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IFIGS Management Committee and Working Group Chairs Meeting

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Canada 8:00 a.m.; Ecuador 07:00 a.m.; Germany 1:00 p.m.; Malaysia 8:00 p.m.; South Korea 9:00 p.m.

The meeting was held using Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Management Committee Attendees

1. Yangig Cho, Chair, South Korea – Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation (YC)
2. Afiza Abdullah, First Vice Chair, Malaysia – Perbadanan Insurans Deposit Malaysia (AA)
3. Alister Campbell, Second Vice Chair, Canada – PACICC (AC)

Working Group Chair Attendees

4. Joerg Westphal, Germany – Protektor Lebensversicherungs – AG (JW)
5. Luis Velasco, Ecuador – COSEDE (LV)

Other Attendees

6. Seungkon Oh, South Korea – Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation (SO)
7. Dokyung Kim, South Korea – Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation (DK)
8. Hyunjae Jo, South Korea – Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation (HJ)
9. Li Yun Hoh, Malaysia – Perbadanan Insurance Deposit Malaysia (LYH)
10. Grant Kelly, Canada – PACICC (GK)
11. Ian Campbell, Canada – PACICC (IC)
12. Viviana Lascano, Ecuador – COSEDE (VL)
13. Silvia Espinosa, Ecuador – COSEDE (SE)

Regrets

1. Minkyung Kim, South Korea – Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation (MK)

Committee Member and Working Group Chair Discussion:

Welcome

YC welcomed participants to the first Management Committee and Working Group Chairs Meeting of the year.

Senior Research Advisor

YC made a proposal to invite SO, a Senior Research Fellow of KDIC, to IFIGS assigning him the title of the Senior Research Advisor. It was agreed that SO will assume the position to lead the research work of IFIGS. SO introduced himself to attendees who welcomed him.

Committee Reports

a) Strategic Planning Working Group (AA)

AA gave a presentation about the results of IFIGS Strategic Planning Survey. 16 IFIGS members participated in the survey from January 11 to February 5, 2021. Most of the respondents answered “no” on the need for significant change to current strategic goals of IFIGS. Most identified or significant challenges of IFIGS included international recognition, membership base, role or value of an IGS, IFIGS set-up and structure, etc. Half of the respondents expected IFIGS to continue to be a community-based association at the end of 2023. There is much aspiration for information sharing or capacity building activities of IFIGS such as webinar or training sessions. Topics of interest included interagency simulation exercises, early intervention, IGS and

resolution, technology issues, etc. AA suggested SO to consider the topics of interests indicated by members in the IFIGS research papers to be developed.

Most of the respondents showed their willingness to discuss fee-based membership, and indicated that the discussion could start from the AGM of 2021. AA listed several procedures and considerations for implementing a fee-based membership. As expected, members indicated that their expectations would rise if IFIGS requires a membership fee.

AC noted that IFIGS should encourage the non-respondents of the Survey to engage more by providing greater value. There was a discussion on whether current strategies composed of three pillars properly cover the interactions with international regulators and standard setting bodies. AC noted the mandates of Profile Enhancement Working Group (PEWG) need to be expanded to assume the affairs. YC agreed and asked AC to continue to be involved in regulatory interface with EIOPA and IAIS. AA suggested as an alternative and to give it specific focus, to have a separate or sub-committee in the PEWG to cover the affairs, which can be led by AC.

→ *Action – AA will share the survey results through Newsletter and circulate to all members separately from the Newsletter as well.*

→ *Action – AC with LV will continue to work on regulatory interface with EIOPA and IAIS.*

b) Member Outreach Working Group (JW)

JW noted the situation of the Member Outreach Working Group is not different from that of a year ago. IFIGS conducted two major surveys in 2013 and 2019 but had little feedback due to lack of international recognition. IFIGS needs to work together with IAIS since both IFIGS and IAIS are currently interested in identifying jurisdictions that already have IGSs or are developing one. YC and AC agreed that working closely with IAIS would be very important and helpful. YC emphasized the importance of regional approach as well.

AC updated the Committee on his liaison with IAIS, particularly on a possible joint project including an international jurisdiction-by-jurisdiction survey. IAIS agreed that it would be useful as part of their research work around their plan for the IGS-specific paper. The schedule for the research paper is not clarified yet. AA shared updates on PIDM-KDIC webinar on the Climate Risks and Financial Stability Implications scheduled for March 30, to be attended by both IADI APCR members and IFIGS members/prospective members. During the webinar, the revised version of IFIGS video will be played to attract prospective members and messages regarding IFIGS will be included in the opening speeches. AA contacted the Deposit Insurance Corporation of Japan (DICJ) and sought details of contact person on IGS matters as DICJ once showed interest in joining IFIGS. There was an inquiry from the deposit insurer of Ukraine with interest to set up an IGS, and PIDM responded to the inquiry introducing IFIGS as well. IFIGS could engage with the Netherlands if they are interested in setting up an IGS. AA tried to reconnect with some silent members including Thailand (General IGS) and the Hong Kong Insurance Commissioner (who is an IFIGS associate member and was in the process of establishing an IGS in Hong Kong).

