

19th DIRO India Rendezvous 2026

(Incorporating the 3rd Edition of the IFSCA-IRDAL-GIFT City Global Reinsurance Summit 2026)

19-21 January 2026 | JW Marriott Mumbai Juhu, Mumbai, India

Theme: "Bridging India Today, Insuring India Tomorrow – the India Evolution Roadmap"

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India stands at a defining moment in its insurance journey – poised between the urgent realities of today and the boundless potential of tomorrow. As the nation progresses towards its Vision 2047 dream, the insurance sector must serve as both a stabilising force and an engine of transformation.

At the heart of this evolution is the need to build a strong foundation for growth. The current landscape presents opportunities and challenges that require bold leadership, clear regulatory direction, and resilience in the face of uncertainty.

From the global reinsurance supply chain to the volatility of political and war risks, India's role on the international stage continues to expand. Leaders are called upon to bridge legacy systems with leapfrogging innovation – embracing digital disruption, harnessing generative AI, and

strengthening defenses against cyber threats. The conversation is not just about keeping pace, but about shaping the future.

Climate change further underscores the urgency of action. Risk management strategies must evolve to address the growing impact of global warming on trade, industry, and society at large. India's ability to adapt and build resilience will determine how effectively it protects its citizens and economy in the years ahead.

Looking to the future, a new leadership paradigm must emerge – one that develops skills for tomorrow's CEOs, nurtures the next generation of leaders, and balances technological advancement with human judgment. Preparing for the insurance landscape of 2047 requires foresight in tackling emerging risks: from sustainability and green energy transitions

to mental health, emerging pandemics, and financial stability in turbulent times.

Reimagining the ecosystem of distribution and investment will be equally critical. Bancassurance, traditional agents, embedded insurance, and alternative capital channels are reshaping how protection reaches people and businesses. Insurers, in partnership with regulators, must also consider their role in building a sustainable future, supporting governments, and advancing inclusive growth.

The journey towards Vision 2047 is both a challenge and an opportunity – a countdown that compels the industry to think boldly, act decisively, and innovate responsibly. The task before us is to bridge India today with the India of tomorrow, ensuring that the roadmap to the future is not only ambitious but also achievable and sustainable.

3rd Edition of the IFSCA-IRDAI-GIFT City Global Reinsurance Summit 2026

19 January 2026

(The regulatory sessions on the first day are by invitation only)

The IFSCA-IRDAI-GIFT City Global Reinsurance Summit is a prestigious event jointly organized by the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), and Gujarat International Finance Tec-City Co. Ltd (GIFT City).

The **3rd Edition of the IFSCA-IRDAI-GIFT City Global Reinsurance Summit 2026** is held in conjunction with the **19th India Rendezvous 2026**. The summit is dedicated to the reinsurance sector, with a particular focus on the unique opportunities and advancements within the GIFT IFSC, India's international financial services centre.

Register for the 3rd IFSCA-IRDAI-GIFT City Global Reinsurance Summit 2026

(link to <https://www.india-grs.in/>)

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Who Should Attend

- CEOs and senior management of insurance and reinsurance companies
- Insurance and reinsurance brokers
- Management consultants and service providers, lawyers, technology companies and loss adjusters
- Regulators and supervisory authorities
- Risk managers
- Banks and financial institutions
- Companies keen to tap the potential of the India market

India Rendezvous 2025 – Candid Moments & Connections



Day One – 19 January 2026, Monday

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Day One – 19 January 2026, Monday

Pre-Event Networking – 19th India Rendezvous 2026

10:00 am – Early Registration of Speakers & Delegates

5:00 pm

1:00 pm – Bilateral Discussions & Networking Opportunities Begins

5:00 pm

7:30 pm – Welcome Cocktail hosted by **ACE Insurance Brokers**

11:00 pm

Day Two – 20 January 2026, Tuesday

8.00 am Registration & Welcome Coffee

9.00 am



Opening Remarks

Sheela Suppiah

CEO, Asia Insurance Review

9.05 am



Chairperson's Opening Remarks

Charles Asirvatham

Group Non-Executive Director, City & Commercial Insurance Group, UK

9.10 am



Special Welcome Address

(Followed by the Official Opening of the 19th India Rendezvous 2026 and Lamp Lighting)

