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# Newsletter

## From the Secretary General



It was with great pleasure that this month we were able to return to meeting in person for our yearly Executive Committee (ExCo) Strategic Retreat and collective discussions on the outcomes of the 2022 Global Monitoring Exercise (GME). Convening in Basel, the IAIS ExCo considered the risks and

key trends facing the insurance sector and, consequently, the strategic themes and priorities that will form the Association's next year's workplan.

Starting with the collective discussion, we had a rich discourse on the outcomes of our 2022 GME. The session focused on several global insurance groups as well as on three macroprudential trends facing the insurance sector: (1) the lower economic outlook and rising inflation, (2) private equity ownership of insurance businesses and (3) climate change. ExCo discussed the risk assessment and supervisory responses and formulated recommendations in terms of further actions. The outcomes will be reported to the Financial Stability Board (FSB) and highlights will be shared in our annual Global Insurance Market Report (GIMAR) later this year.

Following the collective discussion, the Strategic Retreat commenced, allowing a focus on other important topics,

such as: (1) diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) within the IAIS, (2) market conduct, (3) digital innovation and (4) protection gaps.

We discussed with ExCo IAIS efforts to further build DEI into our own internal governance and processes, including several concrete proposals to foster inclusion and enhance "diversity of thought" within the Association.

In our examination of digital innovation, we considered the outcomes of a member survey on developments in this area and priorities for the IAIS' FinTech Forum, including the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) by insurers.

On market conduct, we discussed the interconnections between the IAIS' work on market conduct and on prudential issues, as well as the future strategy for ensuring sufficient attention is afforded to issues of conduct and culture in the upcoming IAIS Roadmap and beyond.

Finally, we discussed the role that supervisors could play in multi-stakeholder approaches to addressing protection gaps. There was general agreement that this issue impacts all jurisdictions – both developed and developing – and there was an appetite for the IAIS to undertake additional work in this area, in collaboration with other key organisations and stakeholders, focusing on natural catastrophe protection gaps. Relatedly, as you will see in the [In Focus](#) article, the IAIS has recently published a joint note with the Access to Insurance Initiative (A2ii) about pandemic protection gaps.

With this critical element of our annual strategic planning cycle complete, we look forward to refining our 2023-2024 Roadmap before sharing highlights at our Annual Conference in November and publishing it in early 2023.

Jonathan Dixon, Secretary General

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## Calendar Notes

- **REMINDER – By 12 October** – registration is still open for the 2022 IAIS committee meetings, AGM and Annual Conference. Visit our [website](#) to view the agenda, confirmed speakers and registration information.

# In Focus

## The role of supervisors in multi-stakeholder approaches to address pandemic protection gaps

By Alistair Gough, IAIS Executive Coordinator

**As part of a broader set of lessons learnt from Covid-19, the IAIS and Access to Insurance Initiative (A2ii) have jointly published a note examining the role insurance supervisors could play in the design, development and implementation of insurance-based programmes for pandemic risk.**

In response to Covid-19, governments across the world embarked on large-scale relief plans in an attempt to alleviate the devastating losses to households and businesses. The development and implementation of initiatives aimed at improving accessibility and availability of insurance coverage against pandemic risk – or other types of risk where diversification is difficult to achieve – presents a unique challenge for governments, insurers and supervisors alike. The joint note is based on insights provided from interviews with senior officials from supervisory authorities as well as international organisations, from IAIS and A2ii stakeholder events held throughout the second half of 2021, and a review of existing literature on pandemic protection gaps and insurability of pandemics.

**There will be no “one size fits all” approach to addressing pandemic risk protection gaps, and any approach will be shaped by the environment in the given jurisdiction.**

In particular, the note focuses on the role of supervisors in approaches to closing gaps in coverage for types of risk where diversification is more difficult to achieve, especially coverage for non-damage business interruption (BI) losses in the context of pandemics. In this regard, the note draws parallels with supervisory

approaches to address other types of risk that challenge the principle of diversification.

