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Newsletter

From the Secretary General



The lingering effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and the tragic situation of war in Ukraine have led to increasing geopolitical and economic challenges, raising the need for insurance supervisors to effectively monitor and respond to heightened macroprudential risks.

Inflationary pressures, not seen in decades, driven by supply chain shortages and surges in commodity and food prices are leading to a deteriorating economic outlook. The Bank for International Settlements warns that inflationary pressures will not ease soon, as many of the driving forces remain in place and new ones emerge.

As the global association of insurance supervisors, we have continued to work with our members to assess the risks for the global insurance sector and broader financial stability.

Most notably, the Global Monitoring Exercise (GME) has proven invaluable over the last years in helping to assess risks.

In addition, we have developed a risk dashboard on financial markets, which pulls together data gathered from external data providers to monitor key risk indicators. We update and share this regularly internally with IAIS members.

A prolonged period of low interest rates has put pressure on insurance business models. There is uncertainty about the speed of possible monetary policy changes to temper inflation and how this may affect interest rates, financial markets and growth going forward.

While insurance markets in aggregate have been able to absorb the shocks from the pandemic and the war in Ukraine thus far, we are mindful that a deterioration in the global economic outlook has the potential to impact insurers on both the asset and liability sides of their balance sheets.

In addition, current developments have reinforced concerns about cyber risk. This year, we are undertaking a deep dive to assess cyber risk to the insurance sector, and how cyber underwriting could potentially mitigate or exacerbate financial stability risks. We look forward to reporting on this in our Global Insurance Market Report (GIMAR) 2022, special topic edition, towards the end of this year.

During this time of heightened uncertainty, we remain committed to helping our members gain a better understanding of risks to insurance sector stability and how to effectively respond, including through global supervisory coordination.

Jonathan Dixon, Secretary General

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Calendar Notes

REGISTER [here](#) for the 2022 Global Seminar, taking place in Dubrovnik, Croatia on 16 and 17 June!

IAIS members should register using the following dedicated [link](#).

Registration is open until 27 May.

In Focus

Launch of year three of the ICS monitoring period

The end of April marked the mid-point of the Insurance Capital Standard (ICS) monitoring period with the launch of the 2022 ICS confidential reporting package to volunteer groups. This begins the third year of the five-year monitoring period. It is also an important milestone as the information collected up to and including this year will greatly inform the public consultation on the ICS as a prescribed capital requirement (PCR), which will be launched mid-year 2023.

The Insurance Capital Standard

The ICS aims to provide a globally comparable risk-based measure of capital adequacy of International Active Insurance Groups (IAIGs). The ultimate goal is a single ICS that includes a common methodology by which one ICS achieves comparable, ie substantially the same, outcomes across jurisdictions.

Approved in November 2019, ICS version 2.0 is being used during a five-year monitoring period (2020-2024) for confidential reporting to group-wide supervisors (GWSs) and discussion in supervisory colleges. During the monitoring period, the ICS results will not be used as a basis to trigger supervisory action.

The goal for the current phase of ICS development (ICS version 2.0) is the delivery of a capital standard that is fit for implementation by supervisors. The implementation of the ICS will be conducted in two phases: (1) a five-year monitoring period (2020-2024) during which the ICS will be used for confidential reporting to the GWS and discussion in supervisory colleges; and (2) implementation of the ICS as a group-wide PCR. The performance of the ICS will be assessed during the monitoring period, so that the ICS adopted as a PCR will be a global supervisory tool that builds mutual understanding and a common language for discussions amongst group-wide and host supervisors.

During the monitoring period, there have been limited changes to the reference ICS, in line with the intent of the monitoring period, which is to be a period of stability for the reference ICS. However, the IAIS continues to collect supplementary data on targeted areas of the ICS to inform future discussions on ICS as a PCR in advance of the 2023 public consultation.

To facilitate ICS discussions within supervisory colleges during the monitoring period, each year the IAIS provides each GWS with a package of materials that includes a report (or dashboard) of ICS results for its volunteer groups (those groups participating in ICS confidential reporting – they may be IAIGs or other interested groups), guidance material to understand the report, and questionnaires to solicit feedback on the performance of the ICS, including any challenges with applying the specifications.

