



# Newsletter

## From the Secretary General



In June, the IAIS announced its high-level [implementation plans](#) for the Insurance Capital Standard (ICS), a project over a decade in the making.

Although our attention is shifting to implementation, there is still work to be done in the final lap of the project ahead of the adoption of

the ICS at our Annual General Meeting in Cape Town in December.

The ICS represents a significant evolution in the supervision of Internationally Active Insurance Groups (IAIGs). It provides a globally comparable risk-based measure of IAIG capital adequacy. The ICS forms the quantitative component of the Common Framework for the Supervision of IAIGs (ComFrame), complementing the qualitative component adopted in 2019.

The ICS has been through a rigorous and consultative process of development and monitoring over the last decade, including four public consultations, extensive data gathering and a five-year monitoring period. A global group of IAIS members, IAIGs, interested parties and stakeholders have contributed a vast investment of work hours, technical input and over five million data points, making the ICS one of the most tested quantitative

capital standards in the history of financial sector standards.

2024 is the final year of the five-year ICS monitoring period. Following review of the feedback on the 2023 ICS public consultation, the ICS Economic Impact Assessment and results from the 2023 data collection exercise on the candidate ICS as a PCR, the IAIS made targeted changes and clarifications, which were included in the specifications of the final data collection exercise with volunteer groups this year. Data from the volunteer groups was received in July and is currently being analysed and discussed, with a view to identifying any final tweaks to the ICS as a Prescribed Capital Requirement (PCR) ahead of its adoption.

IAIS members are committed to the implementation of IAIS standards, and some members are already taking steps to embed the ICS in their regulatory regimes. For example, next year, Japan will implement a new economic-value solvency ratio (ESR) framework based on the ICS.

The United States (US) is developing an Aggregation Method (AM) to a group capital calculation, which, if deemed comparable, will be considered an outcome-equivalent approach for implementation of the ICS as a PCR. In parallel to the finalisation of the ICS, a key remaining IAIS project is an assessment of whether the AM being developed by the US can produce comparable outcomes to the ICS, and hence be considered an outcome-equivalent approach for the implementation of the ICS as a PCR.

A team of technical experts within the IAIS Secretariat (representing both geographical diversity and expertise in both the AM and ICS) was mandated by the IAIS

Executive Committee (ExCo) to conduct the robust technical analysis of comparability.

This analysis, based on data submitted by US groups and comparability criteria agreed upon by the IAIS ExCo in 2023 following public consultation, is nearing completion. A draft report on the technical analysis has been delivered to the IAIS' ICS and Comparability Task Force (ICSTF), that will begin discussing the detailed analysis at its meeting on 3 September.

The ICSTF will report a recommendation to ExCo on the comparability assessment for decision, based on the technical input from the assessment team using the agreed approach to assessing the criteria. While the comparability criteria are to be assessed using a scaled approach that considers the degree to which each criterion is met, the final decision on comparability will be based on the criteria as a whole.

A series of ICSTF meetings have been scheduled in September and October to agree on a recommendation to the ExCo for its decision ahead of December. The goal is to ensure that the AM would produce similar, but not necessarily identical, results to the ICS over time that trigger supervisory action on group capital adequacy grounds.

The ICS and AM comparability assessment projects have been significant undertakings by the IAIS, involving substantial data collection, analysis, stakeholder engagement and senior-level deliberation. As we aim to cross the finish line on both of these projects in the coming months, this will mark an important milestone in the convergence of global solvency supervision.

To provide a comprehensive overview of the ICS, we have developed a [series of five-minute videos](#) explaining the business case, the development and the implementation plans for this global standard. I invite you to view this informative series as we approach the final milestones toward adoption – a journey that will pave the way for a more resilient and robust insurance sector.

Jonathan Dixon, Secretary General

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- [Public background session on operational resilience](#) (10 September at 14:00 CEST)
- [Annual Conference 2024](#) (5-6 December, Cape Town)

# In Focus

## IAIS Global Seminar goes virtual with over 1,000 participants

At the first virtual Global Seminar, envisioned under its environmental policy, the IAIS welcomed over 1,000 participants – more than double the attendance for previous in-person events. The event, held from 9-11 July, provided for esteemed speakers and engaging panels across three days.

### Stakeholder engagement milestone event

The IAIS hosts annually a Global Seminar, which is an opportunity for insurance supervisors and stakeholders to discuss current and globally significant matters impacting the insurance sector, as well as the IAIS' most recent activities.

### Keynote address

The Global Seminar opened with a pre-recorded keynote speech by Her Majesty Queen Máxima of the Netherlands in her capacity as the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development (UNSGSA). Queen Máxima emphasised the significant role of insurance in fostering financial health and supporting sustainable development, encouraging the IAIS to further work on financial inclusion and to centre considerations on consumers.



### Executive Committee Dialogue



Executive Committee (ExCo) Chair, Vice Chairs and Champions next shared updates on the IAIS' ambitious work programme, including adoption of the global Insurance Capital Standard (ICS) in December and our work on IAIS strategic themes.

Shigeru Ariizumi, Chair of the ExCo, spoke on the final steps of the IAIS to agree its 2025-2029 Strategic Plan, which will have an increased focus on the role that insurance has to play in supporting societal resilience.

