



IFIGS Management Committee and Working Group Chairs Meeting

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Canada 8:00 a.m.; Germany 2:00 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. Minkyung Kim, South Korea – Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation (MK)
5. Joerg Westphal, Germany – Protektor Lebensversicherungs – AG (JW)
6. Alister Campbell, Canada (Interim) – PACICC (AC)

Other Attendees

7. Seungkon Oh, South Korea – Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation (SO)
8. Dokyung Kim, South Korea – Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation (DK)
9. Hyunjae Jo, South Korea – Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation (HJ)
10. Li Yun Hoh, Malaysia – Perbadanan Insurance Deposit Malaysia (LYH)
11. Ian Campbell, Canada – PACICC (IC)

Committee Member and Working Group Chair Discussion:

Welcome

YC welcomed the participants to the second Management Committee and Working Group Chairs Meeting of the year. He expressed his gratitude to the members for helping to achieve the objectives of the IFIGS-World Bank Webinar: Navigating the Way Forward for the Last-resort Protection to Policyholders held on June 22, 2021.

Committee Reports

a) Information Sharing Working Group (MK)

MK debriefed the results of the IFIGS-WB Webinar which was attended by about 250 people from 64 organizations across 45 jurisdictions. It was notable that most of the attendees stayed connected until the end and more than 15 questions from the participants were answered during the Webinar. As a follow-up, ISWG conducted an evaluation survey. Most of the respondents have answered that the Webinar was informative and well-structured. The survey included a question to identify jurisdictions wherein the process of establishing an IGS is ongoing and the names of the institutions that are managing the process. Indonesia, Jamaica and Ukraine answered their deposit insurers are managing the process cooperating with their respective governments.

The 2Q Newsletter will be drafted by the end of June. IFIGS-WB Webinar would be the lead article and other items include YC's keynote speech at the Indonesia Financial Group (IFG) Webinar and the launch of IFIGS Research Subcommittees. SO will be introduced to Members through the Newsletter as the Senior Research Advisor of IFIGS. ISWG has yet to decide which Member will be featured in the Member Profile Session. There was a request from the Union of International Associations to update IFIGS' information on their Yearbook in May. ISWG updated IFIGS's profile on the Yearbook by adding to the list events from last year,

including the IFIGS-PIDM Webinar focused on COVID-19 in July and the virtual General Meeting in December 2020.

→ **Action – MK will circulate a draft Newsletter for Management Committee review and publish the 2Q Newsletter in early July.**

b) Member Outreach Working Group (JW)

JW reached out to Kenya to identify prospective members in Africa. Uganda and Tanzania showed interest, and Uganda attended the IFIGS-WB Webinar. JW will convince Kenya to keep track of their process of establishing IGSs. The global survey to identify jurisdictions with interest in establishing IGSs will be conducted in collaboration with IAIS. AC will follow up on it engaging with IAIS.

JW is concerned that conducting too many surveys from the Management Committee would be burdensome for other Members and every survey should have a clear structure and relevance for the Members.

YC provided a progress update on member outreach activities. He tapped both life and non-life insurance schemes from Japan, but they responded that they cannot afford to join IFIGS since they are very small organizations.

He also reached out to Kazakhstan and Russia to ask for their engagement with IFIGS as a Full Member and an Associate Member, respectively. In Russia, the legislative amendments to set up an IGS has been proposed and Deposit Insurance Agency will administer the Scheme. Both Kazakhstan and Russia replied they will consider joining IFIGS. Indonesia Financial Group has joined IFIGS as an Observer after YC's keynote speech at their Webinar in April. Vietnam has shown interest in participating in IFIGS as an Observer as well. AC noted having Associate Members and Observers would be an important first step for member outreach activities. AC had a chat with Benson Kwikiriza from Uganda during the IFIGS-WB Webinar and confirmed that Uganda is in the process of building a compensation program. AC suggested YC or JW could contact Benson directly using the contact information from the registration form for the Webinar or go through Kenya.

JW emphasized the importance of verifying the qualification of potential candidates for IFIGS Membership. JW also noted that the Management Committee should keep track of the two Associate Members' (Hong Kong and Egypt) process of establishing IGSs and check whether they are still in line with the requirements to be Associate Members as per IFIGS Terms of Reference. In order to make IFIGS Membership an attractive option, certain information should be accessible to qualified IFIGS Members only.