“Accelerating global risks demonstrate the importance of a common language for supervisory discussions of group solvency of IAIGs. The IAIS is committed to delivering an ICS that is fit for implementation by supervisors by 2024.”

**Jonathan Dixon,
IAIS Secretary General**

In January 2022, the IAIS hosted the first ICS Global Roundtable of Supervisors, which provided an opportunity for supervisors to discuss the experience of assessing the reference ICS and additional reporting amongst fellow supervisors (both home and host).

The feedback received during the monitoring period will be used to further improve the ICS.

The 2022 ICS confidential reporting package will be made publicly available by the end of June for interested stakeholders.

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News

MEMBERSHIP

The Albanian Financial Supervisory Authority joins the IAIS MMoU

The Albanian Financial Supervisory Authority (AFSA) has recently become a member of the IAIS Multilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MMoU) – our international supervisory cooperation and information exchange agreement.

The IAIS MMoU provides a global framework of compliance and confidentiality to allow for open cooperation and exchange between insurance supervisors.

Since the first jurisdiction was admitted in June 2009, the number of members has grown significantly, and currently represents three-quarters of global gross written premiums. A complete list of international signatories and a copy of the IAIS MMoU can be found on the IAIS website by clicking [here](#).

View the press release [here](#).

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Earth Day 2022

The IAIS celebrated Earth Day on 22 April. Our work on climate spans across many of our activities, ranging from financial stability, risk assessment, developing supervisory and supporting materials and capacity building. [Visit our website to learn more.](#)



Event Spotlight

NAIC Spring meetings | Kansas City | 5-8 April

On 7 April, IAIS Secretary General Jonathan Dixon and members of the Secretariat senior management team virtually joined the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Spring Meetings that took place in Kansas City, MO, United States. They joined the NAIC International Insurance Relations Committee and provided an update on the IAIS' 2022-2023 Roadmap as part of a Q&A session. Jonathan



noted good progress against the Roadmap, highlighting in particular the working being undertaken on the IAIS' strategic themes.

Stakeholders asked a number of questions, including about the IAIS work on climate risk and its approach to stakeholder engagement.

To view the replay, click [here](#).

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BIS check-in meeting on financial inclusion | Virtual | 21 April

On Thursday 21 April, the Bank for International Settlement (BIS) hosted a virtual check-in meeting on financial inclusion with around 30 representatives from global standard-setting bodies (SSBs) and financial inclusion organisations.

The session was chaired by Fernando Restoy, Chair of the Financial Stability Institute (FSI) of the BIS, who set the scene by touching on the implications of Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) for financial inclusion, including the opportunities and challenges it entails.

This was followed by an update on the work participants are conducting on topics impacting financial inclusion, including, FinTech, correspondent banking, proportionality, consumer protection, remittances and effects of regulations, capacity building and sustainable finance. The IAIS shared its contributions to financial inclusion through its activities, application papers and issues papers – notably the Financial Inclusion Forum, the [Application Paper on the Supervision of Climate-related Risks in the Insurance Sector](#) and the [Issues Paper on Insurer Culture](#).

Subsequently, a presentation on the work of the Access to Insurance Initiative (A2ii) that is relevant to SBBs and the most recent FSI Insights paper (No.41), [CBDCs: a new tool in the financial inclusion toolkit?](#) was provided.

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ASSAL-IAIS-FSI High-Level Meeting | Virtual | 27 April

The sixth edition of the Latin American Association of Insurance Supervisors (ASSAL)-IAIS-FSI high-level meeting took place virtually on 27 April. Seventy insurance supervisors and stakeholders from twenty-six jurisdictions gathered to exchange views on the current global situation and its impact on the insurance sector. Regulatory and supervisory priorities for 2022 were also discussed. The topics addressed in the panel discussions included highlights of the 2022-2023 IAIS Roadmap, supervision in today's challenging environment, operational resilience of insurers and supervisors and an update on climate-related work.