The three IAIS ExCo Champions gave an overview of the work they have been taking forward.

On **climate change**, Daniel Wang provided a preview of two Application Papers: one on public disclosure and supervisory reporting, the other on macroprudential supervision together with cooperation and coordination. These papers have since been published for [consultation](#).

On **FinTech**, Petra Hielkema mapped out the work the IAIS is undertaking to consider the application of the Insurance Core Principles in the context of the increasing use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the insurance sector. She noted that the IAIS will launch a consultation on an Application Paper towards the end of the year.

On **diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI)**, Gerry Cross updated on two consultations that show the strong commitment across our membership to advance work on DEI. These cover the topic of DEI in light of

supporting both better prudential and consumer outcomes. The Application Paper on how to achieve fair treatment for diverse consumers is still open for [consultation](#) until 25 September.

## A sustainable choice

In line with our commitment to environmental sustainability, the IAIS agreed to hold the Global Seminar in a virtual format as of 2024 as part of our [Environmental Policy](#), which includes targets to reduce our carbon footprint associated with meetings and events.

## Insurers' asset management in a changing interest rate environment

This first session of day two was moderated by Charlotte Gerken from the Bank of England, and considered the steps insurers are taking to adjust to the challenging monetary policy landscape, including the risks and opportunities this presents. Panellists included:

- Stefan Holzberger of A.M. Best;
- Keisuke Kawasaki of Nippon Life Insurance;
- Tim Schmidt of Prudential Financial; and
- Julia Wiens of BaFin.

Panellists agreed that higher interest rates generally improve the pricing of long-term savings products. However, they emphasised the need to manage risks like unrealised loss positions in solvency and accounting balance sheets. Higher spreads from alternative assets may also enhance returns but require stronger risk management.

The panel spoke to the importance of effective asset-liability management and asserted that strong capital and liquidity risk management, along with robust enterprise risk management, are crucial. Stress testing is also necessary to assess asset performance and liquidity needs throughout the credit cycle. The complexity of certain alternative assets underscores the need for asset diversification and in-house investment expertise, especially in securitisations.

## Artificial intelligence in the insurance sector

This second session of the day, looking at the use of artificial intelligence in the insurance value chain and how supervisory tools can be used to address emerging risks from its deployment was moderated by Chlora Lindley-Myers of the Missouri Department of Commerce and Insurance. Panellists included:

- Ericson Chan of Zurich Insurance;
- Petra Hielkema of EIOPA;
- Benoît Lallemand of Finance Watch; and
- Henrik Naujoks of Bain & Co.

The panel discussed how to ensure effective governance and accountability for AI together with the importance of transparency and explainability in the use of AI systems and the importance of ensuring good consumer outcomes that are focused on fairness, ethics and effective redress.

An audience poll showed that 56% of those attending thought that insurers would not be able to effectively explain AI models to supervisors. Supervisors have highlighted the need for explainability and a clear understanding of outcomes. Another poll showed that the audience believed that the wider adoption of AI will lead to quicker handling of underwriting and claims.

## Programme updates from Committee Chairs



For the final day of the Global Seminar, IAIS Committee Chairs gave a glimpse into the future, outlining what's on the IAIS agenda for the next six months, notably the much-anticipated adoption of the ICS, in a session moderated by IAIS Secretary General Jonathan Dixon.

Dieter Hendrickx, Chair of the **Macroprudential Committee (MPC)**, noted how the IAIS has significantly advanced global insurance sector risk monitoring through the Global Monitoring Exercise (GME). Interim GME findings for 2023 show stability in solvency, liquidity and profitability. MPC's focus in 2024 includes interest rates, liquidity and credit risks in a challenging macroeconomic environment and structural shifts in the life insurance sector. The IAIS is also preparing an Issues Paper on the latter topic. In addition, a deep dive into natural catastrophe protection gaps is also in the works as a special topic Global Insurance Market Report (GIMAR) for 2025.

Matt Walker, Chair of the **Policy Development Committee (PDC)**, highlighted that the ICS is on track to be finalised as a prescribed capital requirement by the end of 2024. He also touched upon other important projects, including on recovery and resolution. Consultation feedback on the proposed changes to recovery and resolution standards is being analysed with the intention to finalise the revisions also by year-end. Several [consultations](#) of supporting material continue to be underway this year on operational resilience, climate risk and DEI.

Peter Braumüller, Chair of the **Implementation and Assessment Committee (IAC)**, provided key highlights from his committee, such as the development of supporting material on financial inclusion, protection gaps and the use of AI in the

insurance sector. Significant progress has also been made in the in-depth assessment of observance of ICPs in the Sultanate of Oman, the peer review of ICP 16 (on enterprise risk management for solvency purposes), and the second wave of Targeted Jurisdictional Assessments on the implementation of the Holistic Framework supervisory material. Collaboration with implementation partners to support members remains a top priority, focusing on sharing supervisory practices and fostering capacity building.

This 90-minute session was a newly added feature of the Global Seminar and a testament of the IAIS' ongoing efforts to increase transparency and stakeholder engagement.

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## Session replays



In case you were not able to join the Global Seminar but wish to learn more, visit our [website](#) to watch the session replays.