→ **Action – AC will follow up with IAIS regarding the global survey around IGSs in collaboration with IFIGS.**

→ **Action – YC and JW will follow up with the potential candidates for IFIGS while verifying their qualifications as per the Terms of Reference.**

c) Profile Enhancement Working Group (AC) - Interim

Luis Velasco from COSEDE (Ecuador) has left IFIGS and AC will take over as interim Chair of PEWG.

AC updated EIOPA's progress on the Harmonization of IGSs in Europe. They have made recommendations currently under review by the European Commission, but a number of jurisdictions are not supportive. AC proposed IFIGS to send a letter to the Commission and suggest to have a discussion with IFIGS on the issue.

JW agreed to AC's idea but noted that IFIGS should be careful and remain neutral regarding its relationship with the partners. JW updated the attendees on the information around the next Chair of EIOPA.

Petra Hielkema from the Netherlands' Central Bank will chair EIOPA, with whom IFIGS should build up a new relationship. AC will participate in the Stakeholders Meeting with IAIS to follow up with their upcoming calendar of activities. He will update the Management Committee on the IAIS's schedule around their research works and international survey with regard to IGSs. AC will have a meeting with the CEO of Toronto Center to discuss potential partnership with IFIGS to develop training programs around IGSs.

PACICC and Assuris made a presentation to Indonesia about the structure of IGSs in Canada. There may be requests from Indonesia for more webinars with IFIGS.

→ **Action – AC and JW will draft a letter to European Commission and share it with Management Committee for review.**

→ *Action – AC will keep the Management Committee updated on IAIS’ schedule around their research works regarding IGSs and also the progress on developing a training program with Toronto Center.*

d) Strategic Planning Working Group (AA)

As part of member outreach initiative, AA suggested to include a message for IFIGS-WB Webinar participants to reach out to IFIGS should they have any question on the IGS establishment, when the IFIGS-WB presentation materials are circulated to the participants. She then updated that the strategic planning workstream has been completed and the key findings were shared with members in the first quarter Newsletter. The current focus is for the working groups to reflect the relevant findings in their work plans. In this connection, PIDM will chair one of the three Research Subcommittees, focusing on Contingency Plan Testing and Crisis Simulation. The research plan has been drafted and will be shared with the Management Committee. As for JW’s concerns around surveys, AA replied it is not easy to come up with other alternatives to get inputs from the Members. The potential burden could be minimised through streamlining of the survey process.

→ *Action – AA will chair the Research Subcommittee focused on Contingency Plan Testing and Crisis Simulation*

Research Paper

SO debriefed the progress on IFIGS research work. Three topics were finally selected for the research papers: Global Database of Insurers’ Failures, Contingency Plan Testing and Crisis Simulation for IGS and IGS’s Role in Resolution. The Research Subcommittee focused on Global Database of Insurers’ Failures will be chaired by PACICC. The questionnaire for the research has been drafted. The topics around Crisis Simulation for IGS and IGS’s Role in Resolution will be managed by PIDM and KDIC, respectively. There were several other topics that were considered for the research paper including IGS Fact Book which could be based on IFIGS Annual Survey or Member Profile Survey results.

SO is hoping to draft the research paper by December if possible. The next steps are drafting research plans for each topic and circulating them to all Members after the review of the Management Committee. Members will be invited to participate in any Research Subcommittees they are interested in.

All the surveys from the Research Subcommittees will be sent out from a single channel which is ISWG, to heighten the efficiency of the research work.

→ *Action – Research Subcommittees will draft research plans and circulate them to all Members after Management Committee Review.*

→ *Action – ISWG will take the role of sending out all the surveys from the Research Subcommittees.*

Succession Planning

AA and AC have confirmed Assuris’ strong interest in engaging with IFIGS Management Committee more actively and be nominated to serve the role of the 1st Vice Chair in 2022.

Annual General Meeting

YC noted despite the increasing vaccination rate, having an in-person AGM in December may not be feasible. Some members may be reluctant to travel. AC added that the health requirements of South Korea, such as period of compulsory quarantine, would matter as well. AC suggested postponing the decision for now and ask all members for opinion about traveling in December. JW added it is not easy to anticipate the situation after the summer vacation, thus the appropriate timing to ask for their opinions may be November. AC suggested Management Committee and Working Group Chairs could gather in-person and host the rest of AGM virtually. The tentative date of the AGM is December 1st or 8th.

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, September 14.

(Canada 8:00 a.m.; Germany 1:00 p.m.; Malaysia 8:00 p.m.; South Korea 9:00 p.m.)