



Disaster Risk Finance and Insurance Learning Week Agenda

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Countries Day: Peer to Peer Exchange

A day for country delegates to share experiences and lessons learned on disaster risk finance implementation. Presentations from 7 countries followed by attendance at the opening ceremony of Venice Climate Week.

Venue: Monaco Hotel

TIME	SESSION	
8:30-9:00	Arrival and registration	
9:00-9:15	Program Opening	Ekhosuehi Iyahen (Secretary General, Insurance Development Forum) Moderated by: Sumati Rajput (Senior Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank Group)
9:15-9:45	Introduction and Ice Breaker	Facilitated by: Eleanor White (Disaster Risk Finance Expert, World Bank Group)
9:45-10:45	Country presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Angola- Kenya - Alice Nyachomba Mwololo (National Treasury and Economic Development Ministry)- Democratic Republic of Congo - Marie-Vincent Katshingu (Insurance Regulatory and Supervisory Authority [ARCA]) Moderated by: Qhelile Ndlovu (Senior Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank Group)
10:45-11:15	Coffee Break	
11:15-12:00	Country presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Senegal - Cheikh Diouf (Ministry of Finance and Budget)- Morocco - Younes Lammat (Supervisory Authority of Insurance and Social welfare [ACAPS]) Moderated by: Luis Alton (Senior Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank Group)
12:00-13:15	Lunch	
13:15-14:00	Country presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Philippines - Anna Mercaldi (Department of Finance)- Bangladesh - Kamrul Hoque (Ministry of Finance) Moderated by: Sumati Rajput (Senior Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank Group)
14:00-14:30	Wrap up	
10-minute walk to Procuratie venue for Climate Week event - participants will be guided by support team.		
15:00-17:30	Opening of Venice Climate Week	Presentation by Jeremy Rifkin , as well as comments by Prof. Carlo Barbante from Ca' Foscari and by Ekhosuehi Iyahen (Secretary General, Insurance Development Forum). Facilitated by Kipkorir Koskei (Director of Strategic Partnerships and Policy, Insurance Development Forum) and Claudia Thyme (Director, Strategic Market Development & Co-Chair, AXA XL & IDF SHS Working Group).

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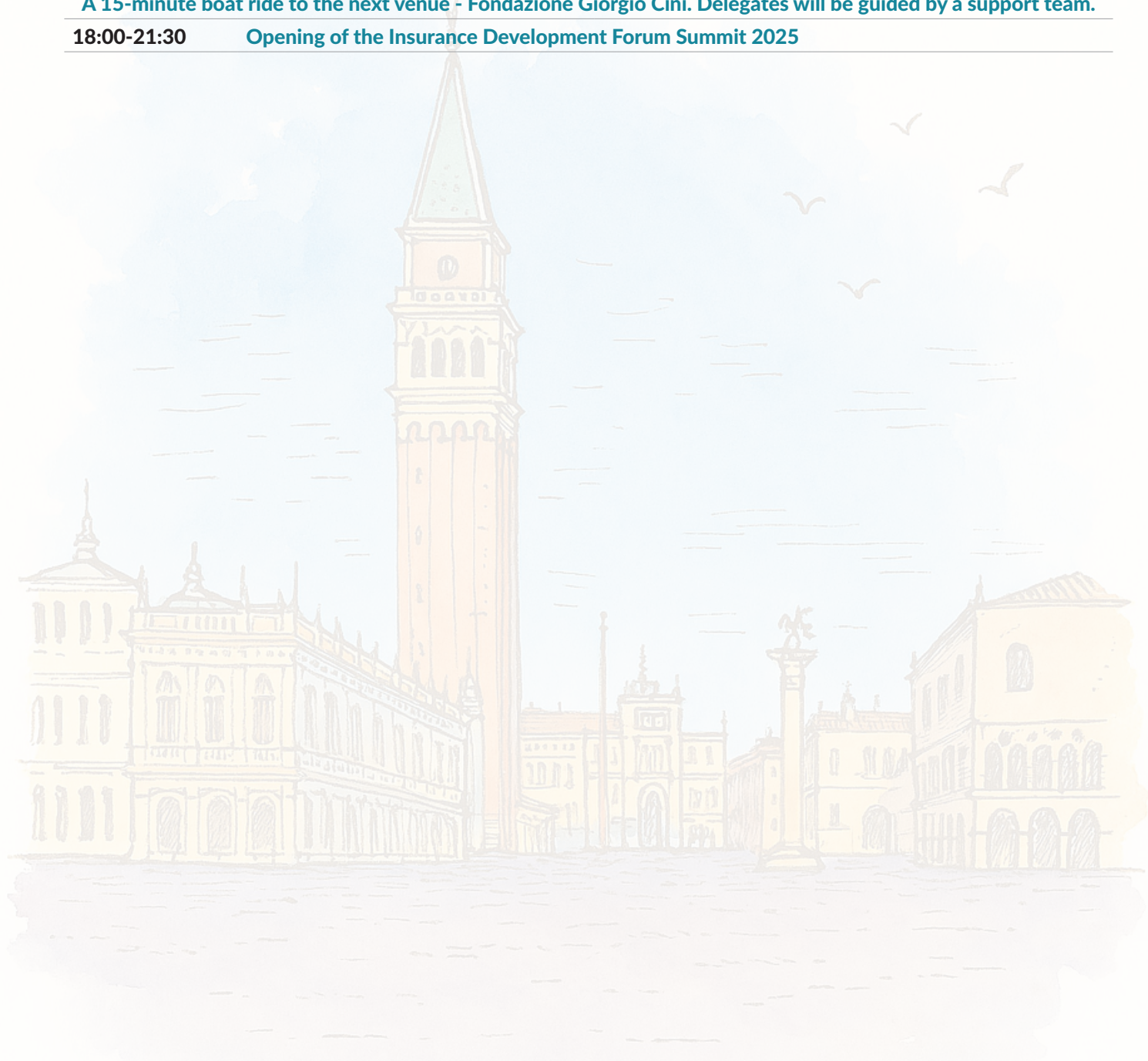
Knowledge Day: Public Private Insurance Programs