# News

## EVENTS

### Registration opens for IAIS Annual Conference 2024



The IAIS is excited to invite you to join us for the 2024 IAIS Annual Conference, to be held on 5-6 December in Cape Town, South Africa. Registration is now open for all IAIS members and stakeholders.

### The conference will focus on the role of insurance in supporting societal resilience.

The Executive Committee will share progress on key topics such as the finalisation and implementation of the Insurance Capital Standard. Subsequent panels will focus on risks in the global insurance sector, drawing on conclusions from our Global Monitoring Exercise, as well as our work on diversity, equity and inclusion and on the societal role of insurance. A "View from the C-Suite" will provide an opportunity for CEOs to discuss key challenges the sector is currently facing. Several roundtables are also planned to seek member and stakeholder feedback on IAIS initiatives. A draft programme and registration details are available on our [website](#).

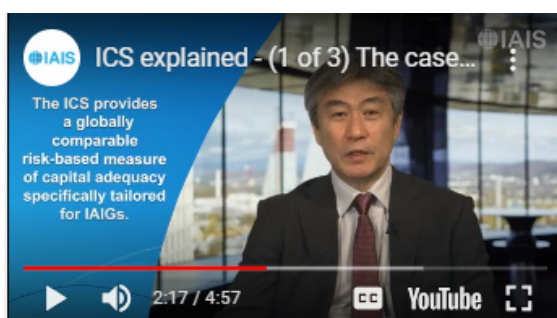
For questions, contact: [IAIS.Events@bis.org](mailto:IAIS.Events@bis.org)

## INSURANCE CAPITAL STANDARD

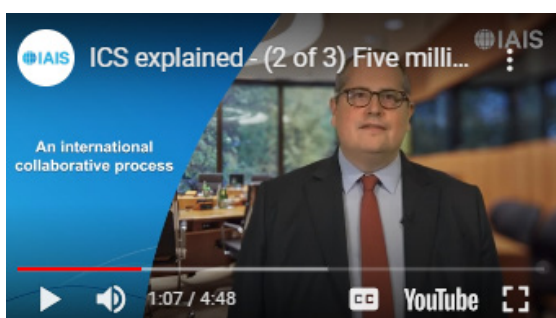
## ICS Explained – a new video mini-series

The IAIS has developed a series of five-minute videos to enhance understanding of the key features of the Insurance Capital Standard (ICS) – the global group capital standard for IAIGs – and to raise awareness of its benefits for both supervisors, insurance groups and policyholders. The videos are:

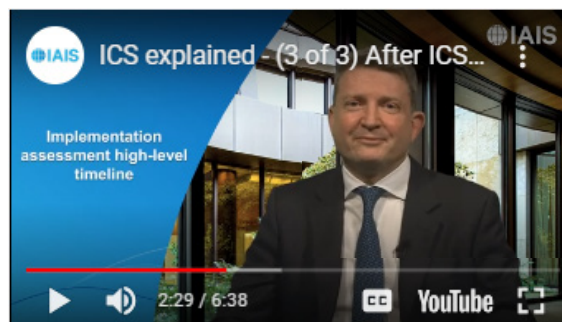
- **The case for a global ICS**, presented by Executive Committee Chair Shigeru Ariizumi, explains how the ICS will fit into the IAIS' existing suite of standards and what benefits it will unlock for the global financial system.



- **Five million data points – the making of the ICS**, presented by Deputy Secretary General Romain Paserot, presents the multi-year, data intensive and collaborative approach taken to develop the global standard for capital adequacy, making the ICS one of the most tested quantitative capital standards in the history of the financial sector.



- **After ICS adoption – 2025 onwards**, presented by Secretary General Jonathan Dixon, focuses on ICS implementation; particularly high-level timelines, the approach and methodology, and the Aggregation Method (AM) being developed by the United States as an outcome equivalent approach.



Whether you are an insurance professional, a supervisor or policymaker, or someone with a keen interest in the industry, this series will provide valuable insights into the world of international insurance regulation.

To view the series, visit our [website](#).

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## OPERATIONAL RESILIENCE

## Public consultation on the draft Application Paper on Operational Resilience Objectives (and Toolkit)

Operational resilience is a key strategic theme for the IAIS and is a topic that has relevance across regions and jurisdictions, with many authorities and insurers facing the same or similar challenges.

The IAIS developed draft [Operational Resilience Objectives](#) for the insurance sector, to provide a sound and consistent foundation for supervisors to strengthen their approach to supervising insurers' operational resilience. These objectives are outcomes-based, do not set out new requirements, and provide clarity on the application of existing supervisory materials. They have been developed in the context of the insurance sector being a complex, interconnected, cross border system in which insurers continue to embrace digital innovation, rely on third-party services to support their critical operations, and are increasingly subject to operational risks that may be systemic in nature. Accordingly, the paper addresses:

- The relationship amongst operational resilience, governance and operational risk management;
- Key elements of a sound approach to operational resilience that encourages the effective and holistic

management of insurers' people and processes;  
and

- Objectives for insurance supervisors.

This represents the first phase of a two-part consultation. The second phase is to develop a draft toolkit, which will be consulted on in early 2025. The draft toolkit will set out supervisory practices relevant to the objectives and following the consultation of each phase, the two phases will be integrated into a single Application Paper.