Hitesh Joshi

Executive Director – Additional Charge of Chairman & Managing Director, GIC Re

9.25 am



Regulatory Keynote Address

India as a Global Insurance & Reinsurance Hub: Vision, Strategy, and Opportunities

K Rajaraman

Chairman, International Financial Services Centres Authority

9.35 am



Strengthening Global Reinsurance Ecosystem

K Mahipal Reddy

Executive Director, International Financial Services Centres Authority

9.45 am



International Keynote Address

From Climate Resilience to Surety Solutions: Emerging Frontiers in India's Insurance & Reinsurance Market

Examining how climate-driven risks and new product classes such as surety bonds are shaping the future of India's insurance ecosystem.

Andrew Selous

Executive Director, City & Commercial Insurance Group &

Former Government Minister and Prime Ministerial Trade Envoy, United Kingdom

10.00 am



Industry Keynote Address

Bridging Protection Gaps in a Billion-Plus Nation: What the Next Generation Must Solve

Dr Tapan Singhel

MD & CEO, Bajaj General Insurance Limited

10.15 am **Sponsors' Felicitation Ceremony**

10.25 am **Morning Refreshments Break – Hosted by **Arron Insurance Brokers****

10.55 am **CEO Roundtable**

The CEO Agenda: From Legacy to Leapfrog

As India's insurance market accelerates into a new era, CEOs face the dual challenge of modernising legacy systems while positioning their organisations for exponential growth. With global insurers and reinsurers navigating similar pressures, this session will explore how leaders across markets are leapfrogging traditional constraints through digital reinvention, data-driven decision-making, and transformative ecosystem collaborations. Together, they will share strategic perspectives on staying competitive in an increasingly interconnected and rapidly evolving global insurance landscape.

Moderator:



Sanjam Arora

Partner, Trilegal

Panellists:



G Srinivasan
MD & CEO, Galaxy Health Insurance Company



Amitabha Ray
CEO, Swiss Re, India



Niraz Buhari
Founder and Group CEO, City & Commercial Insurance Group, UK



Atul Boda
Group Chairman, J.B.Boda Group

11.30 am

Reinsurance and the Volatile Global Landscape – Role of India in the Global Reinsurance Supply Chain

Moderator:



Deepak Godbole
Academic Advisor, Former General Manager – GIC Re

Panellists:



Bhaskar Khadakbhavi
General Manager, International Financial Services Centres Authority



Sanjay Mokashi
General Manager, GIC Re



Prateek Singhal

Executive President & Head – Reinsurance, Howden India



Harpreet Singh Goraya

Vice President, Valueattics Re



Prasad Gore

Chief Underwriting Officer, GIC Bhutan Re

12.05 pm



Data-Driven Flood Mapping, Advanced Modelling, and Analytics for a More Resilient Future

Simon Waller

Executive Chair, JBA Risk Management Ltd.

12.20 pm

Panel Discussion

Bridging Gaps in Risk Transfer: The Evolving Role of Brokers in India's Dynamic Insurance Landscape

Exploring how brokers are shaping client solutions, navigating emerging risks, and driving innovation in the Indian insurance and reinsurance markets.

