



International Actuarial Association
Association Actuarielle Internationale



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE INTERNATIONAL ACTUARIAL ASSOCIATION (IAA)

AND

**THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION OF PENSION
SUPERVISORS (IOPS)**

March 2020

A. Parties to the Memorandum of Understanding

1. The International Actuarial Association (IAA) was established in 1895 and was constituted as an association of actuarial associations in 1998. The major responsibilities of the IAA are in the hands of the private sector actuarial associations, which represent the actuaries in their respective countries. The organization represents the actuarial associations worldwide. The IAA is the unique international organization dedicated to the research, education and development of the profession and of actuarial associations. The IAA has seven sections, including the Pensions, Benefits, Social Security Section (PBSS) which was founded in 2003 to serve actuaries around the world who have personal, professional, educational or research interests in social protection and the commercial, social and public policy issues concerning the provision of pensions and other benefits.
2. The International Organisation of Pension Supervisors (IOPS) is an international non-profit entity established in 2004 whose membership consists of entities responsible in whole or in part for the supervision of pension funds, plans, schemes or arrangements (“pensions”) in a country or in its subdivision. The purpose of the IOPS is to serve as the standard-setting body on pension supervisory issues and on regulatory issues related to pension supervision, through the development and promotion of the implementation of international principles, standards, and good practices in pension supervision, and the provision of a world-wide forum for policy dialogue and the exchange of information on pension supervisory issues and on regulatory issues related to pension supervision.

The IAA and IOPS (hereinafter “Parties”) have agreed to the following:

B. Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter “MoU”) has been agreed between the IAA and IOPS to further co-operation and mutual understanding between the two organisations, including possible joint work where appropriate, and help prevent any duplication of work.

C. Background

1. As can be seen from the aims and activities of the two organisations, both exist to promote and facilitate an international exchange of views, advice, research and practical information among actuaries and other experts involved with public and private pensions—including via meetings, on-line exchanges, websites and publications. The professional actuarial work and coordination promoted by the IAA has relevance for the IOPS and the IOPS supervisory stance and recommended best practice may have impact on potential actuarial standards.
2. Both organisations agree that they will work together on topics that are of primary interest to members of the other organisation and to comment in a timely manner on their work programmes and publications. Where the work of one organisation also has particular applicability to the other, closer co-operation may take place.

3. In order to enable and facilitate this co-operation the two parties will organise an annual meeting or conference call to discuss their respective Programmes of Work and possibly identify joint projects for the year ahead.
4. In order to enable and facilitate this co-operation the two Parties will provide each other with at least Observership status according to their by-laws and will waive any fees relating to this status. The IOPS is a Partner of the IAA, which is a higher status than Observer and the IAA is Observer to the IOPS.
5. This MoU shall enter into force on the date of signature for a period of three years and will be renewed for further three-year periods by tacit agreement of the Parties. Either Party may terminate the MoU by written notification to the other Party. Termination shall take effect six months after the date of receipt of the written notification.
6. This MoU may be modified by the Parties at any time by written mutual agreement.

In witness whereof, the Parties have signed two (2) copies of this MoU on the dates indicated below.

Signed in Tonya B. Manning

on March 31, 2020

Tonya Manning
IAA President

Signed in Helen Rowell

on March 31, 2020

Helen Rowell
IOPS President

Appendix to the Memorandum of Understanding between the IAA and the IOPS

COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

TOPIC	POSSIBLE COOPERATION
1. Principles of private pension supervision	▪ Participation by IAA representatives in selected meetings of the IOPS Technical Committee and by IOPS representatives in selected meetings of the IAA Pensions and Employee Benefits Committee
2. Risk-based pensions supervision	▪ Commenting each other's papers at early draft stage
3. Pension plan design, the pay-out phase and retirement income adequacy	▪ In addition to aforementioned cooperation at Committee level, efforts to set up joint working arrangements mutually and in cooperation with the OECD
4. Consumer protection and financial illiteracy	▪ IAA to support IOPS, in co-operation with the OECD International Network on Financial Education (OECD-INFE), education and training activities

The activities above will be monitored and the achievements assessed on an on-going basis. The designated IAA and IOPS liaison persons, who shall be the Executive Director for the IAA and the Head of the Secretariat for the IOPS, will be kept informed of all such activities.