

Ekhosuehi Iyahen - Secretary General of the Insurance Development Forum (IDF)



Ekhosuehi Iyahen is the Secretary General of the Insurance Development Forum (IDF), a Public-Private Partnership led by the insurance industry and supported by the World Bank Group and the United Nations and other international organisations, aiming to enhance the use of insurance to build greater resilience against disasters and to help achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Global 2030 Agenda.

Ekhosuehi has extensive experience working with Governments, international development agencies, private sector entities and academic institutions on public financial management and strengthening risk management and financing systems and the role of insurance.

Bill Marcoux – Chair of the Law, Regulation and Resilience Policies Working Group, Insurance Development Forum (IDF)



Bill is co-chair of the Insurance Development Forum’s Working Group on Law, Regulation and Resilience Policies, co-chair of the IDF Infrastructure Task force and is a member of the IDF Operating Committee. He is a senior advisor to insurance industry stakeholders and has 40 years of experience working in the insurance sector. Bill is the Founder of WCM Advisory, LLC and was previously global head of DLA Piper’s Corporate Insurance Practice and prior to that was co-head of the insurance practice at Dewey & LeBoeuf. He serves on the Advisory Committee to the Dean of Michigan Law School and is on the Executive Council of the

International Insurance Society.

Stuart Fraser - Climate and disaster risk Consultant, Technical Lead Risk Modelling Steering Group (RMSG) at Insurance Development Forum (IDF)



Stuart Fraser is a disaster risk consultant, based in the UK. He works with the IDF Risk Modelling Steering Group (RMSG) to open up access to climate and disaster risk insights for disaster risk financing and climate adaptation. Stuart has a background in risk modelling and communication of risk information and has 18 years of experience working across the reinsurance industry, academia and the development sector. He has international experience in risk data development and loss modelling across multiple hazards and regions. Stuart has designed and led risk large scale risk assessments in Africa, Central Asia, and the Pacific, and has led the development of several open-source public good risk information tools.

Marie Scholer Mendez - Expert on Policy Sustainable Finance, European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA)



Dr. Marie Scholer Mendez has joined EIOPA in April 2019. She currently leads EIOPA's catastrophe risk expert group and further develops EIOPA's work on sustainable finance.

Prior to EIOPA, Ms Scholer worked for the reinsurance sector at R+V Re in Germany as a Riskcontrolling Actuary and the for insurance sector at Zurich insurance in Switzerland as a Senior Catastrophe Modeller. She has extensive knowledge in natural catastrophe models as she worked for a catastrophe model vendors (RMS) and holds a PhD in geophysics.

Miroslav Petkov - Senior Policy Advisor – Climate Risk, International Association for Insurance Supervisors (IAIS)



Miroslav Petkov is a Senior Policy Advisor – Climate Risk. He leads the IAIS work on climate, which involves supporting the Climate Risk Steering Group, IAIS Environmental Policy, coordination with the Sustainable Insurance Forum (SIF) and participation in climate-related workstreams at the Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS) and Financial Stability Board (FSB).

During the last 10 years, Miroslav has worked on climate and ESG risk management at Citibank, Accenture and S&P. He has participated in several climate change and sustainable finance-related initiatives led by the finance industry and public bodies. He also worked on capital modelling, NatCat modelling, risk management and credit rating assessments of insurers at S&P and as an actuary in the insurance industry.

He has MSc in Mathematics from Sofia University, Bulgaria and is a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries, United Kingdom.

Tomás Soley - General Superintendent of Insurance, SUGESE



He is an economist and Business Administrator who graduated from the University of Costa Rica with a master's degree in Economics from the Catholic University of Chile, where he graduated with honors and has a degree in Business Administration from the American University of Costa Rica. He served as Parliamentary Counsel from 1991 to 1997 and as Coordinator of the Economic Advisory Congress from 2000 to 2001. In 2002 was appointed Vice-President of the American Commission on Organization of Management Systems until 2006. From 2002 to 2008,

served as Deputy Technical Secretary of the International Association of Bodies Supervision of Pension Funds (IAOS).

From 2001 to 2005 worked in the Superintendence of Pension of Costa Rica (Supen) as Director of Special Studies and Risk Assessment, and from 2005 became director of Planning and Standards. Since 2008 and until October 2012, he has served as Intendent in the Superintendent of Insurance of Costa Rica (Sugese), and as of November 6, 2012, he has served as Superintendent of that entity. As of January 2023, he also holds the position of General Superintendent of Securities and Insurance.

Between 2002 and 2006, he participated in the Inter-American Conference on Social Security as Vice President of the American Commission CAOSA. From 2002 to 2008, he served as Deputy Technical Secretary of the International Association of Pension Fund Supervisory Organizations (IAOS).

He is the President of the Association of Insurance Supervisors of Latin America (ASSAL). He participates as a member of the OECD's Council of the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee (IPPC). Furthermore, he actively participates in the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS), as a representative of the Governing Council and Executive Committee of the Access to Insurance Initiative (A2ii), and as Chair of the Financial Inclusive Forum (FIF).

In the educational field, he has helped develop various areas of economics at the University of Costa Rica. He has participated as a speaker at national and international forums related to the financial system and insurance. Finally, he has authored various texts and conducted extensive research on issues related to the supervision of insurance and pensions.

Emma Watkins – Head of Exposure Management, Lloyd's



Emma Watkins is Head of Exposure Management & Aggregation at Lloyd's, where her teams' responsibilities are to understand and control catastrophe risk, at the individual syndicate and market levels. This includes oversight of cyber, terrorism, liability and natural catastrophe perils, as well as the development and implementation of the Lloyd's Catastrophe Model and Lloyd's oversight Principles for catastrophe exposure.

Prior to joining Lloyd's, Emma held leadership positions in EM and Catastrophe Modelling at Aspen Re, Liberty Syndicates,

WRB Underwriting and The Channel Syndicate (SCOR), including setting up the Exposure Management function at WRB and gaining Lloyd's approval for this area of the managing agency. She began her career 22 years ago in Treaty Reinsurance Underwriting at Wellington, after gaining a degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from the University of Oxford. Emma is a Chartered Insurer and Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute, holds the CCRA and CCRMP designations, and also sits on the boards of Oasis LMF, the ISCM and a local charity.