The paper contends that supervisors can play an important role in helping to ensure that a balance of policyholder protection and market development considerations are built into the design and implementation of future multi-stakeholder insurance-based programmes aimed at addressing pandemic risk. However, the specific role of the supervisor will depend on a range of factors, including the respective mandate of the supervisor – ie supervisors with a financial inclusion or market development mandate may take a different approach to purely prudential and conduct authorities.

Supervisors can act as a bridge between the insurance sector and government, playing a role in advising on the risk-sharing implications that multi-stakeholder initiatives could have on insurers, from both a micro- and macroprudential perspective. For example, supervisors could play an important role in assessing the capacity of the industry in their local jurisdiction, to absorb risks which could, in turn, support the design of any public-private risk-sharing scheme.

Supervisors also have an essential consumer protection role as future coverage for pandemic risk is developed. By taking onboard lessons learnt from several high-profile cases relating to policy wording for BI cover, they can provide clarity on expectations with respect to fair treatment of customers, as well as through setting and implementing product oversight and governance requirements around market conduct risk.

### Highlights

The note considers the key characteristics of existing insurance programmes for pandemic risk – including public-private partnerships and risk pools – and outlines the role(s) that supervisors can play as future initiatives are developed.

There may also be scope for supervisors to consider initiatives aimed at building prevention measures into pandemic risk coverage, to ensure readiness and enhance resilience against future pandemics.

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Going forward, the IAIS will continue to monitor the landscape as different approaches and initiatives aimed at closing pandemic protection gaps are

## News

### IMPLEMENTATION

## Record participation in PRP on ICPs 9 and 10

An important part of the IAIS' assessment programme is the [Peer Review Process \(PRP\)](#), which is conducted on a thematic and periodic basis for different Insurance Core Principles (ICPs).

A PRP on the topic "Supervisory Review and Measures" relative to the standards set out in ICPs 9 (Supervisory Review and Reporting) and 10 (Preventive Measures, Corrective Measures and Sanctions), and touching on the core of supervision, was launched in Q4 2021.

This month, the IAIS finalised individual reports for each of the 86 participating jurisdictions. As a next step, the Expert Team is working on drafting the Aggregate Report of the PRP on ICPs 9 and 10 and identifying useful practices in preparation for publication in Q1 2023.

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considered and developed. Pandemic risk will also be considered in the context of protection gaps more broadly, recognising that protection gaps in some areas are growing – or will likely grow – and, as a result, supervisors and insurers are becoming more aware of the risks.

[Click here to read the note.](#)

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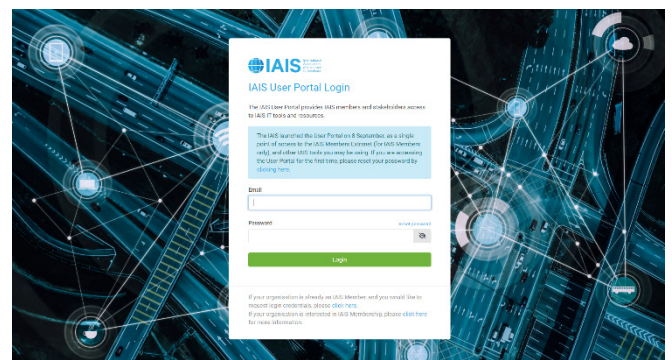
### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

## IAIS launches User Portal

When logging into the IAIS Members' Extranet (our online information exchange platform) and other IAIS applications, users this month were presented with a new interface – the IAIS User Portal.

The User Portal offers an improved experience, centralising access to the different platforms and also simplifying password management significantly by fully automating it.

The launch of the User Portal marks the beginning of a shift from our legacy IT infrastructure to new solutions





that better support our efforts to continuously improve the usability and resiliency of our technical infrastructure.

The transition to the User Portal has gone smoothly and we hope that our users have enjoyed the new experience. Further improvements are still to come!

