



SEPTEMBER 14-15 | PARIS, FRANCE

Building Innovative Solutions in Agriculture

Indicative Agenda

DAY 1

01:30 – 02:00 PM	Registration
02:00 – 02:30 PM	Welcome and Opening Remarks by Gloria Grandolini, F&M GP Senior Director, World Bank Group Setting the agenda – The World Bank perspective
02:30 – 03:00 PM	Setting the agenda – the industry perspective: Building disaster-resilient economies and sustainable markets. A call to the industry to develop innovative insurance solutions.
	 AXA (Jean-Laurent Granier (Member of the Management Committee, CEO Mediterranean and LAC, Chairman & CEO AXA Global P&C)
	 Swiss Re (Martyn Parker, Chairman Global Partnerships) Geneva Association (Anna-Maria D'Hulster, Secretary General and MD)
03:00 – 03:30 PM	Keynote Address: French Minister of Agriculture Stephane Le Foll – TBC
03:30-04:00 PM	COFFEE BREAK

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04:00 – 05:15 PM Plenary Session 1	Favorable conditions for achieving scale, building markets and institutionalize index insurance			
	(MODERATOR: Panos Varangis, Global Lead, Agriculture Finance WBG)			
	 CNAAS experience dealing with innovations (Pape Ndiaye, CEO, CNAAS Senegal) Key lessons or Role of the Government and the Private Sector in the Growth of Index Insurance Market in India (Bhargav Dasgupta, MD & CEO, ICICI Lombard General Insurance) Role of reinsurers to scale up and help build/support new markets (Christina Ulardic, Head of the Market Development Africa, Swiss Re Corporate Solutions) Responding to client needs : From Weather Index insurance to Weather Index Insurance + Area-yield Index insurance (Rose Goslinga, Insurance Sales, PULA) Lessons learnt: Expanding Agricultural Insurance in Peru (Lourdes del Carpio, General Manager of agricultural insurance, La Positiva insurance company) 			
05:15 – 06:30 PM PARALLEL SESSIONS 1	Putting clients at the center of the design and sales process (MODERATOR: Gilles Galludec, Program	The drivers and barriers of innovation (MODERATOR: Ulrich Hess, Senior Advisor Sector Project Insurance GIZ)		
	 Manager Global Index Insurance Facility GIIF, WBG) 1. Value of index insurance for agriculture (Professor Michael Carter, University of California- Davis, USA) 2. Determining client value (Tanguy Touffut, Global Head of Parametric Insurance and Food Security & Agriculture at AXA CS) 3. Product design (Benjamin Njenga, Head of Business Analytics, ACRE Africa) 4. Financial Literacy and Consumer Awareness on Insurance – Investment or Expense? Sanasa's Experience (Mr. I. K. Kiriwandeniya, General Manager of Sanasa Insurance Company Limited, Sri Lanka) 	 Index and Non-index, the right combination for Agriculture Insurance (Ms. May Dawat, General Manager of CARD Mutual Benefit Association, Inc. (CARD MBA) & Chairperson of the CARD MRI Insurance Agency, Inc. (CaMIA) and CARD Pioneer Microinsurance Individual vs Portfolio products – a difficult decision? (Shadreck Mapfumo, Senior Insurance Specialist, GIIF WBG) Innovation in US market (Ines Kapphan, Senior Product Manager, Climate Corporation) Innovative Index Insurance: An example in crab farming (Yuanyong Long, Agriculture Expert for China Operations, Swiss Re) 		
06:30 – 08:30 PM	MEET & GREE	T COCKTAIL		

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DAY 2

09:00– 09:30 AM	Keynote Address: Achieving scale, building markets, institutionalize index insurance SPEAKER: Thierry Langreney, CEO PACIFICA (Quick summary of day 1 + Introduce day 2)			
09:30 – 11:00 AM Plenary Session 2	 Financial Solutions in Agricultural Risk Management (MODERATOR: Olivier Mahul, Head Disaster Risk Finance and Program Manager DRFIP, WBG) Insuring Growth: The Impact of Disaster Funds on Economic Development (Alejandro del Valle, Assistant Professor of Risk Management and Insurance) Agri insurance in Mexico and the case of CADENA for small marginal producers (Luisarturo Castellanos, Vice-President of Technical Modeling, Cat Risk Mexico) Topic TBD (Simon Young, CEO of African Risk Capacity Insurance Company Ltd ARC) Kenya's livestock insurance program (Professor Segor, Livestock Principal Secretary, Kenya Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries) 			
11:00 – 11:30 AM	COFFEE BREAK			
11:30 – 01:00 PM PARALLEL SESSION 2	 Enhancing Agricultural Insurance Product Quality (MODERATOR: Daniel Clarke, Senior Insurance Specialist, WBG) M&E framework for product design (Karlijn Morsink, Oxford University) PACIFICA and Airbus to present their index on forage production (Bruno Lepoivre, Head Agriculture Division PACIFICA) Experience of MiCRO in Caribbean and Central America (Steve Mitchell, Vice President of Financial Services Mercy Corps and Board Chair of MiCRO) Improving Product Quality, Munich Re's experience with yield index insurance and yield guarantee levels (Alexa Mayer- Bosse, Business Development Manager, Munich Re) 	 Better address data challenges (MODERATOR: Dan Osgood IRI, Columbia University) 1. Synthetic Data – Dealing with data gaps (Mark Rueegg, CEO Celsius Pro) 2. Relationship between price and risk (Patrick Mommeja, Head of Life and Health Insurance, Allianz Africa) 3. Leveraging bid data and mobility in index insurance (Craig Bedell, Global Insurance Industry Executive, IBM) 4. Yield Data and agriculture insurance (Dr. Leif Heimfarth, Responsible Underwriter for Index-based insurance Programs, Hannover Re, Germany) 		
01:00 – 02:00 PM	LUNCH			
02:00 – 03:30 PM	Market makers for Index Insurance			
PARALLEL SESSION 3		Role of Private Sector in		