For more information, visit our [website](#) or contact Ruby Garg at [ruby.garg@bis.org](mailto:ruby.garg@bis.org)

## CLIMATE

### Public consultation on climate risk supervisory guidance

Climate change is a key strategic theme for the IAIS as it is a source of financial risk, which impacts the resilience of individual insurers and could lead to

financial stability risk. On 15 July, the IAIS published the fourth and final consultation in its current series on climate-related financial risks.

This fourth consultation on climate risk in the insurance sector proposes new supporting material to better reflect climate-related risk as part of effective supervisory practice. It covers issues related to supervisory reporting and public disclosure, as well as macroprudential considerations and supervisory cooperation. The consultation covers two documents:

- [Draft Application Paper on public disclosure and supervisory reporting of climate risk](#): provides supervisors with advice on considerations around the development of supervisory reporting (ICP 9) and public disclosure regimes (ICP 20). It is important for supervisors to consider the issues of climate-related financial disclosure and supervisory reporting holistically to ensure that adequate information is shared with policyholders, market participants and supervisors. This Application Paper, therefore, considers these issues together

## Public background sessions

### Upcoming:

- **10 September at 14:00 CEST**

Public background session on the Draft Application Paper on Operational Resilience Objectives [and Toolkit]  
Register [here](#).

### Past:

- **17 July**



Diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) Application Paper on how to achieve fair treatment for diverse consumers

Click [here](#) to view the replay.

- **27 August**



Public consultation on climate risk supervisory guidance

Click [here](#) to view the replay.

## Open consultations

- DEI Application Paper on how to achieve fair treatment for diverse consumers: The consultation is open until **25 September at 24:00 CEST**. More details can be found [online](#). To comment, please use our [consultation tool](#).
- Draft Application Paper - Operational Resilience Objectives (and Toolkit): The consultation is open until **11 October at 24:00 CEST**. More details can be found [online](#). To comment, please use our [consultation tool](#).
- Climate risk supervisory guidance: The consultation is open until **28 October 24:00 CET**. More details can be found [online](#). Please use the links provided below to submit your comments:
  - [Draft Application Paper on public disclosure and supervisory reporting of climate risk](#)
  - [Draft supporting material on macroprudential and group supervisory issues and climate risk](#)

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and helps supervisors consider how approaches to addressing these matters may be tailored to the individual needs of their respective jurisdictions.

- [Draft supporting material on group supervisory issues and climate risk](#): provides further advice, illustrations, recommendations or examples of good practice to supervisors on how ICP 24 (Macroprudential Supervision) may be implemented in the context of climate-related risk drivers. It builds on the existing Application Paper on Macroprudential Supervision. The draft material also considers the need for climate-related risks to be embedded in group-wide supervision of insurers, consistent with ICP 25 (Group-wide supervision).

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## IMPLEMENTATION

### Invitation for member applications for sponsored FSI Connect licences

The IAIS invites members to register their interest to receive access to FSI Connect with an IAIS sponsored license, free of charge.

FSI Connect is an online learning tool and information resource for financial sector supervisors that supports supervisory capacity building and promotes effective and globally consistent supervision.

FSI Connect, developed by the Financial Stability Institute (FSI) of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), is a key component of capacity-building programmes used by financial sector authorities, including insurance supervisors. It covers a wide and continuously expanding range of tutorials addressing supervisory topics such as:

- Insurance Core Principles (ICPs);
- ComFrame and the Insurance Capital Standard (ICS); and
- Emerging risks, such as FinTech and cyber risk.

The tutorials feature a combination of reading material and videos tailored for supervisors at various stages of their careers.

Interested members are invited to contact the IAIS Secretariat ([IAIS.FSIConnect@bis.org](mailto:IAIS.FSIConnect@bis.org)) by 13 September 2024.

More details can be found on the [FSI Connect website](#) and [FSI Connect syllabus](#)<sup>1</sup> or contact Carlos Lopez Moreira at [carlos.lopezmoreira@bis.org](mailto:carlos.lopezmoreira@bis.org).

## GOVERNANCE

### IAIS “thought pieces” on remuneration in the insurance sector

On 15 August, the IAIS published a members-only compilation of three “thought piece” notes on remuneration in the insurance sector (available [here](#) – login required). They are labelled as “thought piece” notes because they aim to assist supervisors with information, explanations, considerations and observations to contribute to supervisors’ thinking and practice. The notes are linked to three key remuneration topics:

- The importance of effective governance of remuneration;
- The balance between fixed and variable remuneration, and the concept of deferred remuneration; and
- Non-financial measures in variable remuneration.

This is the final deliverable from work the Governance Working Group has carried out over recent years to generate member-only outputs that aim to promote understanding of remuneration topics and facilitate supervisory capacity-building. Links to the prior member-only outputs are also available on the [Extranet](#).

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<sup>1</sup> Available at: [https://fsi.bis.org/files/short\\_syllabus.pdf](https://fsi.bis.org/files/short_syllabus.pdf)



# Event Spotlight

## NAIC Summer Meetings | Chicago, USA | 13 August



Secretary General Jonathan Dixon and Deputy Secretary General Romain Paserot participated in a Q&A session during the NAIC Summer Meetings in Chicago. Jonathan provided an update on the IAIS work programme, shared insights from the [Global Insurance Market Report \(GIMAR\) mid-year update](#), and provided an overview of the IAIS Strategic Plan 2025-2029. Jonathan and Romain also reported on the ongoing work towards adoption of the Insurance Capital Standard (ICS) and the comparability assessment, and shared anticipated timelines. The event provided an opportunity to engage with a range of stakeholders, including supervisors and industry representatives.