Technical deep-dives on insurance solutions, focusing on sovereign risk transfer, livelihood protection, and using insurance to drive disaster risk reduction. Features private sector expertise and participation from IFC.

Venue: Procuratie Vecchie

TIME		
8:30-9:00	Welcome coffee	
9:00-9:15	Program Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sebnem Erol Madan (Director for Economics and Sustainability of MIGA, World Bank Group) - Michel Lies (Chair of IDF Steering Committee)
9:15-9:30	101 on IDF: History and Background 101 on WB-IDF knowledge partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ivo Menzinger (Chair, IDF Operating Committee / Managing Director, Public Sector Solutions, Swiss Re)
9:30-11:00	Sovereign-Level Insurance Solutions: Comparing Parametric and Indemnity Insurance – When What Makes Sense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eleanor White (Disaster Risk Finance Expert, World Bank Group) - Qhelile Ndlovu (Senior Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank Group) - Guillermo Franco (Managing Director & Global Head of Catastrophe Risk Research, Guy Carpenter) - Alastair Norris (Risk Management Professional, Insurance Development Forum) - Lukas Sundermann (Senior Product Manager Public Sector Solutions, Swiss Re) - Conor Donaldson (Head of Implementation and Assessment, International Association of Insurance Supervisors [IAIS]) - Nouaman Al Aissami (Director, Solidarity Fund against Catastrophic Events [FSEC], Morocco)
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30-12:15	Public Private Partnerships for the Provision of Public Goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Veronica Vecchi (Professor of Practice of Business Government Relations, SDA Bocconi School of Management)
12:15-13:00	Sustainable Business Models to Empower the Twin Transitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stefano Pogutz (Professor of Practice in Corporate Sustainability, SDA Bocconi School of Management)
13:00-14:30	Lunch Expert Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Risk Understanding: View open risk modelling resources for public and private sectors and discuss country-level risk insight with the IDF and the Global Risk Modelling Alliance team. - Generali-United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Partnership Report: Generali and UNDP showcase insights from the recently published report on parametric solutions. - Project Discovery Room (TripartITe): Talk to the IDF experts who work on risk transfer solutions in urban flood risk management, agriculture and horticulture across Ghana, Nigeria, Mexico and Uzbekistan.
	IDF-WB Knowledge Day Group Photo	

TIME	TOPIC
14:30-15:45	Protecting Jobs, Protecting Livelihoods, Protecting Growth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sumati Rajput (Senior Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank Group) - Alastair Norris (Risk Management Professional, Insurance Development Forum) - Mathieu Dubreuil (Lead Programme Advisor for Climate and Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance, World Food Programme) - Panayotis Koulovasilopoulos (Head of Climate and Resilience at Hiscox Re & ILS)
15:45-16:30	Embedding risk reduction / risk engineering within DRF approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Luis Alton (Senior Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank Group) - Saoirse Jones (Global Head Public Sector Solutions, Zurich Resilience Solutions) - Diep Nguyen-van Houtte (Senior Manager, IFC - International Finance Corporation) - Amar Rahman (Global Head Sustainability & Climate Solutions, Zurich Resilience Solutions)
16:30-16:40	Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emiko Todoroki (Practice Manager, World Bank Group) - Ruth Lux (Head of Public Sector Solutions, Guy Carpenter)
A 15-minute boat ride to the next venue - Fondazione Giorgio Cini. Delegates will be guided by a support team.	
18:00-21:30	Opening of the Insurance Development Forum Summit 2025