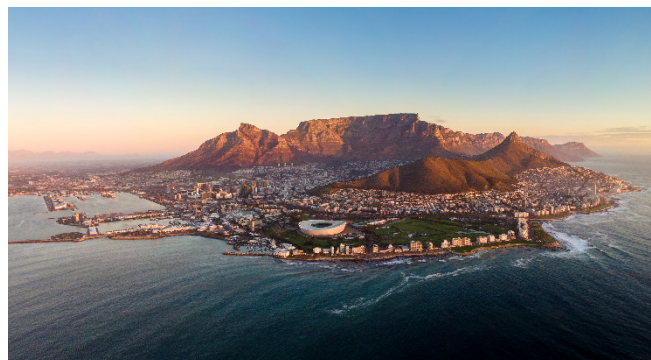
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## EVENTS

### South Africa to host 2024 IAIS Annual General Meeting and Annual Conference

During the recent Strategic Retreat, the IAIS ExCo selected the venue for the 2024 Annual Conference,

Annual General Meeting and committee meetings. The meetings will be jointly hosted by the Prudential Authority of South Africa (PA) and the Financial Sector Conduct Authority of South Africa (FSCA) and will take place in Cape Town, South Africa. The date will be announced in due course.



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# Event Spotlight

## UPCOMING

### ORTF public background session | Virtual | Date forthcoming

In October, a public background session will be held on the *Issues Paper on Insurance Sector Operational Resilience*, which will soon be published for public consultation. During the session, the Chair of the Operational Resilience Task Force (ORTF) will introduce the Issues Paper, and stakeholders will have the opportunity to engage on the key themes: cyber resilience, third-party outsourcing and business continuity management. Registrations for the session will open soon.

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## RECENT

### AAWG virtual meeting to receive stakeholder input | Virtual | 12 September

On 12 September, the Accounting and Auditing Working Group (AAWG) held a stakeholder session to provide updates on the working group's activities,

including work on IFRS 17 implementation and an update on the ongoing work in revising ICP 14 (Valuation). Stakeholders discussed key matters of interest in the area of accounting, auditing and disclosures.

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### Eurofi Forum | Czech Republic | 7-9 September

IAIS Deputy Secretary General Romain Paserot spoke on a panel at the Eurofi Forum in Prague on 7 September. The panel considered sustainability risks and challenges in the insurance sector. Romain set out details of the IAIS' work on climate risk including the [scenario analysis report](#) we published last year, which provided an assessment of insurers' investment exposure to climate risks. The report underscores the importance of supervisors assessing how climate change may affect the insurance sector and insurers individually. He also noted the work the IAIS is currently undertaking to assess climate data as part of this year's Global Monitoring Exercise as well as the

work to support insurance supervisors as they begin climate scenario analysis.

Romain also provided details on the work the IAIS has started on diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI). This work started last year with a [statement on DEI](#) and is now focused on taking stock of actions that IAIS members and other international organisations are taking to advance DEI in the insurance sector.



More details on the IAIS' work are set out in Romain's [Eurofi article](#).

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

See update in the [Financial Stability Institute \(FSI\) Report](#) below. For more information contact Carlos Lopez Moreira at [carlos.lopezmoreira@bis.org](mailto:carlos.lopezmoreira@bis.org).

# 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.

## Financial Crime Forum | Virtual | 8 September

The Financial Crime Forum (FCF) met virtually on 8 September to:

- Receive an update on recent activities of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF);
- Hear a presentation from the Bermuda Monetary Authority (BMA) on the regulatory framework for insurance and digital assets in Bermuda; and
- Receive a presentation from the Royal United Service Institute (RUSI) of the United Kingdom on proliferation financing risk, with a focus on its implications on the insurance sector.

During the meeting, members also shared jurisdictional updates relevant to financial crime such as money laundering, terrorist financing, proliferation financing, sanctions and fraud in insurance.

The next meeting of the FCF will be in November.

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## Risk Based Solvency Implementation Forum | Virtual | 9 September

The Risk Based Solvency Implementation Forum (RBSIF) held its first meeting on 9 September. Supervisors from across seven different regions gathered to discuss the objectives and activities of the RBSIF and to share their perspectives on key considerations in transitioning to risk-based solvency regimes.

