The International Actuarial Association

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MOVING THE PROFESSION FORWARD INTERNATIONALLY
The International Actuarial Association

- Originally formed in 1895, reconstituted in 1998, and restructured in 2010
- The IAA has 63 Full Member Associations and 22 Associate Member Associations, representing over 50,000 actuaries in over 100 countries
- Extending accessibility to high quality actuarial services worldwide
Institutional Members

• International Association of Insurance Supervisors – IAIS
• International Social Security Association – ISSA
• International Accounting Standards Board – IASB
• International Organisation of Pension Supervisors – IOPS
The Vision of the IAA

- The actuarial profession is recognised worldwide as a major player in the decision-making process within the financial services industry, in the area of social protection and in the management of risk, contributing to the well-being of society as a whole.
The Mission of the IAA

- To represent the actuarial profession and promote its role, reputation and recognition in the international domain

- To promote professionalism, develop education standards and encourage research, with the active involvement of its Member Associations and Sections, in order to address changing needs
Strategic Objective 1

- Identify, establish, and maintain relationships with key supranational audiences and provide them with actuarial input to improve the soundness of decisions being made on important issues with a global impact.
Prevention of future financial crises

The G20’s common principles for reform:

- Strengthen transparency and accountability
- Enhance sound regulation
- Promote integrity in financial markets
- Reinforce international co-operation
- Reform international financial institutions

Actuaries believe additional measures are needed:

- Introduction of more counter-cyclical regulatory arrangements
- Creation of Country Chief Risk Supervisor role
- Wider use of comprehensive risk management concepts in banks and non-regulated sector
- Improved use of ERM & risk governance
Strategic Objective 2

- Facilitate the use and expansion of the scientific knowledge and skills of the actuarial profession, including beyond the traditional areas of actuarial practice, to help enhance the scope, availability, and quality of actuarial services offered by individual members of its member associations.
IAA Sections

- ASTIN – Actuarial Studies in Non-life Insurance
- IACA – International Association of Consulting Actuaries
- AFIR – Actuarial Approach for Financial Risks
- IAAHS – IAA Health Section
- PBSS – Pensions, Benefits and Social Security
- AWB – Actuaries Without Borders
- LIFE – Life Section
Individual actuaries should join a Section to get involved and broaden their horizons
Strategic Objective 3

• Establish, maintain and promote common standards of actuarial education, common principles of professionalism and model standards of actuarial practice for use by member associations worldwide.
Strategic Objective 4

• Support the development, organization and promotion of the actuarial profession in areas of the world in which it is not present or is not fully developed.
Strategic Objective 5

• Provide a forum for discussion among actuaries and actuarial associations throughout the world.
The International Actuarial Association provides a vital vehicle for coordinating worldwide engagement.