

A2ii-IDF Workshop on Risk Modelling for Insurance Supervisors

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Janina Voss – Interim Head of Secretariat, Access to Insurance Initiative (GIZ)



As the Head of the Secretariat, Janina oversees the day-to-day management of the activities of the Initiative. Janina also led the A2ii's work on actuarial capacity building for supervisors in partnership with the IAS and the International Actuarial Association (IAA). Prior to joining the A2ii secretariat team in January 2015, Janina worked as Financial Systems Development Advisor at GIZ for five years with a focus on developing and monitoring technical assistance projects in the field of insurance. Janina holds a Master in Economics and Politics.

Hannah Grant – Senior Advisor, Global Shield Secretariat (GIZ) and Co-Chair of the IDF Law, Regulation and Resilience Policies Working Group



Hannah has nearly 20 years of experience in insurance, with a strong focus on financial inclusion. Throughout her career she has motivated the insurance industry to implement solutions that reduce vulnerability for households and businesses in developing markets and emerging economies. She has also supported institutions and jurisdictions with the design and implementation of regulatory frameworks that enhance access to insurance products for the un- and underserved.

Hannah is a Senior Advisor for the Global Shield Secretariat, working with governments to put in place more and better pre-arranged finance to protect the most vulnerable against climate and disaster risk. This builds on the experience she gained in development finance heading up the Secretariat of the Access to Insurance Initiative. Prior to that, Hannah worked at Insurance Europe in Brussels as Head of International Affairs and Reinsurance whilst also running the Secretariat of the newly established Global Federation of Insurance Associations. Hannah started out her career working for Lloyds of London in London.

Stuart Fraser - Climate and disaster risk Consultant, Technical Lead Risk Modelling Steering Group (RMSG) at Insurance Development Forum (IDF)



Stuart Fraser is a disaster risk consultant, based in the UK. He works with the IDF Risk Modelling Steering Group (RMSG) to open up access to climate and disaster risk insights for disaster risk financing and climate adaptation. Stuart has a background in risk modelling and communication of risk information and has 18 years of experience working across the reinsurance industry, academia and the development sector. He has international experience in risk data development and loss modelling across multiple hazards and regions. Stuart has designed and led risk large scale risk assessments in Africa, Central Asia, and the Pacific, and has led the development of several open-source public good risk information tools.

Andrew Dhesi - Group Head of Property Modeling, Renaissance Re



Andrew Dhesi is a seasoned professional with over two decades of experience in the (re)insurance industry. Currently serving as Senior Vice President Group Head of Property Modeling at RenaissanceRe, Andrew has consistently demonstrated expertise in risk assessment, strategic planning, and leadership. His extensive career showcases a commitment to excellence and a deep understanding of the complexities within the reinsurance landscape. Andrew's proficiency in modeling has played a pivotal role in shaping RenaissanceRe's strategic direction, contributing significantly to the company's success. With a reputation for innovation and a track record of delivering results, Andrew Dhesi remains a respected figure in the reinsurance sector.

Dickie Whitaker - Chief Executive, Oasis Loss Modelling Framework



Dickie Whitaker has 40 years' experience in the (Re)Insurance business and for the last 20 years has specialised in risk and innovation, linking academia, government and finance. He co-founded The Lighthill Risk Network, Oasis Palm Tree Ltd, The Oasis Hub, Innovate UK's Knowledge Transfer Network for finance and is chief executive of Oasis Loss Modelling Framework Ltd.

He does or did provide advisory roles to:

- UK's Satellite Applications Advisory Board,
- UK actuarial Institute Research & Thought Leadership Committee
- Expert Group for the Global Risk Assessment Framework (GRAF), UNISDRR The Centre for Risk Studies Cambridge University
- Cabot Institute advisory board.
- EU Climate Adaption mission assembly member

Dr. Nihar Jangle – Advisor, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)



Dr. Nihar Jangle holds a doctorate degree in mathematics from Free University Berlin. He served as a Visiting Scientist at Brown University, USA, for two years.

Since 2017, he works at GIZ Germany as Advisor on Climate and Disaster Risk Finance and Insurance. Currently he is the project lead for a GIZ-funded project on “Enhancing Risk Assessments”. On behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) he has been implementing climate risk insurance solutions in partner countries besides advising the ministry. Prior to that (2010-17), he was Director Climate Change Program at the Micro Insurance Academy, India, where he led a multi-year intervention on inclusive insurance solutions for climate-related risks covering health, crop, livestock, and natural catastrophes. This work experience led to several publications in peer-reviewed journals. Nihar’s previous work experience with a consulting company in the financial sector in Germany (2008-2010) covered risk management for large German banks.

Pascale Lamb – Advisor, Access to Insurance Initiative (GIZ)



Pascale Lamb has over ten years of experience working in financial regulation and prior to joining the A2ii, she worked for the UK’s Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) where she led on the FCA’s engagement with the global standard setting bodies and capacity building with international regulators. She has also worked for the insurance sector on consumer protection and regulatory compliance. After graduating from Manchester University, she started her career in banking before working at the European Parliament on the EU’s post-crisis reforms. She speaks French and English.

Miroslav Petkov - Senior Policy Advisor – Climate Risk, International Association for Insurance Supervisors (IAIS)



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

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

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