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## Executive Committee Dialogue with consumer groups | Virtual | 28 August

Chair Shigeru Ariizumi and Executive Committee leadership as well as IAIS Secretariat senior management participated in a virtual meeting with consumer representatives on 28 August as part of the IAIS' enhanced efforts to increase engagement with consumer groups.

Secretary General Jonathan Dixon outlined how consumer and conduct issues feature prominently in the IAIS' Strategic Plan for 2025-2029.

The dialogue provided an opportunity to receive input and feedback from consumer organisations on a range of issues that will feed into the IAIS' annual workplan (or Roadmap) process.

Participants discussed protection gaps and the role of public private partnerships leading to improved consumer outcomes, how the insurance sector can better serve its societal purpose of building resilience, and how the IAIS can enhance monitoring of consumer risks.

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## Global Monitoring Exercise Roundtable | Virtual | 29 August

The IAIS Macroeprudential Committee (MPC) held a virtual roundtable discussion on 29 August with CROs and CIOs of a select number of large international insurance groups and other insurance market participants. The roundtable provided an additional input to the IAIS' annual collective discussion of the Global Monitoring Exercise (GME) and provided input to the IAIS' 2025-2026 Roadmap.

The 2024 GME Roundtable covered:

- Key risks in the context of the current macroeconomic environment;
- Insurers' shift to alternative investments; and
- Life insurers' increased use of asset-intensive reinsurance.

The meeting was held under the Chatham House rule.

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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 | 2 July

The Forum discussed developments in the life sector and considerations for supervisors. Swiss Re provided an update on their report on *Life insurance in the higher interest rate era* and the Thinking Ahead Institute set out the conclusions from their global pension assets survey.

Members received an update on the steps being taken in the Netherlands to transition to defined contribution pensions. The Forum discussed supervisory steps needed to undertake this project and market conduct considerations of such a big policy change.

Lastly, Forum members discussed the work they are undertaking to assess climate risk for pensions and retirement income products.

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## Financial Inclusion Forum and Inclusive Insurance Innovation Lab joint event | Frankfurt, Germany | 22-23 July



The Financial Inclusion Forum (FIF) met in person in Frankfurt from 22-23 July. The meeting brought together representatives from insurance supervisory authorities, industry and think tanks committed to advancing financial inclusion.

The meeting focused on the impact of climate-related risks and natural catastrophe protection gaps on inclusive insurance, notably on:

- The role of insurance in advancing sustainable development and enhancing societal resilience;
- Public-private insurance programmes (PPIPs) as a means to bridge protection gaps, improve risk assessment, and foster resilience by enhancing the viability and value of insurance solutions;
- Global protection gaps beyond natural catastrophes and how emerging risks and trends – such as climate change, increased digitalisation, ageing populations, evolving urban environments and growing exposure – can exacerbate protection gaps in climate, cyber security, healthcare and pensions.

The session also provided an opportunity for members of the Protection Gaps Task Force (PGTF) and FIF to discuss the ongoing and potential future work of these groups.

The FIF will next meet in October to discuss the topic of financial literacy.

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## Risk Based Solvency Implementation Forum | Virtual | 21 August

The Risk-based Solvency Implementation Forum (RBSIF) met virtually on 21 August to:

- Discuss the system and organisational structure changes required to support the implementation of risk-based solvency (RBS) regimes;
- Receive a presentation on system transformation in response to changes in regulatory capital and reporting requirements in China, Hong Kong;
- Review the IAIS guidance on transitioning to RBS regimes.

The next meeting of the Forum is scheduled to take place virtually on 5 November from 14:00 to 16:00 CET.

For more information contact Carlos Lopez Moreira at [carlos.lopezmoreira@bis.org](mailto:carlos.lopezmoreira@bis.org).

# Capacity Building

## FSI-IAIS FIRST ONE Programme | Virtual | 22 August - 6 November



The FSI-IAIS Regulatory and Supervisory Training Online (FIRST ONE) Course commenced on 22 August, bringing together 228 participants from 57 institutions across 49 jurisdictions.

The FIRST ONE course is a flagship training programme offered in collaboration with the Financial Stability Institute (FSI). It combines FSI Connect self-study tutorials with live webinars and is designed for entry-level supervisors who are new to insurance supervision.

As we celebrate the 10th edition of the course, we are proud to highlight that the live webinars will feature speakers from nearly all global regions and maintain a balanced gender representation, reflecting the IAIS' and FSI's commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI).

For more information contact Carlos Lopez Moreira at [carlos.lopezmoreira@bis.org](mailto:carlos.lopezmoreira@bis.org).

# Meet our Staff

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

## Welcome to the IAIS Secretariat



**Name: Marie Therese Bitterlich**

Current role: Senior Policy Advisor, Stakeholder Engagement and Outreach

Time with the IAIS: Since August 2024

Last employer: European Central Bank (ECB)

Favourite pastimes: Outdoor adventures with our dog

Marie Therese joined the IAIS on 2 August as Senior Policy Advisor, Stakeholder Engagement and Outreach from the ECB, where she held several communications-related roles over the last seven years.

