

Message to New Members and Observers of the General Insurance Forum (GIF)

Thank you for your willingness to volunteer or your expression of interest in this important practice area. I am pleased to welcome you to the newly established General Insurance Forum (GIF) and look forward to engaging with you actively in the coming months. This initial note provides you with some important information on logistics that require your attention.

Website and Community Tools:

We have set up the [website for the GIF](#). The GIF website has information on the current membership, the Terms of Reference for the GIF and the Community Tools made available to the group to facilitate exchange of information. Please visit the GIF website and familiarize yourself with the content and tools.

Ensure that you are signed into the website to see the full content provided on the GIF website (you might find the [Instructional video on signing in to the website](#) helpful here).

The Community Tools will serve as the platform for discussion and knowledge-sharing among the Forum members and observers. You are encouraged to use the Community Tools extensively to be involved in the discussions and knowledge sharing initiatives. Please make sure you subscribe to the Community Tools by clicking on the “Follow Community” button on the top right corner of the home page of the Community Tools tab.

Here’s a link to a helpful instructional video on using the Community Tools: https://youtu.be/9b_rtNJNESA

Distribution Lists and communication with the group:

The Secretariat **will not be maintaining** a distribution list for the Forum to facilitate e-mail discussions amongst the group members. All communications are encouraged via the website using the Community Tools.

However, you may receive one-way communications by e-mail from the Chair from time to time (such as this e-mail), via the Secretariat.

Zoom Meetings:

We plan to schedule four meetings per year (one every quarter) for the GIF. Zoom links will be posted on the GIF page of the website.

Please ensure that you have setup your sign-in credentials for the website in order to access all meeting documentation. If you need help with that, please contact IT webservices directly at webservices@actuaries.org.

The staff liaison to the Forum is Amali Seneviratne (amali.seneviratne@actuaries.org). Please feel free to contact me or Amali if you have any questions.

I look forward to working with you in the coming months.

Kind regards,

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