A keynote speech on the highlights of the 2022-2023 IAIS Roadmap by Victoria (Vicky) Saporta, Chair of the IAIS Executive Committee, set the scene. In her speech, Vicky set out the details of the work programme over the next two years, focusing on risk assessment to analyse trends and risks in the global insurance sector, the efforts to finalise the development of global standards, the IAIS' support to address supervisory issues and practices, and implementation. In particular, Vicky talked about the benefits of the Holistic Framework, the progress in finalising the ICS, the work on cyber risk, conduct and culture, financial inclusion and sustainable development, which are aligned with the priorities identified by Latin American supervisors.

The session also provided an opportunity for ASSAL members to exchange views on their experiences with remote supervision and how to best adapt to a new challenging environment whilst still advancing their supervisory risk assessments to ensure financial stability and consumer protection.

Jonathan Dixon chaired the panel on operational resilience – laying the foundation for a more virtual insurance industry. The panel, which consisted of Stefanie Ott, Head Group Qualitative Risk Management at Swiss Re; Petra Hielkema, Chairperson at EIOPA; and Todd Coslow, Chair of the IAIS Operational Resilience Task Force, discussed the many opportunities as well as challenges and complexities brought about by digital transformation and its implications for operational resilience.

Additionally, Manuela Zweimueller, together with Principal Advisor at the FSI, Jefferey Yong, provided an

update on the work on climate-related financial risks of the IAIS, FSI and regional authorities.

To read further, see the FSI report [below](#).

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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.

FinTech Forum | Virtual | 21 April

The FinTech Forum (FF) met on 21 April to discuss progress on the 2022 workplan as well as discuss trends and developments in members' jurisdictions.

FIF members agreed to launch a survey for IAIS members in May, aimed at providing input to a joint IAIS-FSI-A2ii public note on innovative technology in insurance supervision (SupTech) and on priorities for the ongoing monitoring work of the FF.

Members also discussed the use of crypto assets in insurance, noting that this trend requires continued monitoring by supervisors, from both a prudential and conduct perspective.

On 11 May, the FF will host a workshop, open to all IAIS members, to present the outcomes of three deep-dive assessments that were recently finalised:

- Use of Application programming interfaces (APIs) and open data;
- Distributed ledger technologies (DLTs) and blockchain; and
- Safe, fair and ethical adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) as well as the use and governance of data.

The members-only workshop will be organised on 11 May, from 14.00 – 16.00 CEST (Basel time) to discuss these topics in greater detail. You may register [here](#).

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Capacity Building

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A2ii-IAIS Supervisory Dialogue on artificial intelligence and emerging regulatory expectations | Virtual | 07 April

The IAIS and the Access to Insurance Initiative (A2ii) hosted on 7 April a virtual dialogue on artificial intelligence (AI) and emerging regulatory expectations, based on the [FSI Insight paper on Humans keeping AI in check - emerging regulatory expectations](#). The event was open to supervisors only, with simultaneous translation in French and Spanish.

Manuela Zweimueller, Head of Implementation at the IAIS, set the scene by stressing the relevance of the topic to the IAIS strategic themes as identified in our 2022-2023 Roadmap, particularly digital transformation, cyber risk, operational resilience and financial inclusion.

This was followed by a presentation by Jeffery Yong, Principle Advisor at the FSI, on the guiding paper for the session with a focus on common themes in AI regulatory issuances, expectations on existing standards and challenges for implementation.

Julian Arevalo, Senior Expert – Financial Innovation at EIOPA, provided an overview on the use of AI in the European insurance sector, AI governing principles

and the next steps for European initiatives on AI, including financial inclusion.

Finally, Awelani Rahulani, Head of Department: FinTech at the Financial Sector Conduct Authority of South Africa, presented a case study on the application of AI on crowdsourced analysis to judge sentiment. The key outcomes include the

establishment of industry benchmarks, deep dive analysis into market conduct trends and identification of new and unregulated entities.

The FSI Insight paper can be consulted [here](#). To read the A2ii update on this event see [below](#). 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: Ke Feng

Current role: Policy Advisor, Capital, Solvency and Field Testing Working Group

Time with the IAIS: Since March 2022

Seconding authority: China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission (CBIRC)

Favourite pastime: Cycling

Ke joined the IAIS in March on a secondment from CBIRC. She will be supporting the Capital, Solvency and Field Testing Working Group as a Policy Advisor.