The RBSIF will hold quarterly plenaries on issues and technical aspects of transitioning to such a regime and will develop guidance to support supervisors, particularly from Emerging Markets and Developing Economies (EMDEs).

The RBSIF adds to the many IAIS initiatives to facilitate knowledge exchange and cooperation

amongst supervisors and to support IAIS members' efforts to identify and address gaps in the implementation of the IAIS supervisory and supporting material.

The next meeting of the RBSIF will be in November.

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## Meet our Staff

Each month get to know an IAIS staffer and the projects they are working on.



**Name:** Alistair Gough

Current role: Executive Coordinator

Time with the IAIS: Since March 2020

Last employer: Australian Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Favourite pastimes: Playing tennis and hiking around Switzerland's spectacular mountains and lakes

Alistair has held the role of Executive Coordinator since March 2020. He plays a role in the strategic planning of the Association, particularly in coordinating the IAIS Roadmap and planning the Executive Committee Strategic Retreat. He also provides coordination support to the Secretary General, such as briefings and oversees a number of internal processes and procedures.

Alongside his internal coordination and strategic planning roles in the Secretariat, Alistair supports the IAIS's workstreams focused on operational resilience and protection gaps – including leading the drafting process for the recently published note on the role of supervisors in multi-stakeholder approaches to address pandemic protection gaps.

Before joining the IAIS, Alistair worked for the Australian Public Service, most recently as a Policy Advisor in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

## Committee and Subcommittee Activities

### Committee Activities

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee (ExCo) held its annual Strategic Retreat on 15 and 16 September in Basel. Over the course of the two days, ExCo:

- Held its collective discussion on the outcome of the 2022 Global Monitoring Exercise (GME);

- Discussed progress made and next steps with respect to the Holistic Framework Targeted Jurisdictional Assessments;
- Was provided with an update on the key Macprudential Committee projects envisaged to be finalised by year-end;
- Discussed a number of key strategic themes for the Association and prioritisation of the deliverables and resourcing of the 2023-2024 Roadmap ([see update from the Secretary General above](#)); and

- Selected South Africa as the venue for the 2024 Annual General Meeting, Annual Conference and committee meetings (December 2-6, 2024).

ExCo will next meet on 9 November in Chile.

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#### IMPLEMENTATION AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

The Implementation and Assessment Committee (IAC) met virtually on 13 September to:

- Receive updates on the activities of the Standards Assessment Working Group;
- Discuss progress of the Targeted Jurisdictional Assessments and next steps; and
- Discuss the prioritisation of projects and key activities for the 2023-2024 IAIS Roadmap as input for the ExCo Strategic Retreat.

The next meeting of the IAC will take place virtually on 13 October.

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#### MACROPRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

The Macprudential Committee (MPC) met in Basel on 14-15 September to:

- Hold its collective discussion on the outcomes of the 2022 GME;
- Discuss the outline of the IAIS report to the FSB on the review of the Holistic Framework;
- Discuss the three-year review of the Individual Insurer Monitoring (IIM) assessment methodology;
- Discuss the development of liquidity metrics as ancillary indicators to the IIM;
- Discuss the draft outline of the 2022 Global Insurance Market Report (GIMAR);
- Discuss progress on the GIMAR special topic edition on cyber; and
- Discuss the prioritisation of new projects and activities for the 2023-2024 Roadmap.

MPC will next meet on 7 November in Chile.

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#### POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Policy Development Committee (PDC) met virtually on 12 September. The PDC:

- Discussed potential differentiated ICS treatment for strategic equity;
- Received updates on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) stocktake report and on the FSB work on the application of the Key Attributes for Effective Resolution in the insurance sector; and
- Discussed the prioritisation of projects and key activities for the 2023-2024 IAIS Roadmap as input for the ExCo Strategic Retreat.

PDC will next meet virtually on 25 October.