Marie Therese will have a key role in further enhancing the impact and reach of the IAIS through stakeholder engagement, institutional coordination and our milestone events such as the IAIS Global Seminar and IAIS Annual Conference.

In her previous roles she provided strategic communications advice to the Executive Board, to increase public awareness, understanding and trust in the ECB. Marie Therese gained prior experience in the European Parliament's Economic Governance Support Unit, as well as at the Bundestag, and spent one year as a Policy Manager at the International Chamber of Commerce.

# Appointments

The Executive Committee has recently appointed the following members:

- **Evelyne Massé** (ACPR, France) replacing Patrick Montagner; and
- **Tilman Lueder** (European Commission) replacing Didier Millerot.

The Selection Group has recently appointed **Grace Arnold** (Minnesota Department of Commerce, USA) as Vice Chair of the Climate Risk Steering Group (CRSG).

# Committee and Subcommittee Activities

## Subcommittees Activities

### CAPITAL, SOLVENCY AND FIELD TESTING WORKING GROUP

The Capital, Solvency and Field-Testing Working Group (CSFWG) held a meeting on 27-29 August in Basel, to discuss the following items:

- 2024 Insurance Capital Standard (ICS) data collection initial results;
- ICS Economic Impact Assessment; and
- 2025-2026 CSFWG workplan.

The CSFWG will next meet in Basel from 30 September to 2 October.

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### MACROPRUDENTIAL MONITORING WORKING GROUP

The Macroprudential Monitoring Working Group (MMWG) held a virtual meeting on 18 July to discuss the following items:

- Overview of sector-wide monitoring (SWM) 2024 data coverage;
- Draft ad-hoc data collection SWM insurance indicators for Financial Stability Board vulnerabilities assessment;

- Design options and planning for the public consultation on ancillary indicators;
- Update on the work on level 3 assets;
- Planning and draft outline for the Global Insurance Market Report (GIMAR) 2024;
- Update on impact of implementation of IFRS 9 and 17 on the GME; and
- Update on the 2024 GME data validation process.

MMWG will next meet in virtually on 4 September.

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### STANDARDS ASSESSMENT WORKING GROUP

The Standards Assessment Working Group (SAWG) met virtually on 1 July to discuss the following items:

- Operationalisation of the implementation assessment activities in the IAIS 2025-2029 Strategic Plan;
- The aggregate results of the Peer Review Process on ICP 16 (Enterprise Risk Management for Solvency Purposes); and
- Progress update on current assessments, including the second phase of the targeted jurisdictional assessments of the Holistic Framework supervisory material and the Member Assessment Programme in Oman.

SAWG will next meet in Rome on 29-30 October.

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# Calendar of meetings and events

The following groups are scheduled to meet between September and October 2024.

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

Date	Group	Location
September 2024		
3	Climate Risk Steering Group	Virtual
3	Insurance Capital Standard and Comparability Task Force	Virtual
3	Macroprudential Supervision Working Group	Virtual
3-4	FSI-IAIS policy implementation meeting (supervisors only)	Basel
4	Financial Crime Forum	Virtual
4	FinTech Forum	Basel
4	Macroprudential Monitoring Working Group	Virtual
4-5	Accounting and Auditing Working Group	Zurich, Switzerland
5	Protection Gaps Task Force	Virtual
10	<a href="#">Public background session on the draft Application Paper on Operational Resilience Objectives (and Toolkit)</a>	Virtual
10-11	Governance Working Group	Quebec, Canada
11-12	Resolution Working Group	Basel
18	Macroprudential Committee	Washington DC, USA
19	Insurance Capital Standard and Comparability Task Force	Washington DC, USA
19-20	Executive Committee	Washington DC, USA
30 Sept-2 Oct	Capital, Solvency and Field Testing Working Group	Basel
October 2024		
1	Policy Development Committee	Virtual
16	Policy Development Committee	Virtual
17	Climate Risk Steering Group	Virtual

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17	Macroprudential Supervision Working Group	Virtual
18	Insurance Capital Standard and Comparability Task Force	Basel
22-24	Macroprudential Monitoring Working Group	Basel
23	Retirement Income and Pensions Forum	Virtual
28-30	Capital, Solvency and Field Testing Working Group	Basel
29	Executive Committee	Virtual
29-30	Standards Assessment Working Group	Rome, Italy
30-31	Operational Resilience Working Group	Virtual

# Financial Stability Institute (FSI) Report

Financial Stability Institute |  BIS

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.

## FSI Connect

The FSI Connect tutorial on reinsurance has been updated to the new mobile responsive format.

A new series of tutorials on artificial intelligence (AI) was recently added to the FSI Connect library. They explain the fundamentals of AI and generative AI.

To access FSI Connect, click [here](#) (login required).

## Seventh AFIR-FSI-IAIS Asia-Pacific high-level meeting on insurance supervision | 7 October

This year's high-level meeting on insurance supervision, jointly organised by the Asian Forum of Insurance Regulators (AFIR), the FSI and the IAIS will be hosted by the Nepal Insurance Authority in Kathmandu on 7 October. The meeting will discuss risk-based solvency approaches, protection gap and financial innovation in the insurance sector.