Prior to this role, Ke held several different positions in the life insurance supervision department at CBIRC. Most recently, Ke was responsible for the supervision of the third pillar of the Chinese pension system as well as foreign-funded insurance companies.

Ke holds a master's degree in Insurance and Risk Management and a dual bachelor's degree in Economics and Psychology from Peking University, China.



Name: Inwook Hwang

Current role: Policy Advisor

Time with the IAIS: Since February 2022

Seconding authority: Korea Financial Supervisory Service (FSS)

Favourite pastimes: Traveling with family and cooking

Inwook joined the IAIS on 1 February as a Policy Advisor in the Macroprudential team, on a secondment from the FSS Korea. He supports the Macroprudential Monitoring Working Group (MMWG) and the Macroprudential Supervision Working Group (MSWG) and the FinTech Forum (FF).

Before joining the IAIS, Inwook worked at the FSS Korea in various roles, including investigations of unfair securities trading, on-site and off-site inspections of domestic insurers and asset management companies.

Inwook holds a Bachelor of Law from Hanyang University of Korea.

Appointments

The Selection Committee recently appointed **Chris Brown (Bermuda)** as Chair of the Financial Crime Forum.

Committee and Subcommittee Activities

Committee Activities

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee (ExCo) met virtually on 8 April. The objective of the meeting was to discuss the impact of external developments (including the war in Ukraine, continued Covid-19 challenges in certain regions, and the indirect impact on asset valuations, supply chains, inflation and the cost of living) on the insurance sector. During this meeting:

- The Secretariat presented a risk dashboard of key market indicators;
- ExCo members shared observations on the impact of external developments and supervisory responses; and
- ExCo discussed next steps with respect to IAIS work on the assessment of vulnerabilities and sharing of supervisory responses.

The next meeting of ExCo will be on 15 June in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

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Subcommittees Activities

ACCOUNTING AND AUDIT WORKING GROUP

The Accounting and Auditing Working Group (AAWG) met virtually on 28 April. The main agenda items were updates on:

- Work on revisions to ICP 14 (Valuation); and
- IFRS 17 implementation.

The next meeting of the AAWG will be on 9 June.

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CAPITAL, SOLVENCY AND FIELD TESTING WORKING GROUP

The Capital, Solvency and Field Testing Working Group (CSFWG) met virtually on 4 April. The main agenda items were:

- Finalisation of the 2022 aggregation method (AM) data collection package;
- Finalisation of the life and non-life supplementary data collections; and
- Update on Insurance Core Principles (ICP) 14 (Valuation) and 17 (Capital Adequacy) reviews.

A volunteer workshop is planned for 16 May to discuss results of the second year of the ICS monitoring period and launch of the data collection for the third year of the ICS monitoring period.

Additionally, there will be a separate volunteer workshop on 17 May to discuss results of the 2021 AM data collection as well as updates for the 2022 AM data collection.

The CSFWG will also hold a volunteer roundtable to discuss internal models on 17 May.

CSFWG will meet next 18-19 May.

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CLIMATE RISK STEERING GROUP

The Climate Risk Steering Group (CRSG) met virtually on 26 April, during which the group:

- Shared details on the latest climate risk related work being undertaken in a number of jurisdictions. They also discussed developments at other international standard setters and the work of the Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS);

- Received updates on the progress of the work to gather climate risk data as part of the Global Monitoring Exercise (GME) and on the workshops that have been conducted with members, insurers and trade associations as part of the scenario analysis workstream; and
- Agreed a plan for the next steps on climate supervisory guidance work with an initial phase of work being carried out in 2022-2023. Any changes to ICP guidance and the development of supporting material will be subject to stakeholder engagement and public consultation.

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MACROPRUDENTIAL MONITORING WORKING GROUP



The Macroprudential Monitoring Working Group (MMWG) met in New York, USA on 12-14 April. The main agenda items were:

- Tour de table on key risks facing the insurance sector;
- Streamlined risk dashboard of financial markets;
- Review of the Individual Insurer Monitoring (IIM) assessment methodology;

- Sector-Wide Monitoring (SWM) indicators;
- Development of liquidity metrics;
- Update from the Reinsurance Workstream;
- Update on the GIMAR 2022 special topic on Cyber; and
- Preparation of the GME 2022 data analysis.

