# Virtual Takaful Rendezvous 2021 9 – 10 June 2021



# "Beyond the COVID-19 pandemic: Strategic resilience"

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As businesses continue to deal with these challenges, now is the perfect opportunity for the sector to rethink new strategies, re-evaluate priorities and practices to ensure that the sector transitions into the post-pandemic era as efficiently as possible. The adoption of digital technology is becoming indispensable as we move forward.

Can takaful sail through COVID-19 and play an important role in the post-pandemic economic recovery? How has the pandemic affected the industry? Is the industry doing enough at the moment or could it do more? Is there a silver lining behind the dark clouds of uncertainty? What is the biggest missed opportunity if the industry doesn't step up now? Against this backdrop, this year's Virtual Takaful Rendezvous will be discussing the future of takaful in the new normal and the strategic direction the sector needs to emerge even stronger from this crisis.

#### Topic to be covered:

- Keynote address: Regulatory and Compliance Responses to COVID-19 – Managing the risks while supporting the recovery
- Special Address: The Next Normal Takaful Market post COVID-19 (how companies and leaders can reset for growth beyond coronavirus)
- How has COVID-19 affected Global Financial Markets?
  - The short, medium and long term Impact to the Economy
  - A look to the future
- Takaful Role in the Time of Pandemic
- GCC Takaful: Sustaining growth momentum and the future of M&A
- The Past, Present and Future: Fire Side Chat with an Industry Leader (leading international figure/pioneer in the industry to share his/her experiences and insights into the past, present and future)
- Roundtable Discussion Finding the Silver Linings in the Dark COVID-19 Cloud
  - How has the industry fared through COVID-19 crisis?
  - What can industry prepare to weather the inevitably economy slowdown
  - Key lessons from COVID-19
  - Gameplan and growth strategy for 2021
  - What were the salient challenges of takaful development
  - What were the key success factors?
- Panel Discussion: Emerging Stronger and Building Effective Partnership
  - Lesson and tips from each market
  - How can the industry work in synergy across diverse regions
  - Discuss the regulatory developments globally
  - What can be done to improve market penetration

- What can we learn from developments in the Middle East and Asia
- Exploring new opportunities between Asia and the Middle East

#### **Special focus on Takaful Disrupted**

- Digital and AI-powered underwriting
  - COVID-19 reinforces the urgency to make life insurance purchasing simpler and more digitally enabled
- How the Pandemic may Change Insurers Approach to Tech
- Emerging Technologies in the Response to Pandemic Crisis

#### **Takaful in Emerging Market**

- Development of Takaful Industry in Africa: Present and Future
- Challenges and Opportunities of Introducing Takaful to non-Muslim Countries
- Promising Future of Takaful in Morocco Unlocking the Potential
- Exploring appetite for takaful in the Maghreb region

#### **Special Focus on Malaysia**

- IFRS 17 and how it relates to the Takaful
  - How do we balance the conviction that Takaful is honestly different with the accountants desire to show that Takaful is actually identical to conventional insurance?
  - When there are solutions being proposed, are they even acceptable to the shariah?
- Key Issues and Challenges of IFRS 17 Implementation in Malaysia
- Insurance the B40 How do we access low-income group with Microtakaful
  - Developing products which truly benefit people and bring life the concept of people helping people

# Day 1: 9 June, Wednesday

2.30pm



## **Industry Keynote Address**

#### Elmie Aman Najas

Chairman, Malaysian Takaful Association / CEO, AIA Public Takaful Bhd

2.40pm



# Special Address

**Jon Guy** Secretary General, Islamic Insurance Association of London

3.00pm



# Lessons Learnt from COVID-19: Enterprise Risk Management Observations and the Importance of Stress Testing

Mahesh Mistry Senior Director, Credit Rating Criteria, Research & Analytics, AM Best

3.30pm



# GCC Takaful: Sustaining growth momentum and the future of M&A

**Benjamin Serra** Senior Vice President, Financial Institutions Group, Moody's Investors Service

4.00pm



### Green Takaful - Role of Islamic Finance in Addressing Green Issues

Jennifer Schwalbenberg Associate Director, Head of Corporate Responsibility, DDCAP Group



# Roundtable Discussion – Finding the Silver Linings in the Dark COVID-19 Cloud

4:30pm

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#### **Moderator:**

#### Paul McNamara

Editorial Director Asia Insurance Review and Middle East Insurance Review



## Mohammed Ali Londe

Vice President – Senior Analyst, Financial Institutions Group, Moody's Investors Service



Marcel Omar Papp Head RI Malaysia, Conventional & Retakaful, Swiss Re Asia



Wan Saifulrizal Wan Ismail CEO, Prudential BSN Takaful Berhad

5.30pm

**Networking Opportunities and Close of Day 1** 

# Day 2: 10 June 2021, Thursday Special Focus on Malaysia

#### 2.30pm



# Insurance the B40 – How do we access low-income groups with Microtakaful

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Wan Ahmad Najib Wan Ahmad Lotfi Chief Strategy & Digital Distribution Officer, FWD Takaful Berhad Elephant Takaful: Designing a takaful program for solv

2.50pm



Elephant Takaful: Designing a takaful program for solving human elephant conflict in Sabah

Hassan Scott Odierno Partner, Actuarial Partners, Malaysia

## 3.20pm Key Issues and Challenges of IFRS 17 Implementation in Malaysia



**Farzana Ismail** Principal and Consulting Actuary, Milliman



**Chong Wen Ang** Consulting Actuary, Milliman

Takaful – Moving from "Adopting Taawun" to "Enabling Taawun"

3.50pm

# **Ravindra Mohan**

Vice President, Consulting & Business Development, Aetins Sdn Bhd, Malaysia



#### 4.10pm

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#### **Moderator:**



Dato' Syed Moheeb Dato Syed Kamarulzaman Independent Non-Executive Director, Credit Guarantee Corporation Malaysia Bhd Independent Non-Executive Director, Standard Chartered Saadiq Bank, Malaysia

#### **Panellists:**

# Aftab Hasan

Chairman, Risk Exchange DIFC Ltd, CEO, Arya Insurance Brokerage & Secretary-General, Insurance Business Group (IBG)



Momodou Musa Joof Managing Director/CEO, West Africa Takaful



Umair Ismail Head of Specialty and Transformation, Salaam Takaful Limited



Muhammad Ashfaq-Ur-Rehman Chief Executive Officer



Ajmal Bhatty Managing Partner, MassesGlobal LLP

5.00pm Networking and End of Virtual Takaful Rendezvous 2021