Registration will open in the coming weeks.

# 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 resources on the A2ii website

- The [Insurance and the SDGs](#) pages
- The [Supervisory KPIs Lexicon](#)
- The [Inclusive Insurance Regulations map](#)
- The [ICP Self-assessment Tool](#)

## Public trainings

- [Supervision of climate-related risks in the insurance sector](#)
- [Applying a gender lens to inclusive insurance](#)
- [How to conduct a rapid gender diversity assessment](#)
- [Index Insurance Training for All Stakeholders](#)

*For supervisors - join [Connect.A2ii](#) - our learning platform restricted to supervisors, offering free and certified courses and an opportunity to learn from peers.*

## Recent Events

### INTERNATIONAL INCUBATOR EVENT | 23-25 JULY | FRANKFURT, GERMANY



Current and past Inclusive Insurance Innovation Lab (iii-lab) participants attended the three-day iii-lab international incubator event which brought together alumni from labs 1-3 with current lab 4 participants for the first time.

The A2ii spoke with the current cohort about inclusive insurance solutions they've developed and why this is not just another project - but a life-changing experience.

Coming up next, the implementation process will begin, wherein country teams will start experimenting, testing and implementing the newly developed prototypes in the real world. They will each have a national in-person ecosystem event to present their prototype to the wider national ecosystem, and international sessions will be held where they will receive feedback from their peers.

For the full report on the event, visit the [A2ii website](#).

[Watch the video here](#).

The [4th iii-lab](#) is a 12-month journey where teams from Armenia, Nepal and Senegal, consisting of key stakeholders from the insurance sector, are collaborating on innovative insurance solutions to increase resilience against the impact of climate change. For more information on the iii-lab, [click here](#).

### GLOBAL SHIELD COSTA RICA WORKSHOP | 9-10 JULY



On 9 and 10 July, Costa Rica's Ministry of Finance and the insurance regulator Superintendencia General de Seguros (SUGESE) hosted a [multi-stakeholder workshop](#). The primary aim of this workshop was to identify the most pressing financial needs arising from the increasing frequency and severity of climate-related shocks.

During this event, **Matthias Range**, A2ii Executive Director introduced its initiative to support SUGESE within the framework of the Global Shield against Climate Risks. This intervention will involve a comprehensive assessment of the existing regulatory and supervisory frameworks relating to Climate **Risk** Insurance. Additionally, the A2ii will support SUGESE with capacity building and enhancing awareness amongst key stakeholders where needed.

### A2II-IAIS PUBLIC DIALOGUE: LAUNCH OF THE REPORT ON SUSTAINABILITY AND ESG REGULATORY LANDSCAPE IN THE CEET REGION | 27 JUNE



The insurance industry plays a vital role in mitigating and pooling risks, with core principles deeply intertwined with environmental, social and governance (ESG) standards. As demands from investors, end customers, policymakers and standard setters continue to rise, the explicit



incorporation of ESG factors into insurance operations becomes increasingly essential.

To delve deeper into how ESG standards are integrating into the insurance sector across Central, Eastern Europe, and Transcaucasia (CEET), the **Access to Insurance Initiative (A2ii)**, in collaboration with the **Insurance Supervisory Agency of Slovenia (AZN)**, conducted a survey in 2023 aimed to evaluate the current state of insurance regulations and initiatives encouraging sustainable insurance growth in the CEET region. A forthcoming publication will report on the results of the survey.

In this public dialogue, we discussed the findings from this survey, which shed light on the progress and challenges of integrating ESG considerations into the CEET region's insurance sector. The speakers were **Klime Poposki**, EERIA Vice President, **Gorzard Cibej**, Managing Director at the Insurance Supervision Agency of Slovenia, and **Ksenija Dencic-Mihajlov**, Professor at University of Nis, Serbia.

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

#### AITRI REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON SUPERVISORY IMPLICATIONS OF IFRS 17, INSURANCE CONTRACTS | 16-19 JULY | KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

**A2ii**, in cooperation with the **ASEAN Insurance Training and Research Institute (AITRI)**, and with the support of **Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM)**, recently conducted the AITRI Regional Workshop on Supervisory Implications of IFRS 17, Insurance Contracts. This took place on 16-19 July 2024 at the Sasana Kijang in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The 4-day in person training aimed to provide participants with the knowledge and better understanding in the implementation of the reporting standard which provides a more uniform and transparent basis for the recognition, measurement, presentation, and disclosure of insurance contracts.

#### FIRST LATIN AMERICAN CONGRESS OF INCLUSIVE INSURANCE | 15-19 JULY | SANTA CRUZ DE LA SIERRA, BOLIVIA



From 15 to 19 July 2024, the first Latin American Congress of Inclusive Insurance “There is no growth without inclusion” took place in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia.

The event, jointly organised by the Bolivian Insurance Brokers Association (ABOCOSER), the Microinsurance Network and the Munich Re Foundation, was attended by more than 150 participants, representing insurers, brokers, InsurTechs, development organisations and consultants.

**Regina Simões**, A2ii regional coordinator for Latin America, participated as a speaker in the panel “Relationship between regulation and success in inclusive insurance”. Together with **Nicolas Morales** and **Sara Orozco** (MiN), she also moderated two training sessions on “Practical elements in public-private partnerships”.

