

Members and Observers of the Social Security Subgroup of the Pensions, Benefits and Social Security Forum,

Thank you for your willingness to volunteer or your expression of interest in this globally important practice area. I am pleased to welcome you to the newly established Social Security Subgroup (SSSG) and look forward to engaging with you actively in the coming months.

This initial note is intended to welcome you and give you some initial information on logistics that require your attention.

Website and Community Tools:

We have set up the [website for the SSSG](#). The SSSG website has information on the current membership, the Terms of Reference for the SSSG and the Community Tools made available to the group to facilitate exchange of information. Please visit the SSSG 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 SSSG website (you might find the [Instructional video on signing into the website](#) helpful here).

The Community Tools will serve as the platform for discussion and knowledge-sharing among the subgroup members and observers. You are encouraged to use the Community Tools extensively to be involved in the discussions and knowledge sharing initiatives.

When you visit the Community Tools, you'll find that we have already subscribed you to the Community Tools. Being subscribed ensures that you receive an e-mail at the end of the day (usually at 5 pm Eastern) directing you to all updates made during the day, whenever updates are made in any one of the 3 Community Tools.

Here's a link to a helpful short instructional video on using the Community Tools: https://youtu.be/9b_rtNJNESA (duration 3.32 minutes)

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 Meeting:

Meetings will be posted with relevant information and links on the SSSG page as they are scheduled.

Other useful information:

[Forums and Virtual Forums Explained and Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Role of IAA Forum Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons, Members, Observers and Liaisons](#)

The staff liaison to the SSSG 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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