MMWG will meet next on 17 May.

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OPERATIONAL RESILIENCE TASK FORCE

The Operational Resilience Task Force (ORTF) met virtually on 28 April to progress the drafting of the Task Force's Issues Paper setting out aspects of operational resilience most relevant to the insurance sector, in consideration of current and emerging risks. This included discussing:

- How supervisors are approaching the oversight and testing of insurer's cyber resilience;
- Implications of concentration risk associated with the outsourcing of critical IT services to third parties to operational resilience; and
- Lessons learnt during the Covid-19 pandemic with respect to business continuity planning and management.

The ORTF also continued to share information on recent developments across member jurisdictions relevant to the ORTF's mandate.

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Calendar of meetings and events

The following groups are scheduled to meet between May and June 2022.

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

Date	Group	Location
May 2022		
4-5	Governance Working Group	Basel
11	FinTech Forum workshop	Virtual
11	Macroprudential Supervision Working Group	Virtual
17	Macroprudential Monitoring Working Group	Virtual
18-19	Capital, Solvency and Field Testing Working Group	Basel
18-19	Market Conduct Working Group	Basel
19	Operational Resilience Task Force	Virtual
24	Retirement Income and Pensions Forum	Virtual
24-25	Standards Assessment Working Group	Washington DC, USA
31	Macroprudential Monitoring Working Group	Virtual
31 May-1 June	Resolution Working Group	Virtual
June 2022		
9	Accounting and Auditing Working Group	Virtual
13	Audit and Risk Committee	Dubrovnik, Croatia
13	Budget Committee	Dubrovnik, Croatia
13	Macroprudential Committee	Dubrovnik, Croatia
14	Implementation and Assessment Committee	Dubrovnik, Croatia
14	Insurance Capital Standard and Comparability Task Force	Dubrovnik, Croatia
14	Policy Development Committee	Dubrovnik, Croatia
15	Executive Committee	Dubrovnik, Croatia
16-17	Global Seminar	Dubrovnik, Croatia
29	Macroprudential Monitoring Working Group	Virtual
30	Financial Inclusion Forum	Virtual
TBC	Risk Based Solvency Implementation 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.

ASSAL-IAIS-FSI High-level virtual meeting on insurance supervision

Senior insurance supervisors from Latin-America met on 27th April to discuss the main global macroeconomic and financial trends for 2022 and their impact on the insurance industry as well as supervisors' regulatory and supervisory priorities over the coming year, including measures to enhance resilience of insurers in the current challenging environment.

This was the sixth meeting of its kind, bringing together over 70 senior officials from insurance authorities in the region. The meeting was jointly organised by the Latin American Association of Insurance Supervisors (ASSAL), the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) and the Financial Stability Institute (FSI) of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS).

Upcoming events

The IAIS and FSI will organise a webinar on "Insurance supervision: how to bring a virtual and an in-person environment together?". This webinar aims to discuss the challenges posed by authorities as they adjust their supervisory processes to a gradual return to in-person activities while leveraging the benefits of remote working arrangements.

The webinar will build on the FSI-IAIS joint paper on "Supervision in the new normal" from 2021 and feature the participation of supervisors from different jurisdictions sharing their experiences, learnings, and their approach to the future and continuously evolving environment.

The seminar will be held virtually on 18 May.

FSI Connect

We are pleased to inform that all FSI Connect users now have access to the BIS-IAIS-NGFS-SIF Climate Training Alliance (CTA) portal. 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 they can share their experience with the rest of the central banking and supervisory community. The portal lists upcoming training events, recordings of past events and self-study materials provided by the sponsoring organisations and their members.

FIRST ONE Online Course

The 8th FIRST ONE online course is expected to run from September to December 2022.

FIRST ONE programme is an introductory course on the building blocks of insurance regulation and supervision jointly offered by the IAIS and FSI. It entails over 19 hours of self-paced learning tutorials and 8 live thematic webinars based on the IAIS supervisory material including supervisory tools and techniques, and issues.