The event coincided with the launch of the “Journey to Inclusive Insurance in Bolivia” [case study](#) by A2ii, on the work of the APS team towards the approval of the Inclusive Insurance Regulation, from its participation in the A2ii-Toronto Centre Inclusive Insurance Training in 2019 until its publication in 2022. Since its adoption, there has been a gradual but encouraging expansion of the Bolivian insurance market, especially health products.

## GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR FINANCIAL INCLUSION SECOND PLENARY MEETING | 1-3 JULY | FORTALEZA, CEARÁ, BRAZIL



The GPIFI's Second Plenary meeting was hosted by the Brazilian Presidency in Fortaleza, Ceará, Brazil, on 1-3 July. Welcoming remarks were provided by the Governor of the State of Ceará, **Mr. Elmano de Freitas**.

Amongst the highlights of the plenary meeting was the presentation of the draft Policy Note on Defining and Measuring Financial Well-Being, by the Subcommittee Co-Leads with the support of Implementing Partners (OECD, CGAP, UNSGSA), followed by a productive roundtable discussion.

**Regina Simoes**, A2ii's Regional Coordinator for Latin America, welcomed the proposed working definition of financial well-being, as well as the proposed structure for the document. She also welcomed the numerous references to insurance services, as well as the mention of the IAIS's paper on Takaful insurance, thus incorporating religious beliefs amongst the individual factors that may be associated with financial well-being, as they can be expected to influence how people take financial decisions.

## FeMa-Meter Tool



Globally, women constitute the majority of the uninsured population and are underrepresented in insurance policymaking and supervision, which exacerbates their access challenges. To address these issues, A2ii launched the FeMa-Meter on 8 March.

This toolkit collects and reviews sex-disaggregated data to analyse gender differences in insurance indicators. Piloted in Argentina, Lesotho, Pakistan, and Zambia, it has proven to be an effective tool for collecting sex-disaggregated data.

With an intuitive interface, users can input data and generate insights swiftly. To access the FeMa-Meter, visit its [dedicated website](#) and its accompanying [training module](#). Join us in advancing gender equality and improving insurance access through data-driven approaches.

## Index Insurance Training

Learn about index insurance in our free training and obtain the A2ii-UNCDF Certificate on Index



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For all other stakeholders not in supervisory roles, access our open version of the training [on our website](#).

## Insurance Core Principles Self-Assessment Tool



**Have you tried the SAT tool yet?** The Insurance Core Principles Self-Assessment Tool is a joint initiative of the IAIS and the A2ii designed to assess the level of observance of the ICPs. Leveraging the

analytical framework of the Peer Review Process, it empowers supervisors to evaluate adherence to the ICPs.

How it works:

1. Supervisors can access the tool through its [dedicated platform](#). Once on the platform, they can navigate through a series of questionnaires tailored to each ICP.
2. The questionnaires are crafted to cover various aspects of each principle. Supervisors can respond to these questions based on their assessment of their jurisdiction's practices and policies.
3. Upon completing a questionnaire, supervisors receive immediate feedback. These results offer insights into the level of observance of the assessed ICP, enabling supervisors to identify strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement.

We encourage all supervisors to explore this resource.

## Staff Updates



**Renata De Leers** has joined A2ii as Regional Coordinator for MENA and CIMA. She brings a wealth of experience, spanning over forty years, as a global actuary. She has

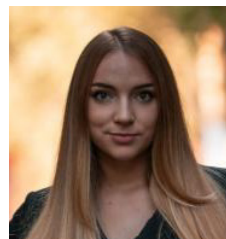
spent more than thirty years honing her expertise in the unique contexts of the Middle East and Africa, offering a global perspective and diverse insights.

Renata works for various stakeholders, from the supervisor to the consumer, addressing regulatory, actuarial, operational, and educational aspects for insurers, social security institutions, and pension funds. She assists insurance supervisors in drafting and implementing regulatory frameworks for conventional, Islamic, inclusive insurance, index-based insurance, and sandboxes.



**Titus Kabamba Nkwale** has joined A2ii as Regional Coordinator for Sub-Saharan Africa. He has two decades of insurance and pensions supervisory experience, encompassing junior, middle

management and leadership roles. During this period, he had the privilege of contributing to the work and aims of the Southern Africa regional body for non-bank financial supervisory authorities – the Committee of Insurance, Securities and Non-Bank Financial Authorities (CISNA), serving as Chairperson of Insurance Retirement Funds Medical Aid Funds, and Financial Intermediaries Sub-Committee (IRMIS), from 2017 to 2020. Before joining the pensions and insurance supervisory authority in Zambia, Titus held accounting and auditing roles in an audit firm for 2 years.



**Kitti Fodor** joined A2ii as an intern, and she is supporting the work of the Climate Portfolio, the online and in-person events of the iii-lab, as well as assisting activities related to communications. She is a

master's student in International Development at Sciences Po, Paris, with a focus on environmental issues and sustainability. Prior to joining A2ii, Kitti has gained experience in the field of inclusive, climate- and biodiversity-positive financing of rural and vulnerable populations, hence her commitment to climate resilience and inclusion. She speaks English, Spanish, French and Hungarian.

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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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