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## Subcommittees Activities

#### ACCOUNTING AND AUDIT WORKING GROUP

The Accounting and Auditing Working Group (AAWG) met in person on 12-13 September in Basel. The main agenda items were updates on:

- IFRS 17 Implementation Presentation by the Global Public Policy Committee (GPPC) of the large accounting networks;
- Draft revisions to ICP 14 (Valuation); and
- Supervisory activities.

The next meeting of the AAWG is planned for December in Tampa, Florida.

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#### CAPITAL, SOLVENCY AND FIELD TESTING WORKING GROUP

The Capital, Solvency and Field Testing Working Group (CSFWG) met virtually on 31 August to discuss:

- ICS availability of capital resources;
- ICS treatment of strategic equity; and
- Draft revised ICP 17 (Capital Adequacy).

The analysis team began data analysis in September. The focus of the first week of data analysis was verifying the data and undertaking initial analysis.

CSFWG met again on 26-27 September in Basel to discuss:



- Draft revised ICP 14 (Valuation); and
- Initial results of the 2022 ICS and Aggregation Method data collections.

CSFWG will next meet on 24-25 October in Basel.

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#### GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP

The Governance Working Group (GWG) met virtually on 8 September to:

- Discuss GWG members' feedback on the first draft of the DEI stocktake report; and
- Start preparing for a discussion at the upcoming joint GWG-MCWG meeting to raise ideas for possible future work by the IAIS on DEI.

GWG will next meet on 4-5 October in London, UK. The meeting will be jointly with MCWG on 5 October.

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#### MARKET CONDUCT WORKING GROUP

The Market Conduct Working Group (MCWG) met virtually on 8 September to:

- Discuss the draft of the DEI stocktake report, including MCWG and GWG's members' feedback; and
- Start preparing for a discussion at the upcoming joint GWG-MCWG meeting to raise ideas for possible future work by the IAIS on DEI.

MCWG will next meet on 5-6 October in London, UK, with a joint meeting with GWG on 5 October.

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#### MACROPRUDENTIAL MONITORING WORKING GROUP

The Macroprudential Monitoring Working Group (MMWG) met virtually on 1 and 27 September to:

- Prepare the collective discussion on the outcome of the 2022 Global Monitoring Exercise;
- Discuss the development of the liquidity metrics;
- Discuss the three-year review of the Individual Insurer Monitoring assessment methodology; and

- Discuss the outline and content of the Global Insurance Market Report (GIMAR) 2022.

The next MMWG meeting will take place virtually on 25 October.

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#### OPERATIONAL RESILIENCE TASK FORCE

The Operational Resilience Task Force (ORTF) continues to progress its Issues Paper on Insurance Sector Operational Resilience. It is anticipated the Issues Paper will be published for public consultation in the second week of October.

A virtual public background session on the Issues Paper will take place on 27 October (TBC).

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#### RESOLUTION WORKING GROUP

The Resolution Working Group (ReWG) met on 21-22 September in Basel to:

- Discuss the draft Issues Paper on the role of Policyholder Protection Schemes (PPS) in resolution;
- Discuss possible future work of the ReWG;
- Receive an update on the IAIS Holistic Framework for systemic risk in the insurance sector, including:
  - Global Monitoring Exercise (GME) and collective discussion; and
  - Holistic Framework implementation assessment.
- Receive updates on other issues relevant to the ReWG, including the FSB work on the application of the Key Attributes to the insurance sector and the FSB insurance Cross-Border Crisis Management Group (iCBCM) workplan.

The ReWG will next meet virtually in October.

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# Calendar of meetings and events

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

For the full IAIS calendar, visit our [website](#).

