

Programme on Regulation and Supervision Seminar 2022

Transformative Forces in Insurance – The road ahead for insurers and regulators

3–4 March

Virtual

Agenda (times in CET)

Conference moderation by *Dennis Noordhoek*, Director Public Policy & Regulation, The Geneva Association

Thursday, 3 March

- 13:00-13:05 **Welcome remarks**
Jad Ariss, Managing Director, The Geneva Association
- 13:05–13:15 **Opening address**
Christian Mumenthaler, CEO, Swiss Re & Chairman, The Geneva Association
- 13:15–13:20 **Agenda and housekeeping**
Dennis Noordhoek, Director Public Policy & Regulation, The Geneva Association
- 13:20–13:45 **Keynote speech: Getting through the pandemic – Lessons learned for future regulation**
Victoria Saporta, Chair of Executive Committee, IAIS
- 13:45–14:45 **Panel 1: Risk Perceptions Post-COVID-19 – Insurer and regulator views on emerging trends**
Moderator: *Jonathan Dixon*, Secretary General, IAIS
- Panellists:
- *Martin Hansen*, Head of Regulatory Policy, Planning and Strategy, AIG
 - *Dieter Hendrickx*, Head of Prudential Policy Insurance, National Bank of Belgium
 - *Hidehiko Sogano*, Managing Executive Officer, Dai-ichi Life
 - *Suzette Vogelsang*, Head of Banking, Insurance and FMI Supervision Department, South African Reserve Bank
- The International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) recently identified the low-yield environment, increased private equity ownership, credit risk and cyber risk as core macro themes in their Global Monitoring Exercise. This session discussed the way insurers and regulators view risks post-pandemic, how these risks are driving insurers to change their business models, and their interaction with global prudential regulatory initiatives such as the Insurance Capital Standard (ICS).
- 14:45–14:55 **Break**

14:55–15:55 **Panel 2: The Path to Net Zero – Risks and opportunities for insurers, and the important role for policymakers and regulators**

Moderator: **Maryam Golnaraghi**, Director Climate Change and Environment, The Geneva Association

Panellists:

- **Renaud Guidée**, Group Chief Risk Officer, AXA and Chairman, Net-Zero Insurance Alliance
- **Ricardo Lara**, Insurance Commissioner, California
- **Anna Sweeney**, Executive Director, Bank of England
- **Shelagh Whitley**, Chief Sustainability Officer, PRI
- **Adam Wise**, Senior Managing Director, Natural Resources, Manulife

Expectations on the role of the insurance industry in the transition to net zero are increasing. Consistent, well-aligned, conducive public policies and regulatory frameworks will help facilitate insurers' capacity to support and incentivise the transition, which itself comes with new risks. This panel reviewed these risks and opportunities and assess what is needed for a well-planned, whole-of-economy approach to achieving net-zero targets.

15:45–16:00 **Closing remarks**

Dennis Noordhoek, Director Public Policy & Regulation, The Geneva Association

Friday, 4 March

13:00–13:05 **Opening address**

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13:05–14:10 **Panel 3: Regulating the Use of AI in Insurance – What should the industry expect?**

Moderator: **Lutz Wilhelmy**, Director, Swiss Re

Panellists:

- **Lisa Bechtold**, Global Lead Data Governance & Oversight, Zurich Insurance
- **Kathleen Birrane**, Chair NAIC Innovation, Cybersecurity & Technology Committee and Insurance Commissioner of Maryland
- **Petra Hielkema**, Chairperson, EIOPA
- **Sopendu Mohanty**, Chief Fintech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore

The European Commission is proposing a cross-sectoral regulatory framework for AI that follows a similar structure to that for General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The proposal classifies AI applications based on their risk; debate as to whether AI applications in insurance are deemed low or high risk are ongoing. This panel discussed the proposal as well as approaches taken in other jurisdictions.

14:10–14:40 **Keynote speech: Inflation and reinsurance**

Denis Kessler, Chairman, SCOR

14:40–14:50 **Break**

14:50–15:55

Panel 4: Low Interest Rates and High Inflation – The short-term outlook

Moderator: **Michael Menhart**, Head of Economics, Sustainability and Public Affairs, Munich Re

Panellists:

- **Frank Grund**, Chief Executive Director, Insurance and Pension Funds Supervision, BaFin
- **Denis Kessler**, Chairman, SCOR
- **Ludovic Subran**, Chief Economist, Allianz
- **Natacha Valla**, Dean, Sciences Po School of Management and Innovation

The gradual restart of the global economy during the pandemic has led to a surge in demand for goods, energy and raw materials. In combination with the continued disruption of supply chains, this has pushed inflation to multi-decade highs. Persistent, above-target inflation could lead to a major tightening of monetary policies and threaten economic growth. Although several central banks such as the FED hinted at raising interest rates in 2022, the extent of any hikes and their pace remain uncertain. What is the right approach? This panel tackled some of these questions and looked at what could go wrong, as well as the potential effects on insurers and the real economy.

15:55–16:00

Closing remarks

Dennis Noordhoek, Director Public Policy & Regulation, The Geneva Association