The course is intended for incoming insurance supervisors. Registration details will be announced in due course.

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](#)

New Training Resources on Connect.A2ii

SUPERVISORY DIALOGUE ON “ACCOUNTING STANDARDS & IFRS 17: THE ROLE OF INSURANCE SUPERVISOR” NOW AVAILABLE AS A TRAINING MODULE ON CONNECT.A2II PLATFORM

The Supervisory Dialogue on **Accounting Standards & IFRS 17: The role of Insurance Supervisors** initially took place on January 2021. **This valuable learning resource** is now available on Connect.a2ii – the A2ii’s supervisors-only learning and exchange platform.

Ahead of the IFRS 17 implementation deadline, this module provides:

- Insights into the Financial Stability Institute (FSI) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) joint paper on Accounting Standards and Insurer Solvency Assessment presented by the two institutions;
- A look into the results of a survey carried out by 20 insurance supervisors on the subject;
- An overview of potential regulatory; and supervisory implications arising from IFRS 17
- Case Studies from the supervisory authorities of the Cayman Islands, Zimbabwe, Malaysia and Jordan discussing the transitioning process.

The release of this recording is carefully timed to coincide with next month’s Supervisory Dialogue on the topic of IFRS 17. Please see upcoming events at the end of this newsletter if you would be interested in registering.

If you are not a Connect.A2ii member, we look forward to welcoming you: [Create new account.](#)

For members, you will find the module in your Catalogue.

For any questions or comments on the platform, reach out to us at connect@a2ii.org.

Recent Events

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) AND EMERGING REGULATORY EXPECTATIONS - SUPERVISORY DIALOGUE | 7 APRIL

On 7 April 2022, the A2ii jointly with the IAIS hosted a Supervisory Dialogue that was based on FSI’s

paper “Humans keeping AI in check – emerging regulatory expectations in the financial sector” written by **Jeffery Yong** and **Jeremy Prenio** and published in August 2021. For this event, **Jeffery Yong** (FSI, BIS) presented the insights from this paper. This presentation was complemented by **Julian Arevalo** (EIOPA), who presented EIOPA’s report on Governance Principles and, for the afternoon session, we were joined by **Awelani Rahulani** from South Africa (FSCA), who presented a case study on the FSCA’s experience with BrandsEye (Data EQ), a reputation and social media monitoring tool that uses AI.

Supervisors are carefully considering how to protect consumers against potential abuse through AI, whilst still allowing for it to grow and fulfil its potential. The European Commission published in April 2021 the first proposal for a regulation regarding this issue. Other national authorities have published guidelines, principles and discussion papers.

As argued in FSI’s paper and presented by **Jeffery Yong** during the dialogue, the regulatory expectations that have been developed on AI common principles can be summarized in 5 themes or areas: Reliability/soundness, accountability, transparency, fairness and ethics to which the existing requirements on governance, risk management, and development of operation for traditional models apply. However, when applied to AI, there is a stronger emphasis on fairness, as the need to avoid biased/discriminatory outcomes requires human intervention. As the use of AI models that can impact authorities’ conduct and prudential objectives increases, so too does the relevance of reliability, accountability, transparency, fairness and ethics requirements.

[Keep an eye on the A2ii website](#), where we will soon publish a blog with insights from this dialogue.

IAA PANEL ON GENDER GAPS IN FINANCIAL INCLUSION | 30 MARCH

This webinar on “Addressing gaps in financial inclusion” was organised by the International Actuarial Association (IAA) as part of a schedule of activities organised in March to celebrate International Women’s Day. The panel discussion was moderated by IAA President, Roseanne Harris. A2ii Head of Secretariat, **Hannah Grant** spoke alongside **Lisa Morgan**, Health Actuary and

Technical Specialist, ILO and **Victoria Saporta**, Chair of the IAIS Executive Committee. After some personal reflections on the influence of gender biases on their own career paths, panellists discussed some of the challenges women face in accessing insurance as well some solutions which are starting to emerge through the ILO and IFC’s community of practice. The need to collect gender disaggregated data came to the forefront, along with potential ethical dilemmas this might create for gender-based risk pricing and the risk of discrimination. The recording is not yet available, but please keep an eye on the [diversity and inclusion page](#) on the IAA website where it will be available in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Events