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IDF Summit (High-level dialogues)

The flagship high-level convening of the climate and disaster risk finance community, focused on bold, practical solutions and reflections on 10 years of progress under the theme "Imagine the Possible".

Venue: Procuratie Vecchie

TIME	TOPIC
8:00-8:30	Registration
8:30-8:40	Program Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Emma Ursich (Chief Executive Officer, The Human Safety Net)- Ivo Menzinger (Chair, IDF Operating Committee / Managing Director, Public Sector Solutions, Swiss Re)
8:40-9:25	BLOCK I <p>Opening Keynote: Building Societal Resilience in an era of Uncertainty - Identifying and addressing insurance protection gaps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hon. Nogui Acosta Jaén (Minister of Finance, Republic of Costa Rica) <p>In conversation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hon. Nogui Acosta Jaén (Minister of Finance, Republic of Costa Rica)- Baroness Shriti Vadera (Chair, Prudential Plc & World Bank Private Sector Lab)- Jonathan Dixon (Secretary General, International Association of Insurance Supervisors)- Rachel Turk (Chief Underwriting Officer, Lloyd's) <p>Moderated by: Bill Marcoux (Co-Chair Law, Regulation & Resilience Policies Working Group Insurance Development Forum)</p>
9:25-10:10	BLOCK II <p>Tackling the issue of Insurability - Focus on Emerging & Developing Countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pamela Thomson-Hall (CEO, International WTW)- Ed Mountfield (Vice President, Finance, Risk, Economics, and Sustainability Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), World Bank Group)- Lambros Lambrou (CEO, Human Capital & Chief Strategy Officer, AON)- Saoirse Jones (Global Head of Public Sector Solutions, Zurich Resilience Solutions, Zurich Insurance Group) <p>Moderated by: Andre Belelieu (Head, Financial Services Industries World Economic Forum)</p> <p>Partnerships for Resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Laurent Biddiscombe (Executive Director for Global Client Solutions French Development Agency)
10:10-10:45	BLOCK III <p>From Prevention to Protection to Resilience: Focus on Emerging & Developing Countries - Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hope Murera (CEO and Managing Director, ZEP RE)- Nouaman Al Aissami (Director, Solidarity Fund against Catastrophic Events [FSEC], Kingdom of Morocco)- Andrew Bailey (Principal, Marsh McLennan)- Anaar Kara (Senior Financial Sector Specialist, Consultative Group to Assist the Poorest [CGAP]) <p>Moderated by: Emiko Todoroki (Practice Manager, World Bank Group)</p>

