IDF)** panel discussion on [Insurance Development in Emerging Markets: The role of public policy and regulation](#), the GA and IDF report.

In line with the report's conclusions, panellists discussed the critical role of good public policy and regulation in ensuring that the insurance sector can play its part in supporting economic growth, societal development and resilience. Key factors that drive insurance market development and close protection gaps were discussed: sufficient political prioritisation of insurance, higher levels of financial and insurance literacy and risk awareness among all stakeholders, effective and efficient insurance regulation and supervision, and increasing trust in insurance solutions.

[Click here](#) to watch the recording.

5TH HIGH LEVEL MEETING FOR INSURANCE SUPERVISORY SECTOR IN ARAB COUNTRIES | 13 JULY

This supervisor-only high-level meeting on the topic of “Green and sustainable insurance in light of the climate change risks and the repercussions of the post-Covid 19 pandemic” was organised by the **Arab Monetary Fund** and attracted over 150 supervisors from the Arab region.

Hannah Grant, A2ii Head of Secretariat, presented in the opening session on the role that insurance supervisors can play in closing the climate risk protection gap. Her presentation was then followed by **Dr Mathew Connell**, Director, Policy and Public Affairs, Chartered Insurance Institute who spoke about the integration of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) considerations into the insurance sector and, in particular, the role of regulatory authorities in promoting green and responsible insurance.

The subsequent session included case studies from supervisory authorities in the region, with presentations from Egypt and United Arab Emirates on how they are integrating ESG considerations into their work.

VIRTUAL LAUNCH OF THE INDEX INSURANCE BEST PRACTICES FOR INSURANCE REGULATORS & PRACTITIONERS REPORT | 16 AUGUST

The webinar on 16 August marked the virtual launch of the report [Index Insurance Best Practices for Insurance Regulators and Practitioners](#), co-published by the UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) and the A2ii.

Launching the document, **Benjamin Pereira**, Assistant Governor, Central Bank of Samoa, highlighted the need amongst Pacific Central Banks and insurance supervisors to build better capacities to regulate and encourage index insurance solutions in the region. **Preeti Sinha**, Executive Secretary, UNCDF, highlighted how index insurance offers many opportunities for innovation and outside-of-the-box thinking, like the first-ever climate and disaster risk parametric micro-insurance product launched in Fiji, led by UNCDF's flagship Pacific Insurance and Climate Adaptation Programme (PICAP).

Speaking on behalf of A2ii, **Manoj Pandey** emphasized how the report builds on A2ii's previous efforts in identifying and addressing issues and challenges insurance supervisors from emerging markets face in regulation and encouraging index insurance solutions. This publication's strength lies in covering different aspects of supervision: prudential requirements, legal considerations, design and distribution strategies, and aspects of consumer education and protection. It is thus a comprehensive and informative document.

Finally, lead author of the report, **Agrotosh Mookerjee** (MD and Lead Actuary, RiskShield Consulting) presented the key findings of the publication and took questions from the audience on the issues of data, scale and sustainability of index insurance solutions and highlighted the ways to minimize basis risk in index insurance. For more details, [download the report](#).

A2II SUPERVISORY SPECIAL: HONDURAS CASE STUDY | 17 AUGUST

On 17 August, 24 supervisors from 11 jurisdictions attended the first A2ii Supervisory Special in Spanish. It was presented by **Néstor Iván Quiñónez Valenzuela** from the Superintendence of Insurance, of the National Commission of Banks and Insurance

of Honduras (CNBS - Comisión Nacional de Bancos y Seguros).

The A2ii Specials aim to promote peer exchange and discussions, based on presentations of real-life case studies. For this reason, they will always be held in the form of closed, supervisor-only meetings. The presentations are followed by a guided discussion, where the names of companies and individuals are changed in order to preserve those involved. Supervisors attending the meeting can familiarise themselves with the case study in advance through access to the Connect.A2ii platform.

We invite all supervisors who have a real case to share it with us. The A2ii team will be happy to organise Specials based on your experiences, where you can have a discussion with supervisors from other jurisdictions and hear different points of view.

Please email secretariat@a2ii.org to express interest.



Upcoming Events

REGULATORY CHALLENGES AND SUPERVISORY DEMANDS IN FACILITATING REMITTANCE-LINKED INSURANCE (SDG 1) - PUBLIC DIALOGUE | 29 SEPTEMBER



Approximately 281 million migrants, nearly half of whom are women, live and work outside their home countries.

Any unforeseen events affecting these migrants, such as death, sickness, or job loss, negatively impact the financial stability of the recipient family, leading to an excessive debt trap, inequality and poverty. Insurance and pensions are essential safeguards for migrant families against such unforeseen events. Despite international conventions and the focus of the SDGs, less than 3 percent of migrants from low-income countries have access to portable social protection schemes that could address these issues, necessitating a comprehensive market-based approach toward migrant insurance.

However, there is still a regulatory grey area in terms of supervisors' roles. What can supervisors do to facilitate insurance products targeted at migrants and their families? How can specific migrant needs be reflected? These and other questions will be addressed during this dialogue, exploring the existing regulatory challenges and possible pathways to explore the full potential of migrant insurance.

A2ii and IAIS are partnering with UNCDF for this Public Dialogue, taking place on **29 September** from 14:00-15:15 CEST. [Registration is open now.](#)

Blog

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND EMERGING REGULATORY EXPECTATIONS BY LAURA MOXTER MORALES

Artificial intelligence (AI), including machine learning (ML), is one of the technologies reshaping the financial sector, including insurance. AI has the potential to significantly improve the delivery of financial services to consumers as well as the operational and risk management processes within firms, which can present many opportunities for expanding financial inclusion.

On the flip side, the complexities of AI could overshadow these benefits, as it may exacerbate and introduce new risk exposures, especially around transparency and fairness. For these reasons, clear guidelines and tailored regulatory responses are necessary to mitigate the potential negative

consequences of AI-driven solutions to protect consumers and firms. [Read more...](#)

Staffing Updates



We are pleased to welcome **Ronaldo "Ronnie" Limbago** to the team as the Regional Coordinator for Asia. He is responsible primarily for relationship management with Asian supervisors, including enhancing their capacities in inclusive insurance through A2ii offerings.



We are pleased to welcome **Stephanie Campos** to the A2ii team as an intern. Stephanie supports the A2ii team on different capacity building tasks including online training modules, Monitoring and Evaluation, and the inclusive insurance innovation lab.

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About the IAIS

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Established in 1994, the IAIS is the international standard setting body responsible for developing principles, standards and other supporting material for the supervision of the insurance sector and assisting in their implementation. The IAIS also provides a forum for members to share their experiences and understanding of insurance supervision and insurance markets.

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