Date	Group	Location
October 2022		
4-5	Governance Working Group	London, UK
5-6	Market Conduct Working Group	London, UK
7	Insurance Capital Standard and Comparability Task Force	Virtual
10	Standards Assessment Working Group	Virtual
12	Climate Risk Steering Group	Virtual
12-13	Financial Inclusion Forum	San Jose, Costa Rica
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
25	Policy Development Committee	Virtual
27 (TBC)	Operational Resilience Task Force stakeholder session	Virtual
TBC	Resolution Working Group	Virtual
November 2022		
7	Audit and Risk Committee	Santiago de Chile
7	Macroprudential Committee	Santiago de Chile
8	Implementation and Assessment Committee	Santiago de Chile
8	Insurance Capital Standard and Comparability Task Force	Santiago de Chile
8	Policy Development Committee	Santiago de Chile
9	Executive Committee	Santiago de Chile
10-11	<a href="#">Annual General Meeting and Annual Conference</a>	Santiago de Chile
TBC	Financial Crime Forum	Virtual
TBC	Retirement Income and Pensions 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



After two years of virtual meetings, senior insurance supervisors from the Asia-Pacific region met in person at the fifth Asia-Pacific high-level meeting on insurance supervision, hosted by the Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA). The meeting was co-organised by the Asian Forum of Insurance Regulators (AFIR), the FSI of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) and the IAIS.

Following a welcoming remarks by Ahmed Imad, Deputy Governor of the MMA, IAIS Secretary General Jonathan Dixon, in his opening remarks,

emphasised the common agenda that insurance supervisors face and the global nature of many of the risks. He noted that macroeconomic developments, including significant inflationary pressures in most parts of the world, pose a short-to-medium risk for the insurance sector. There has been a marked rise in corporate and sovereign yields, following a prolonged period of low interest rates that has put pressure on insurance business models. Jonathan then addressed climate change and the significant medium-to-long term risk this poses for the insurance sector and the broader global economy. Both will shape the insurance sector in the years ahead and, therefore, the focus on these issues by supervisors is to be welcomed.

Clement Cheung, Chair of AFIR and Chief Executive Officer of the Insurance Authority of Hong Kong, and Juan Carlos Crisanto, Deputy Chair of the FSI, both highlighted the need for closer supervisory collaboration in light of heightened uncertainties facing the insurance industry.

Tao Zhang, Chief Representative of the BIS Office for Asia and the Pacific, delivered a special address on the macroeconomic impact on the Asia-Pacific insurance industry.

The meeting covered the following three key topics, each with a panel discussion framing the exchange of views:

- Geo-political tensions – impact on insurance supervision in Asia-Pacific;
- Greening insurance supervision for future climate scenarios; and
- Facilitating orderly transition to net-zero.



The IAIS, AFIR and FSI would like to thank the panellist line-up: Arup Chatterjee, Principal Financial Sector Specialist, Asian Development Bank; Lau Chin Ching, Director, Bank Negara Malaysia; Conor Donaldson, Chief Executive Officer, Global-Asia Insurance Partnership; Peter Kohlhagen, General

Manager, Australian Prudential Regulation Authority; Debasish Panda, Chairman, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority, India; Abdul Wahid Thowfeeq, Chairman, Dhivehi Insurance Company Pvt. Ltd.; Daniel Wang, Chair of the IAIS Climate Risk Steering Group and Executive Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore; Yuji Yamashita, Deputy Commissioner for International Affairs, Financial Services Agency of Japan; and Jeffery Yong, Principal Advisor, FSI, BIS.

# 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 [Covid-19 Insurance Supervisory Response Tracker](#)
- The [Supervisory KPIs Lexicon](#)
- The [Inclusive Insurance Regulations map](#)
- The [ICP Self-assessment Tool](#)

## A2ii is hiring!



We are recruiting for a new Advisor with previous experience in an insurance supervisory authority or a closely related field. For more information, [see our vacancies page](#).

The deadline is **9 October 2022**.

## Connect.A2ii Learning Platform

**A2II LAUNCHES TWO SELF-PACED TRAINING MODULES FOR SUPERVISORS ON GENDER LENS AND PRACTICES IN INSURANCE**

The two new training modules - *Applying a gender lens to inclusive insurance* and *How to conduct a rapid gender diversity assessment* – provide regulators, supervisors and policy makers practical tools and assessments that lead to actionable insights that can improve women's access to insurance and advance gender equality.