TIME	TOPIC
10:45-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:00	<p>BLOCK IV</p> <p>Strengthening the role of insurance in climate and development finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pepukaye Bardouille (Director, Bridgetown Initiative and Special Adviser on Climate Resilience, Barbados Prime Minister's Office) - Ivan Tiago Machado Oliveira (Undersecretary, Financing Sustainable Development, Ministry of Finance, Federative Republic of Brazil) - Jean-Christophe Donnellier (Inspector General and Chief of Internal audit, French Treasury, & Co-Chair, Loss & Damage Fund) - Şebnem Erol Madan (Director for Economics and Sustainability, MIGA, World Bank Group) <p>Moderated by: Philippe Brahın (Senior Advisor, Insurance Development Forum)</p> <p>IDF and the Bridgetown Initiative Partnership Announcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ekhosuehi Iyehen (Secretary General, Insurance Development Forum) - Katherine Stodulka (Programme Director, Quadrature Foundation)
12:00: 12:35	<p>BLOCK V</p> <p>The State of Pre-Arranged Disaster Financing: Leveraging Insurance for Resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colin Bruce (Co- Chair, Centre for Disaster Protection and Member - High-Level Panel on Closing the Crisis Protection Gap) - Nena Stoilkovic (Under Secretary General, The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies) - Bridget Gainer (Global Head Public Affairs & Policy, Aon) <p>Moderated by: Noam Unger (Director, Sustainable Development and Resilience Initiative Centre for Strategic and International Studies)</p>
12:35-14:15	Lunch
14:15-15:20	<p>BLOCK VI</p> <p>Lightning Round - Driving Innovation and transformation: Partnerships in Practice</p> <p>Moderated by: Ruth Lux (Co-Chair, Sovereign & Humanitarian Solutions Working Group, Insurance Development Forum)</p> <p>Global Shield Against Climate Risks - Strengthening the financial protection and resilience of vulnerable countries and people: The Global Shield in practice in The Gambia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Astrid Zwick (Co-Director - Global Shield against Climate Risks Secretariat) - Isatou F Camara (Directorate of Climate Finance, Ministry of Finance & Economic Affairs, Republic of The Gambia) <p>Global Asia Insurance Partnership: Turning intentions into resilient outcomes - Practical steps to developing integrated and holistic protection gap strategies in Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Min Hung Cheng (CEO, Global Asia Insurance Partnership) - Yoshihiro Kawai (Chair, OECD Insurance and Private Pension Committee/GAIP/Southeast Asia Disaster Risk Insurance Facility [SEADRIF]) <p>Lightning Round - Driving Innovation and transformation: Partnerships in Practice</p> <p>Generali and UNDP joint research - Estimation of climate change impacts on human development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carlo Ferraresi (Group Chief Risk Officer, Generali & Chair, CRO Forum) - Pedro Conceição Director (Human Development Report Office, UNDP) <p>What it takes for risks to be insurable: Building resilient societies in unprecedented times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John Keogh (President and Chief Operating Officer, Chubb Group) - Ekhosuehi Iyehen (Secretary General, Insurance Development Forum)

IDF & BlackRock Infrastructure Resilience Development Fund ("IRDF") Showcase

15:20-16:10

BLOCK VII

- **Francesco Martorana** (Group Chief Investment Officer, Generali)
- **Antoine Gosset-Grainville** (Chairman of the Board, AXA Group)
- **Andrea Sironi** (Chairman of the Board, Generali Group)
- **Stefano Caselli** (Professor, Department of Finance, Algebris Chair in Long-Term Investment and Absolute Return, Bocconi University)

Moderated by: Rachel Delhaise (Group Head of Sustainability, Convex Insurance)