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	 Role of Governments (MODERATOR: Samuel Munzele Maimbo, Practice Manager, WBG) 1. Role of Regional Institutions in supporting Government strategies; holistic approach linking finance and insurance (Bassary Toure, CEO BOAD) 2. World Bank work with governments in agriculture index insurance (Fatou Assah, Program Coordinator, WBG) 3. Role of Regulators in promoting agricultural insurance in Africa - regional perspective (Jean Claude Ngbwa, SG of CIMA) 4. Weather Data policy: Quality, availability and accessibility - A High-level National Policy Issue (Maryam Golnaraghi, Director of the Extreme Event and Climate Risks, Geneva Association) 	 How International Organizations can help (MODERATOR: Aaltje de Roos, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands) 1. Development of Insurance/Insurance for Development: The Role of Donor Engagement (Lena Heron, USAID Global Action Network) 2. Insurance instrument in the toolbox (Claude Torre, Project Manager Agriculture & rural development, AFD) 3. Enabling policy and regulatory environment (Craig Thorburn, Lead Insurance Specialist, WBG) 4. Developing sustainable markets (Francisco Rispoli, Technical Advisor, Rural Finance, IFAD, Italy) 	 building markets (MODERATOR: Jean-Luc Perron, Managing Director Grameen Credit Agricole) 1. Engaging with providers of index-based risk solutions (Julian Roberts, Executive Director Agribusiness, Willis) 2. What are the various factors that dampen index insurance in Africa and what can private sector do to overcome them? (Denis Chemillier-Gendreau, President, FINACTU) 3. Execution of Weather Index Insurance in Sri Lanka (Ravinda Herath, Senior Manager – Intl Relations, Sanasa Insurance Co Ltd Sri Lanka) 4. Role of reinsurer in promoting innovative index insurance products – Portfolio Index Insurance, (Thomas Mahl, Vice
03:30 – 05:00 PM	Distribution Channels for index In		President Public Sector Affairs, Munich Re)
Plenary Session 3	MODERATOR: Pranav Prashad, IL	O Impact Insurance Facility	
	 Different channels to showcase Experience, lessons learnt and challenges faced by R4 on the distribution side (Sophia Belay, Manager R4 Rural Resilience Initiative, OXFAM) Distributing index insurance through aggregators and financial institutions in Bangladesh, (Green Delta, Bangladesh, Ms. Farzana Chowdhury, CEO) Broadening distribution channels in West Africa (Francois Xavier Albouy, Vice President PlaNet Guarantee) Lessons learned from GIIF projects on working with various distribution channels (Vijay Kalavakonda, Global Product Lead, WBG) 		
05:00 – 05:30 PM	CONCLUDING Remarks: Viwanou	Gnassounou, Assistant Secretary	General for ACP Group

DAY 3: SIDE EVENTS

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(Venue: PACIFICA Townhall, 8-10 boulevard de Vaugirard, 75015 Paris.

09:00 AM – 01:00 PM	Objective: Bring together the Community of Practitioners knowledge event with ILO, USAID GAN and the WBG Index Insurance Forum members for knowledge exchange. Suggested topics may include: - Distribution - Bundling products (index and indemnity based) - Loyalty programs in agriculture index insurance		
02:00 – 06:00 PM	INDEX INSURANCE: RISK SHARING & CHALLENGES - International Research Workshop		
	13:45 Welcoming participants		
	14:00 <i>Opening key note</i> , Jean-Michel Lasry, Institut Louis Bachelier		
	Session 1 - Economic & Managerial Challenges		
	Chairman: Yann Mercuzot, Pacifica		
	Discussant: Vijay Kalavakonda, IFC, World Bank Group		
	14:15 Fail-safe Index Insurance: a Satellite based conditional audit approach		
	Michael Carter, University of California		
	14:45 Optimal Design of an Insurance Index		
	Constance Collin & Didier Folus, Université Paris Ouest, CEROS		
	15:15 Calibrating a Satellite-based forage index with actual farmer losses in the Dominican		
	Republic		
	Thomas Barré, University of California		
	15:45 Coffee break		
	Session 2 - Technical Perspectives		
	Chairman: Bruno Bouchard, Université Paris Dauphine, CEREMADE		
	Discussant: Daniel Osgood, Columbia University, IRI		
	16:15 Is Combining Remote Sensing and Climatic Data Interesting to Estimate Grassland		
	Production?		
	Antoine Roumiguié, INP Toulouse		
	16:45 Processing Satellite Images to Retrieve Biophysical Information on Vegetation,		
	application to Agriculture		
	Hervé Poilve, Airbus Defence & Space		
	17:15 Remote Sensing for Insuring East African Pastoralists: Overview and Index Design Anton Vrieling, University of Twente		
	17:45 Closing : Micro-insurance & Development Issues		
	Jean-Luc Perron, Grameen Credit Agricole Foundation		

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