APPLYING A GENDER LENS TO INCLUSIVE INSURANCE



HOW TO CONDUCT A RAPID GENDER DIVERSITY ASSESSMENT



PART 1  
OF THE A2II GENDER SERIES

PART 2  
OF THE A2II GENDER SERIES

The first module features an intervention by **Helen Rowell**, Deputy Chair of the Australian Prudential Authority and the IAIS' Exco Champion for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI).

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...](#)



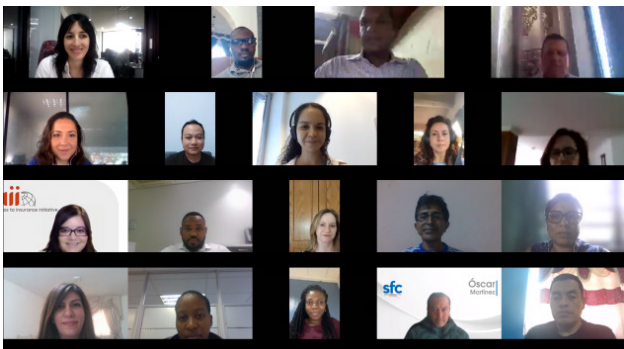
## Recent Events

### INCLUSIVE INSURANCE TRAINING PROGRAMME | 23 AUGUST-15 SEPTEMBER



The 2022 Inclusive Insurance Training Programme organised by the **A2ii**, **IAIS**, and **Toronto Centre**, concluded on 15 September 2022. There were 34 participants from 23 jurisdictions representing Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, the Middle East and North Africa, and Sub-Saharan Africa. The programme took place over four weeks through a mix of modules hosted on the Connect.A2ii learning platform and live sessions on MS Teams.

Programme leaders **Andrea Camargo**, **Craig Thorburn**, and **Patricia Vargas** delivered sessions on topics such as inclusive insurance regulation and supervision, the role of the supervisor, prudential aspects in supervision, innovation and technology, consumer protection, index-based and agriculture insurance, KPIs, climate, and action planning. We also welcomed special guests – **Manoj Pandey**, A2ii for an interactive session on gender, as well as **Michael Kofi Andoh**, National Insurance Commission of Ghana, **Yegna Priya Bharath**, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India, and **Tomás Soley**, Superintendency of Insurance of Costa Rica, who each presented on inclusive insurance in their jurisdictions and took questions, sharing their valuable experience with the attendees.



At the end of the training, participants completed and presented action plans intended to address an issue in their jurisdiction. Their priorities included working on regulatory frameworks and a definition of

microinsurance, developing capacity building programmes, addressing low insurance penetration rates, optimising data collection, insurance education and awareness, increasing products targeted to women, and piloting index-based insurance.

Keep an eye out next year for the A2ii's announcements – A2ii tentatively plans to offer another training in English in spring 2023 and a training in Spanish for autumn 2023.

### III-LAB INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE | 19-21 SEPTEMBER



From 19 to 21 September, the A2ii [Inclusive Insurance Innovation Lab \(iii-lab\)](#), hosted the 2022 International Dialogue gathering country teams from the [third cohort](#): **Costa Rica**, **Grenada**, **Zambia** and **Zimbabwe**, along with [lab 1](#) and [lab 2](#) alumni from **Albania**, **Argentina**, **Ghana**, **Kenya**, **Mongolia**, **Morocco**, and **Rwanda**.



Since 2017, the A2ii, supported by Reos Partners, has brought together 12 multi-stakeholder country teams from around the world in a one-year Inclusive Insurance Innovation Lab programme. The teams engaged in continuous exchange and learning, leading to innovative solutions for increasing resilience of the most vulnerable populations in their societies.

The alumni shared their experiences from past lab experiences and supported the third cohort in finalising their pilot plans. The third iii-lab – the *climate lab* – country teams presented new approaches they have developed aiming at tackling

one of the greatest global threats of our time – climate change.