Imagine the possible: IDF Strategy to 2030 - Adapt, Innovate, Scale

16:10-16:55

BLOCK VIII

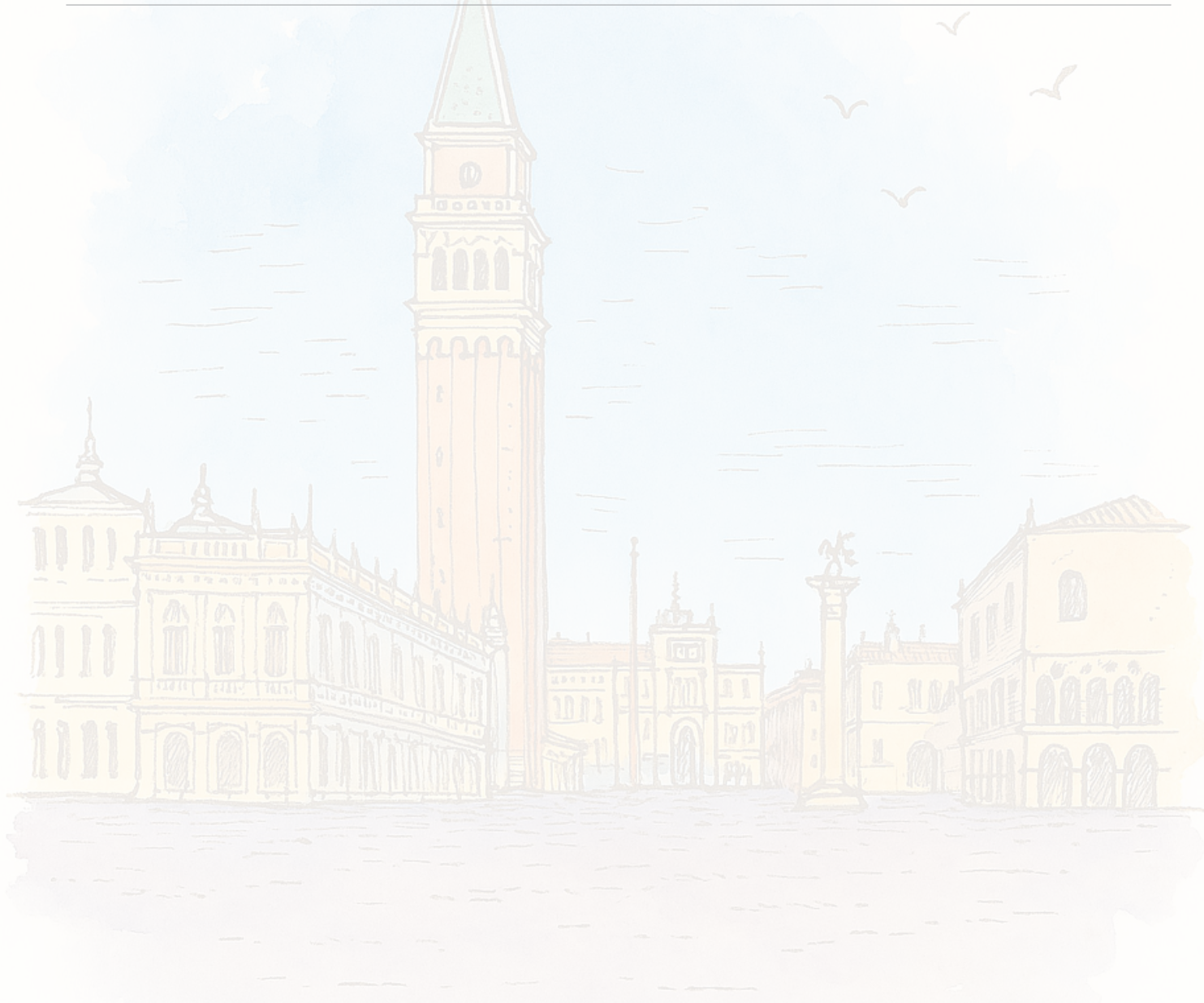
- **Ekhosuehi Iyehen** (Secretary General, Insurance Development Forum)
- **Michel Liès** (Chair, IDF Steering Committee / Chairman of the Board, Zurich Insurance Group)
- **Hiroshi Matano** (Co-Chair, IDF Steering Committee / Executive Vice President, MIGA & member of World Bank Group leadership, World Bank Group)
- **Thomas Beloe** (Director, UNDP's Sustainable Finance Hub)
- **Héctor Santana Suárez** (Head of the Insurance, Pensions and Social Security, Ministry of Finance, United Mexican States)

Moderated by: Ivo Menzinger (Chair, IDF Operating Committee & Managing Director, Public Sector Solutions, Swiss Re)

16:55-17:00

Closing

- **Ekhosuehi Iyehen** (Secretary General, Insurance Development Forum)
- **Ivo Menzinger** (Chair, IDF Operating Committee & Managing Director, Public Sector Solutions, Swiss Re)



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University Day: Analysis to Application

A day hosted by Ca' Foscari University, exploring research on climate risk analysis, risk communication, long-term climate impacts, and demographic and tourism-related vulnerabilities. World Bank and MIGA will also share innovations in product offers for climate and disaster related shocks.

Venue: Querini Stampalia Foundation

TIME	TOPIC
8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:15	Program Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Alexia Boro (Head of The Home of the Safety Net [the Generali foundation], Venice)- Agar Brugiavini (Professor of Economics, Ca' Foscari University) Moderated by: Sumati Rajput (Senior Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank Group)
9:15-10:15	Ca' Foscari University Session 1: Catastrophe risks awareness and modelling: the role of the Short-Term scenarios by the Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Stefano Battiston (Associate Professor, Economics Department, Ca' Foscari University)
10:15-10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 -11:45	World Bank's Crisis Preparedness and Response Toolkit with World Bank and MIGA <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Luis Alton (Senior Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank Group)- Laura Alonzo (Co-Head of Partnerships, MIGA)- Chinwe Nonyerem Binitie (Senior Partnership Specialist, MIGA)
11:45-12:15	Group Photo with all participants
12:15-13:15	Lunch
13:15-14:15	Ca' Foscari University Session 2: Long-term impacts of climate change - The importance of compound risk in the nexus of pandemics, climate change and finance <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Monica Billio (Full Professor of Econometrics, Ca' Foscari University)
14:15-15:15	Ca' Foscari University Session 3: Demographic risks - Longevity Risks and Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Agar Brugiavini (Professor of Economics, Ca' Foscari University)
15:15-15:45	Coffee Break
15:45-16:15	Wrap up for Learning Week 2025
16:15-16:30	Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Emiko Todoroki (Acting Practice Manager, World Bank Group)- Ekhosuehi Iyehen (Secretary General, Insurance Development Forum)



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