A2II-RFPI/MEFIN-MIN ASIA REGIONAL DIALOGUE ON "THE ROLE OF INSURANCE AND DATA IN CLOSING THE CLIMATE RISK PROTECTION GAP" | 17 MAY

With climate change, natural disasters are becoming more frequent and severe. This affects developing and emerging economies in particular, because of a higher vulnerability that can be attributed amongst others to a strong reliance on climate-reliant activities such as farming. At the same time, there is a lack of accessible and affordable insurance services which would contribute to closing the climate protection gap, leaving large segments of society under-protected.

Against this background, there is a need to assess the effectiveness of current insurance solutions against climate change related perils and the potential role of technology and data in closing the climate risk protection gap.

This event brings together regional and international experts and practitioners to share their experiences and best practices that may help provide answers to the following questions:

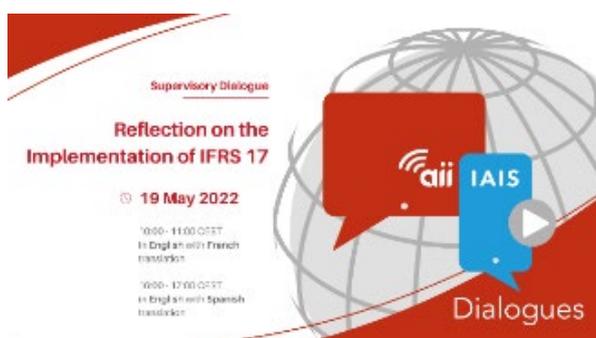
- Why is today’s insurance not good enough to close the climate protection gap?
- What is the role of technology and data in pushing the limits for climate-related insurance services?
- How do we move forward?

This event will be hosted by the Access to Insurance Initiative (A2ii), the [Microinsurance Network \(MiN\)](#),

and the [GIZ-Regulatory Framework Promotion of Pro-poor Insurance Markets in Asia \(RFPI\)](#) in partnership with the [Mutual Exchange Forum on Inclusive Insurance \(MEFIN\)](#).

The regional dialogue takes place on 17 May 2022 from 9:00-11:00 CEST (17:00-19:00 PHT). [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

REFLECTION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF IFRS 17 - SUPERVISORY DIALOGUE | 19 MAY



What challenges do supervisors face, and what progress has been made before the IFRS implementation deadline in 2023? We will pick up from our last Supervisory Dialogue from 2021 (supervisors now can access the 2021 recording on our Connect platform as a training module, and read our [blog report](#) for a refresher).

On 19 May, a presentation will be made by Peter Windsor, an expert from the IMF who will share his experiences of supporting several countries in their preparations for the implementation of IFRS 17. There will also be case studies presented by supervisors sharing their experiences, including **Jung Oh** and **Leron Kwong** from the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority during the morning session, and David Correia from the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (Canada) during the afternoon session.

Registration is open now [on the A2ii website](#). This webinar will be **open to supervisors only** and will take place at 10:00 CEST in English (with simultaneous French interpretation) and 16:00 CEST in English (with simultaneous Spanish interpretation).

If you have any questions or comments, please send them to dialogues@a2ii.org.

Scholarship Opportunities

A2II OFFERS TWO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE MICROINSURANCE MASTER ACCELERATOR PROGRAMME FOR INSURANCE SUPERVISORS

A2ii is offering two partial scholarships for the September 2022 edition of the Microinsurance Master accelerator programme.

The scholarship

- The scholarship will cover tuition fees, field trips/excursions, lunches in Manila and a minimum of eight mentoring sessions.
- Flights, hotel accommodation, Philippine visa, travel insurance, and dinners or leisure expenses are not covered

How to apply for the scholarship?

To apply for the scholarship, fill in the [Microinsurance Master application form](#) and type "A2ii scholarship" in the box titled "Any further comments or questions?".

The deadline for applications is 6 May 2022.

For more information on the accelerator, please visit the [Microinsurance Master website](#) or email info@microinsurancemaster.org.

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