AC noted that Indonesia has decided to set up an IGS, and asked its consultant, a former chair of the Board of PACICC, for best practices of IGS. AC proposed a series of face-to-face webinars with different IFIGS members as well as a presentation of the Framework Guidance. The jurisdictions Indonesia would like to hear from include Canada, Korea, Malaysia, the US and Japan. AC will have a follow up on it during the first week of April. LV added that there was a contact from the financial supervisor of Peru, who is considering about building an IGS as well. LV suggested sharing the Framework Guidance or inviting to IFIGS webinar as ways to support them. YC noted IFIGS could invite interested parties to IFIGS-WB webinar in June if possible.

Action – JW and AC will follow up with IAIS on the joint project.

→ *Action – AC will follow up on Indonesia’s IGS-building and the proposal.*

→ *Action – LV will follow up with the Peruvian colleagues to identify areas IFIGS could help with the establishment of IGS*

c) Information Sharing Working Group (DK for MK)

DK reported on behalf of MK who could not attend the Meeting. DK summarized the results of the Membership Profile Survey and will ask the PACICC team to upload the results on the IFIGS website.

DK noted that the aim is to get IQ Newsletter done by the end of March. Items for the Newsletter include the results of Strategic Planning Survey and Membership Profile Survey and follow-ups on interaction with EIOPA and IAIS. Singapore Deposit Insurance Corporation will be featured in the Member Profile Session. The work plan of ISWG includes organizing webinars and a research paper under the leadership of SO. KDIC team is working with World Bank for a joint webinar. Other items of work plan include conducting annual survey for FY2020.

AC noted that the contingency planning and simulation would be an area of interest of IFIGS members. That could be a good starting point for the works of ISWG.

ISWG is having difficulties contacting the Policyholders Compensation Fund from Kenya and Medicator AG from Germany. JW noted that it is important for IFIGS to keep in touch with Kenya because it's the only member in Africa. JW will help ISWG reach out to Medicator if needed.

→ **Action – DK will circulate the draft of IQ Newsletter to the Management Committee by the end of March for review.**

d) Profile Enhancement Working Group (LV)

LV shared the work plan of Profile Enhancement Working Group (PEWG) with the attendees. PEWG has translated the Framework Guidance into Spanish and will work on other languages this year. PEWG is planning to have three meetings with international agencies this year to enhance the international recognition of IFIGS. IFIGS has the Framework Guidance but needs to develop it into something more useful to members. PEWG will build the Framework Assessment Guidance by the end of this year with help from other members, especially from SO if possible. PEWG has been discussing the Terms of Reference of Framework Assessment Guidance. The ultimate goal of the document is to build a useful tool for self-assessment with regard to the Framework Guidance in every jurisdiction.

PEWG will have presentations on the Assessment Guidance to international organizations. World Bank could be an option considering IFIGS will host a webinar in collaboration with them. LV noted the presentation to other IFIGS members would be necessary as well to gather their comments. LV aims to have the Assessment Guidance approved by the end of November. Other items of the work plan include drafting of IGS taxonomy by the end of October. LV emphasized the importance of enhancing international recognition of IFIGS for its further development and suggested being a formal partner of IADI as an option. YC noted SO could be involved in the works with Assessment Guidance and asked LV to share detailed plans with the Management Committee.

AC suggested holding a mid-year webinar and creating an agenda that includes presentations from each Working Group's ongoing work. AC also offered the translation of Framework Guidance into French in two months, which would be relevant, particularly in Africa. AC suggested IFIGS could work with the Toronto Center to create a training session using the Assessment Guidance. He had a meeting with the Center last year and confirmed their interest in the matter. Building assessment tools and taxonomy and translating the Framework Guidance into multiple languages would help to realize the idea. LV and AC will work together to move that forward.

→ **Action – LV will draft detailed plans for building Framework Assessment Guidance and share with Management Committee.**

→ **Action – LV and AC will contact Toronto Center to discuss the training session idea.**

Regulatory Interface

AC updated the attendees on the EIOPA Workshop in February. European Working Group including Germany, Denmark and Spain was engaged in the workshop. IFIGS delivered the value of IGS and enhanced its profile through the webinar. AC will follow up directly with them to move to the next level in the engagement.

IAIS welcomed its comments for the public consultation on the IAIS Application Paper on Resolution. The final results will be published in June or July. After that IAIS will focus on their research project around IGS, which will be a critical step for IFIGS. Having the Framework Guidance has helped a lot on this matter and translating it into multiple languages would further contribute to it.

→ **Action – AC will keep the Management Committee updated on the schedule for the publication of IAIS Application Paper and start of IAIS research projects around IGS.**

IFIGS-WB Webinar

SO shared the progress on the IFIGS-WB joint webinar. KDIC team and Sameer Goyal, a Program Manager from World Bank Seoul Office, have discussed hosting a webinar together. The objective of the webinar would be to enhance the profile of IFIGS while introducing IGS to interested jurisdictions. Knowledge sharing about actual practices such as resolution and case studies will be included in the agenda. Tentative schedule for the webinar is the first or second week of June. Other details of the webinar are still under discussion.

→ *Action – KDIC Team and WB will discuss details for the joint webinar and update the members of the Management Committee.*

Other Business

YC presented the appreciation plaque to AC for his excellent leadership as Chair in 2020

The meeting concluded at 10:30 p.m. (GMT+9, South Korea).

The next IFIGS Management Committee and Working Group Chairs Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22.

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