Moderator:



Narendra Kumar Bharindwal

President, Insurance Brokers Association of India (IBAI)

Panellists:



Supriya Sehgal

Director – Reinsurance, Protection Re



Nader Onaissi
Director – International, Howden Re, UK



Parikshit Mahajan
Executive Chairman and Director, 3 Dimensional Insurance Brokers India



Rashmi Iyer
Director, Insurance Brokers Association of India (IBAI)

12.55 pm **Networking Lunch – Hosted by City & Commercial Insurance Group and Halyk Insurance Company**

2.00 pm **Bilateral Discussions & Networking Opportunities Continue**

5.00 pm **End of Day Two**

Day Three – 21 January 2026, Wednesday

8.00 am **Registration & Welcome Coffee**



Chairperson's Opening Remarks

Charles Asirvatham
Group Non-Executive Director, City & Commercial Insurance Group

9.40 am **From Fields to the Cloud: AIC's Digital Transformation and Expanding Global Role in Agricultural Risk Transfer**



Dr Lavanya R Mundayur
Chairman & Managing Director, Agriculture Insurance Company of India

9.55 am



Hyper-local Digital Approach for a Resilient Farmer

Piyush Jain

Business Actuary, Kshema General Insurance

10.10 am

Fireside Chat

Building Trusted Global Reinsurance Hubs – Regulatory Insights and Learnings

This fireside chat session brings together senior regulators to discuss how supervisory authorities can enable secure, efficient, and well-regulated cross-border reinsurance markets while maintaining strong prudential oversight.

The discussion will examine the role of regulators in facilitating international risk transfer and market development, managing cross-border reinsurance and capacity flows across Asia, fostering regulatory cooperation, harmonisation, and sandbox-driven innovation, and balancing market openness with systemic stability.

Moderator:



Osama Noor

Chief Representative, MENA & Editor *Middle East Insurance Review*

In conversation with:



K Mahipal Reddy

Executive Director, International Financial Services Centres Authority



Shardul Admane

General Manager, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)

10.30 am



The Insurance Landscape for a Developed India

Prashant Biswas

General Manager, The New India Assurance Co. Ltd.

10.45 am



Leadership in an Age of Uncertainty: A CEO Perspective on the Future of Global Insurance

Kaisar Abdir

CEO, Halyk Insurance Company, Kazakhstan

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| 11.00 am | Morning Refreshments Break |
| 11.30 am | Awards Ceremony – Caringly Yours Future Leader Award Winner (Presented by Bajaj General Insurance Limited) |
| 11.40 am | Young Talents Spotlight Session Insurance for All by 2027: A Young Leaders' Vision for an Inclusive, Future-Ready India This session brings forward the voices of emerging talent shaping the future of the insurance industry. In this Young Talents Spotlight Session, essay competition winners share their perspectives on how India can accelerate toward universal insurance coverage by 2027. Drawing on fresh thinking, digital-first mindsets, and social consciousness, the discussion will explore inclusion, affordability, trust, innovation, and the evolving role of insurers, regulators, and technology in building a resilient and protected India. |
| | Moderator: |
| |  Vikram Jeet Bhayana Head of Marketing, Bajaj General Insurance Limited |
| | Panellists: |
| | Winners of the Caringly Yours Future Leader Award |
| 12.00 pm | Revolutionizing the Insurance Value Chain: How AI and Digital Ecosystems Are Transforming Underwriting, Distribution, and Claims  Parikshit Mahajan Executive Chairman and Director, 3 Dimensional Insurance Brokers India |
| 12.15 pm | Education Panel Nurturing and Retaining Talent to Achieve Vision 2047 |
| | Moderator: |
| |  Manali Manoj Patke General Manager, GIC Re |
| | Panellists: |
| |  B C Patanaik Director, National Insurance Academy (NIA) |



Subash Chandra Pattanayak

Faculty - Life Insurance, College of Insurance, Insurance Institute of India

12.50 pm



Closing Address and Closing Ceremony

Sheela Suppiah

CEO, Asia Insurance Review

1.00 pm **Networking Lunch**

2.00 pm **Bilateral Discussions & Networking Opportunities Continue**

5.00 pm **End of 19th India Rendezvous 2026**

Note: Programme is subject to change.



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