



International Actuarial Association  
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## NEWS RELEASE

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### 2022 IAA Election Results and Presidential Address



The International Actuarial Association (IAA) is pleased to announce that, at its meeting on 5 December 2021 in Madrid, Spain, the Council of the IAA approved the following individuals to serve as Officers of the IAA effective January 1, 2022.

President: Roseanne Harris (South Africa)

President-Elect: Micheline Dionne (Canada)

Immediate Past President: Jan Kars (Netherlands)

*All terms of office are for one year ending on December 31, 2022*

Ms. Harris' involvement in the work of the IAA started in 2014 as a member of the Health, Education and Social Security Committees. From 2018 to 2020, she served on the Executive Committee, also served as Council delegate for the Actuarial Society of South Africa for 2016-17. Her complete bio is available [online](#).

Ms. Harris offered these comments upon assuming the position of IAA President:

I cannot express adequate thanks to the members of Council for the honour of being elected to this position. I am both daunted and excited. Excited because of the opportunity to contribute at this level to the profession that I am so incredibly proud to belong to and daunted because of the large shoes I need to fill given the illustrious members of the profession who have preceded me. I am also daunted because I have big plans for the year ahead.

There is no doubt that we are living through a time of unprecedented uncertainty, and this is an important time for the actuarial profession to be making a positive contribution as we strive to understand, measure and manage the risks that we are facing as a planet. During my presidential term of the Actuarial Society of South Africa, I defined my themes as relevance, integrity and professionalism noting that these were key to our profession's survival. I am excited to have the opportunity to apply these themes at a global level.

We are facing the massive challenges of post (and current) pandemic risk - what it means to live in a world with COVID-19 as an endemic feature and how to address the protection gaps and inequalities that have been exposed. We are also grappling with the risk and consequences associated with climate change and the urgent need to adapt to more sustainable ways. We need to ensure that the valuable contribution that the actuarial profession can make in understanding these risks and navigating our way through them is apparent to our key stakeholders. The IAA has an important role in encouraging the application of actuarial thinking to these challenges and coordinating the excellent work being done by actuaries across the world.

In terms of my intended organizational focus during my term, there are two areas I would like to highlight. The first is diversity and inclusion which is something I feel strongly about. The exciting aspect of this is the opportunity for broader and more diverse participation in the IAA. Secondly, is with respect to the Sections. The IAA Sections is how the IAA reaches individual actuaries around the world and I would like to take steps to ensure that there is

better integration and collaboration with the Sections so that we can both really harness the important work of the volunteers participating in the Sections and also ensure that the role of the IAA in tackling matters of global significance is visible to them.

I would like to thank my employers – Discovery Health and Wits University who have been so incredibly supportive already in allowing me to take on this role, and my family for understanding my passion for my profession. I would like to acknowledge my predecessors, Jan who has so ably steered the IAA through an incredibly challenging period in his wonderfully calm and good-humored way and Tonya who has been such an inspiration to me ever since we first met. Finally, I would especially like to thank the volunteers on Council and in all the committees, forums, taskforces and sections who are the driving energy of the IAA and on whom I will be relying on to bring my plans to fruition this year. I encourage you to contact me to share any thoughts and ideas.

Thank you!

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The IAA is the worldwide association of professional actuarial associations, representing approximately 75,000 actuaries in more than 115 countries, with six special interest Sections for individual actuaries. The IAA was founded in 1895 and exists to encourage the development of a global actuarial profession, acknowledged as technically competent and professionally reliable, which will ensure that the public interest is served. The IAA has 74 Full Member Associations and 27 Associate Member Associations.

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