- Costa Rica developed a web-based open platform for small hoteliers to increase resilience of their businesses through risk assessments and sustainable solutions.
- Grenada worked on a mutual risk pool to provide direct relief to farmers and fisherfolk after a declared climate-related disaster.
- Zambia developed a pilot to raise awareness on insurance by engaging community champions to disseminate information to farmers and other agriculture stakeholders.
- Zimbabwe worked on The Farmers' Basket bundle which offers affordable Area Yield Index Insurance (AYII) with inputs like pesticides, fertilizers, and irrigation equipment, among others.

The iii-lab's reach extends to close to 150 key stakeholders from the inclusive insurance sectors in 12 countries. Since 2017 to date they have been successfully engaging in dialogue and mutual learning which has inspired and equipped them to assume leadership within their sectors and/or organisations.

*“The international peer exchange facilitated by the lab helped me better understand different challenges faced by different markets and the innovative steps the stakeholders are taking to address these challenges.”*

*- Germán, Lab 3 participant from Costa Rica*

With strong stakeholder networks and innovative country prototypes, the teams continue to work on their vision to serve as vehicles for inclusion providing protection, resilience and inclusivity among the vulnerable populations in their countries. [Click here](#) to see photos from the event.

#### ASSAL-IAIS REGIONAL TRAINING SEMINAR FOR INSURANCE SUPERVISORS | 22-23 SEPTEMBER

The ASSAL-IAIS Regional Training Seminar for Insurance Supervisors “Challenges of Insurance Systems in Latin America” took place in the **Bank, Insurance and AFP Superintendency of Peru** (SBS) Training Centre in Lima, Peru. Co-organised by the **Latin American Association of Insurance Supervisors** (ASSAL), the **IAIS**, the **A2ii**, **Microinsurance Network** (MiN), and the **SBS**.

The seminar covered current topics in insurance supervision and regulation, among which risk-based capital, stress tests, cybersecurity, catastrophic risk and protection gaps were highlighted. The A2ii and MiN co-organised the last three sessions about protection gap with a focus on pandemic-derived risks.

The complete report about the sessions organised by A2ii and MiN will be available in the next [A2ii newsletter](#).



#### Q&A SPECIAL WITH THE IAA ON “LEVERAGING ACTUARIAL SKILLS” – FOR SUPERVISORS | 27 SEPTEMBER

In July, the A2ii in partnership with the IAA and the IAIS launched the self-directed virtual training programme “[Leveraging Actuarial Skills](#)” on the Connect.A2ii learning platform. Since then, more than 100 insurance supervisors have enrolled in the course.

To complement the self-directed part of the training and address any open questions, all graduates were invited to a Q&A Special on 27 September with **Fred Rowley**, **Jules Gribble**, **Alex Kühnast** and **Jeff Blacker** from the actuarial trainer team. During the session, an engaging discussion evolved around topics including trainers' recommendations on what to look out for when reviewing actuarial reports, quantitative performance indicators for reviewing ORSAs as well as machine learning pricing models.

*“This training aims at strengthening the understanding and application of the actuarial concepts and tools. It is an important precondition for effective insurance supervision and regulation. I highly recommend this course to junior to middle level staff of national insurance supervisory authorities!”*

*-Kosta Spaseski, North Macedonia*

The A2ii encourages all interested supervisors to register for an account on [Connect.A2ii](#) and complete the training for a chance to attend future Q&A Specials.



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## Upcoming Events

### RISK-BASED SUPERVISION – SUPERVISORY DIALOGUE | 24 NOVEMBER



The next A2ii-IAIS Supervisory Dialogue will take place on 24 November on the topic of risk-based supervision.

Visit the A2ii's [events page](#) where more information will be provided shortly.

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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.

The IAIS coordinates its work with other international financial policymakers and associations of supervisors or regulators and assists in shaping financial systems globally. In particular, the IAIS is a member of the Financial Stability Board (FSB), member of the Standards Advisory Council of the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and partner in the Access to Insurance Initiative (A2ii). In recognition of its collective expertise, the IAIS also is routinely called upon by the G20 leaders and other international standard-setting bodies for input on insurance issues as well as on issues related to the regulation and supervision of the global financial sector.

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